

**The Lakewood Township Committee held a meeting on Thursday, May 26, 2011, in the Lakewood Municipal Building, at 6:30 PM for the Executive Session, and 7:30 PM for the Public Meeting, with the following present:**

**Mayor..... Menashe P. Miller**  
**Deputy Mayor..... Steven Langert**  
**Committee Members.....Albert D. Akerman**  
**Absent.....Raymond Coles**  
**Meir Lichtenstein**  
**Municipal Manager.....Michael Muscillo**  
**Deputy Municipal Manager.....Steven Reinman**  
**Municipal Attorney.....Jan L. Wouters, Esq.**  
**Municipal Clerk.....Mary Ann Del Mastro**

**Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6, by Resolution of the Township Committee adopted January 7, 2011 and published in the Asbury Park Press on January 10, 2011.**

**ROLL CALL**

**CLOSED SESSION**

**Resolution No. 2011-152 – Adopted.**

**ROLL CALL**

**SALUTE TO THE FLAG AND PRAYER**

**OPEN SESSION**

Motion by Deputy Mayor Langert, second by Committeeman Lichtenstein, and carried, to open the meeting.

**MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF: 05/12/11**

Motion by Deputy Mayor Langert, second by Committeeman Akerman, and carried, to approve the above Minutes.

Committeeman Lichtenstein abstained.

**MOTION TO APPROVE CLOSED SESSION MINUTES: 05/12/11**

Motion by Deputy Mayor Langert, second by Committeeman Akerman, and carried, to approve the above Closed Session Minutes

Committeeman Lichtenstein abstained.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

### **Fourth Grade Statewide Writing Contest Winner – Veronika Spiewak**

Mayor Miller presented a Certificate to Veronika Spiewak for her achievement in winning the Celebrate New Jersey Fourth Grade State-Wide Writing Contest.

### **Employee of the Month – Jean Haber**

Jean Haber was presented with the Employee of the Month Award for June 2011.

### **Emergency Medical Services**

Scott Carter, EMS Supervisor, Lakewood First Aid, and Lakewood Hatzolah, were recognized for their emergency medical services to the residents of Lakewood.

### **Arbor Day Poster Contest**

Craig Theibault and members of the Shade Tree Commission presented Certificates and Awards to the winners of the Arbor Day Poster Contest.

Mayor Miller was honored with Birthday Wishes. Everyone wished him a very Happy Birthday and his family presented him with a cake.

## **ELCON**

The Township Committee watched a video presentation regarding ELCON, a new company that has expressed an interest in locating in Lakewood.

Mr. Reinman introduced Dr. Ramesh. He advised that he and Dr. Ramesh have been working for over a year, pursuing this strategy of bringing new innovative technologies and new companies to the Industrial Park, and they have been identifying new companies around the world that do things for sustainability, recycling and green energy space, and tonight's presentation is going to be focused on one such company that has an interest in coming to Lakewood. Dr. Ramesh himself is a former chief architect and CTO of GE's water division, a very large multi-billion dollar business, and he is a recognized world-wide expert in water process technology, advisor to governments, corporations and entrepreneurs, and he will represent ELCON in this current presentation. Lakewood is attractive to ELCON both culturally and location wise as he will show during his presentation. One of their target customer bases is the pharmaceutical industry and Lakewood is well situated along the pharmaceutical belt that runs essentially from Philadelphia up to New York. Tonight's presentation is intended to introduce this concept to Lakewood, to the public, and to the Committee, and to gain an expression of interest from the Committee in pursuing investigating bringing this company to Lakewood. It is by no means the end or culmination of the

process. It is rather more the beginning of that process. And it is a precursor to the company being able to enter into discussions and permit applications with DEP and EPA. If they come here, this company will mean growth for the Industrial Parks, leading innovation, and high paying jobs. Tonight is the beginning of this process. Dr. Ramesh has crafted a tight presentation. He has been gracious enough to offer to stay until the end of the meeting, for public comment, which is encouraged. That is why this has been publicized for the past month, so people can come out, and ask their questions, and get educated about it. Initial questions can be done during the public portion which will follow on the Agenda.

Dr. Ramesh gave a presentation regarding ELCON Energy. His background is looking at clean water, clean energy technologies, and clean environmental technologies. When he was with GE, he came upon a company from Israel that was very interesting. Typically when wastewater treatment is done, you normally put in a lot of energy into the water to treat the wastewater. He was going around the world looking at technologies that actually extract energy from wastewater, re-use that energy in a sustainable manner, so that it consumes zero energy, it becomes net positive, and puts energy back on the grid, and cleans water to a pristine distilled water condition. This is a very unique technology as they are looking at clean technologies and green energy and green sustainable technologies.

Dr. Ramesh continued with the history of this technology. ELCON is currently located in Israel. They have three operating facilities in Israel treating waste from pharmaceutical companies. They were founded in 2003, headquartered in Haifa, Israel, and have very strong financial backers, to test and validate this technology. They are very seasoned technologists, very knowledgeable technology people who are running this company. Currently, they are building a third facility in the southern part of Israel, and a fourth facility is in the permitting process in Italy, to handle the Italian pharmaceutical industry.

Dr. Ramesh explained the details of this technology, and how ELCON deals with it in a very sustainable, environmental-friendly manner.

### **Postal Service – Rick Hancock**

Mayor Miller introduced representatives of the Post Office to discuss the Post Office plans.

Rick Hancock, Real Estate Specialist for the US Post Office, based in Greensboro, North Carolina. His job is to come and explain what the Postal Service is doing, not only here, but throughout the country under these dire economic times. Basically they are looking at every single facility, every single type of operation, to try to maximize their profitability. They are looking at each individual postal operation, including Lakewood. Regardless of what came out in the newspaper prior to this, this is the final official notification to Lakewood that the Postal Service is reviewing the main Post Office and the prospect of selling that postal owned building. They would be putting their retail operations into the Swarthmore location. In addition, they would and have been looking

at a retail presence still to be maintained. And that is a process. What he would like to say is that is their plan, they are doing a great deal of analysis, and a great deal of work has gone into this plan. They have an 18,000 square foot, approximately sixty-seven year old building. They do not need that to maintain their operations. What they need is a small operation for retail only. The carriers are not downtown. That building would be sold. It would go back on the tax rolls. It would be for private use. And that would be under the control of proper zoning, etc. The reason they are doing this is simple economics. They do not need that facility. They are not abandoning Lakewood. They are not closing their retail operations in Lakewood. They are maintaining them in a consolidated format. The next step of this plan is to communicate it to the local government as well as to the public, and look for solutions, alternatives. The status quo can not be maintained in their postal operations. They ask, and look forward to working with the community. They understand this is an institution. This is the postal service, this is not a Starbucks. They are aware of that. They are not saying they are going to take postal operations out of Lakewood. But what they are trying to do is take two government owned buildings, that are costing them a great deal of money, and consolidating. What he would like to do at this time is outline the process of how this is going to work. He is going to be the conduit for not only the Mayor, Council, to speak with him individually, send him a letter, e-mail, call him, at any time during this process, but also for the public to be able to address concerns directly with him. Not necessarily in this format when you are trying to conduct business, but on a more one-on-one basis. If you send him a letter, he responds. This is what he does. This is his job. In addition, he is going to say that what he is trying to do is work through this in terms of an operational element, how the mail gets moved, and a facilities element, which is his responsibility. Tom Wagner, the Post Master, will answer any operational questions.

Mayor Miller advised that the Committee will first ask questions, and then he will open up the meeting to the public, and anyone who has any question, will be able to come up to the mike.

Mayor Miller commented that it was mentioned that this is being done for financial stability and reasons. His understanding, in Lakewood, was that a private company started up recently called a courier service. And many publications that are mailed around the town of Lakewood have not joined the courier service due to certain things that the Post Office has been lax in, and therefore they went to that. His estimation is that close to two million dollars a year, which used to be revenue to the Post Office, has now gone to a private courier service. His question is if people are moving from the Post Office to private courier services, there has got to be a reason for that. He would like to have a better understanding. Recently they did a mailing for the Memorial Day Parade and they got back a bunch of pieces of mail which he sent to the EMS Department. It came back to town hall. Was there a new system that was put into place. Why is mail actually not getting out there. Why are the lines out the door. The same two people who have been there since 1974 are still there, thirty years later, when there are 93,000 residents in Lakewood, not 50,000 residents in Lakewood. And whenever new development opens up, instead of putting postal boxes by everyone's houses, the Postal Service now installs cluster boxes. That is really hard on the senior

developments, because they can not walk to the cluster boxes. They feel that the Postal Service keeps shrinking their services, and at the same time they keep saying they can not keep up with the financial stability. And then in turn what winds up happening is people say they will leave the postal service, and go to a private courier. He does not see an end in sight, and sees it as a downward spiral.

Mr. Hancock responded that he can not answer the operational questions, and Tom can answer a couple of them, but as these things do evolve, the business model in 1974, the business model is out the door. In terms of the follow-up of improving service, obviously, that always needs to be part of a process. In terms of an operational improvement situation, when they consolidate into one location, they have more resources in order to provide that service. In terms of the mailing itself, or the couriers, that is something that is beyond his purview. They have channels for criticism. He will be glad to take that upon himself to forward it to the proper channels. Not only for the public, but to Tom directly, as he is that person. But he is available too.

Mayor Miller advised that Committeeman Lichtenstein is the Liaison to the Postal Service. He appreciates the presentation this evening, and thanked them for coming. He looks forward to having dialogues, and discussions, over the next few weeks, to see how Lakewood residents can benefit from the Lakewood Post Office.

Mr. Hancock continued that in terms of the building itself, and the potential use of that building, no action will be taken during this process. When that building is going for sale, that is handled by the Asset Management of the Postal Service. He will be a conduit to get them to answer any questions as to how that process is done. And it also goes through government agencies first, and it will be through a communication line with the Committee, similar to what he is doing this evening.

Committeeman Lichtenstein stated that the Post Office is a function of government, and he thinks what they are telling the Committee is that anyone who has a PO Box, or anyone who wants to pick up a certified letter, if they are not home at the time of delivery, they will have to make their way down to Swarthmore to get it.

Mr. Hancock answered yes, that is part of the plan.

Committeeman Lichtenstein responded that the residents of Lakewood would find that unacceptable. Not that they have much of a say, he knows there was an issue in Freehold recently, and the Council and members of the public spoke their mind, but he believes that the Post Office moved ahead and closed. Is that correct?

Mr. Hancock answered that he was not aware of the final outcome. He did say that this is a plan. He is not the deciding factor. He was not involved with the decision in Freehold. He will say this is their plan, this is the process, and they will take one step at a time.

Committeeman Lichtenstein asked if there is space available in the downtown. A CPU is operated by a private entity and contracted by the Postal Service. He is hoping that perhaps they would consider moving the PO boxes and some of the retail operations to a smaller building downtown. Perhaps they can do it on a short lease, even if they are not going to purchase it. So that they can see how it works out, and see if it is profitable for them, and see if that is something that the Post Master could manage officially from both facilities. He understands that 17,000 square feet for the operation that is there now is excessive, utilities are excessive, and of course, the Committee would like to see the building back on the tax rolls. But if they rented space from anyone in the downtown, for the square footage that is needed, and put the word out there, it would still be on the tax rolls, the town would still be collecting taxes on it, the public would be better served, and they could make very efficient use of that space. Is that something that the Postal Service would be considering?

Mr. Hancock answered yes, with caveats. There are an excessive amount of rules involved. The process is ongoing. His answer is that he believes, and it is part of the plan, to have a retail presence in the downtown area, as close as possible to where they are now. That is part of the approved plan. How that manifests itself, and under what legal ramifications or expenses he can not answer. But he does know that it is the plan to have a Contract Postal Unit, whether or not it would be a Postal leased facility would be unlikely, but stranger things have happened.

Committeeman Lichtenstein stated they would at least like him to bring that up to whoever it is who makes those decisions. They would want the residents to be able to continue to pick up certified mail near the downtown. There are going to be some residents who would prefer to go to Swarthmore to pick up their certified mail. There is more parking, it is easier to access, no question. However, there was talk at one time of splitting Lakewood into two zip codes. Maybe now is a good time to think about it. Lakewood is the seventh largest municipality in the State of New Jersey. Like the Mayor said, if you want to keep your customer base engaged, Lakewood is a good customer base...don't alienate your customer base from a business perspective, and stay with your 1974 business plan. Maybe consider having two zip codes. That would be a little bit of a change, because people would have a problem with their mail at the beginning, but that would work out. People who are near Swarthmore, instead of having to drive to the downtown, could drive to Swarthmore. And then the whole downtown area, which is a very dense area, could continue to utilize the downtown Post Office.

Mr. Hancock advised that has been mentioned to him, since he has been here. He spoke to his operation representatives. In terms, there is a process, in order for that to be requested. What he is doing with his associates right now, they are taking notes and gathering questions and making an action plan as to how they will address those questions. They will respond to the Committee with a specific answer as to how that can be broached.

Committeeman Lichtenstein asked the Committee for their support on a Resolution. There are many functions in government, mostly mandated by the State of New Jersey

that require municipalities for notification purposes to use the Postal Service. He thinks if the Postal Service feels that they need to act as a private entity, then they should be treated as a private entity. There should be deregulation in place, similar to what they do with energy, electric, or gas. He does not feel that if the only place that the residents in town have to go is someplace that the Township Committee, or any government body doesn't want them to have to go, but yet, it is going to be dictated, to pick up their certified mail. For example, if they have to mail tax bills, if they have to send out Planning Board and Zoning Board notices, he thinks they should have a choice and be able to use other systems other than the postal system. He thinks that the right thing to do, if he can ask the Committee for support in a Resolution, is to send a Resolution, and he has asked the Township Attorney to craft the exact verbiage for the words he is looking for, and send that to the Governor, the Senate President, the Speaker of the Assembly, and note in the Resolution that the Post Office is seriously shrinking many of their locations throughout the State of New Jersey, and therefore, perhaps requirements for the MLUL notifications law state statutes should be removed to give municipalities the opportunity to utilize other services that would better work with their residents, and that their residents find more convenient. He does not know if a grass roots effort like that is going to take root, but he certainly hopes it will. And he hopes it will catch some people's attention. And if they are going to have all the residents complaining about not being able to get access to certified letters because they have a hard time getting to the downtown out to Swarthmore, or they feel they are not being served correctly, he wants to be able to have another venue to be able to deliver the notices or tax bills, or whatever it is they have to do. They are going to do this Resolution, and once they have it, he is going to ask the Mayor to mail it to all six hundred municipalities and ask them to pass Resolutions, to start making their way up to the Senate and Assembly for possible passage. Committeeman Lichtenstein wanted to offer this recommendation in the form of a Motion, but he asked that Mr. Wouters prepare it for the next meeting, to make sure it is clear. And they can vote on it at the next meeting.

Mr. Hancock answered that he respects Committeeman Lichtenstein's comments and he is available to listen and also to be a conduit to his superiors.

Committeeman Akerman stated this is very shocking, and he does not want to know who is making the business decisions up there, because this is a booming business right in the downtown. The Swarthmore location does not service the people as well as the downtown location. Whenever he goes to the Post Office, the workers there are swamped, and they try to remain calm. They get frustrated; they are very polite and very nice, but they are overloaded with work, and the lines are going out the door. It is his opinion that the higher-ups should know that the entire town feels that this location should be kept where it is. He wonders if there is a busier Post Office in the area, than the one in downtown Lakewood. Why would you close down something so good.

Mr. Hancock responded that it is for economic reasons. It is cheaper for them to have one operation. They won't have split operations; they have more people to handle those lines. It is a lot more economic in terms of shuttling mail between two locations.

Committeeman Akerman responded they will not get the same services.

Mr. Hancock responded that they hope to make that better. That is their goal. That is the element they are looking at, maybe they can improve their service out of Swarthmore, and still have an operation downtown. This is a process. This is a plan. This is what they are doing, this is why they are doing it, and this is how they are doing it. And the feedback that is being generated, is the feedback he takes back to his bosses.

Deputy Mayor Langert thanked Mr. Hancock for coming to the meeting this evening. He stated that his personal feeling is that he does not like it, at all, not one bit. He thinks it stinks. He understands the fact that it is Mr. Hancock's job to come to Lakewood, and advise them that the postal system is ridding themselves of an asset, and it is due to economic consideration, and economic considerations only. Because if it was not for economic considerations, he would not be here. And he understands that. As a Township Committeeman, and someone who has listened to dozens, maybe hundreds of complaints over the past week and a half, since they heard that the Post Office is planning to move, he has to say that the residents of town don't care about the economics in the Post Office. They need the Post Office in downtown, for a few reasons. One is, they are the only town in the area that actually has a real downtown. Many people who live in downtown don't have a car, don't always have access to transportation. To require them to go to the Industrial Park in order to pick up a certified letter is asking almost the impossible of them. It is something that can not be done. He understands that in return they will open up a commercial postal unit, where people can go in and buy stamps, or drop off letters. He encourages them to do that, and keep the Post Office open. Because, like the Mayor said, you have two people who work in the Post Office, at any given time, and it has not changed, and the lines are out the door. So maybe, what they need to do is to add, not detract. He knows that the economics are tough, but if the Post Office is here to serve the public, then that is what the Post Office needs to do, maybe the economics of it don't always come into play. He believes it is the Committee's job to tell them that they will not stand for it, and will not go quietly. The Committee can not force the Postal Service to keep the building open. All he knows is that the quality of life for the downtown, the businesses, and the people there, will be affected in a very detrimental way, if in fact that facility is closed. That is why he would like to ask the Committee to support him in a Resolution to be sent to anybody and everybody that has any say whatsoever in the closing of this Post Office. Whether it be their Congressman, the Post Master General of the United States, or any other office they might appeal to, to come to Lakewood to reassess the situation, to look again at this asset, and perhaps to help with the economic situation here, he is asking Mr. Hancock to take the message back to his superiors that they do not want them to close the Post Office. They want them to look at the economic realities that they have, and rather than say it is an economic burden, take a look at it as to how they can fix it that it should not be an economic burden, that it should be an economic plus. So he is asking the Committee, if he may, to offer a Resolution to send their extreme displeasure with this decision by the Post Office, and they are asking the federal officials, the state officials, whoever has a say in this whatsoever, to please make the Post Office revisit this



issue to see if they can turn this economic minus into an economic plus. He is asking for a vote right now. They can memorialize it at the next meeting. He is asking for a vote right now to express their extreme displeasure with the Post Office's decision to close this location. Committeeman Lichtenstein offered a second to the Motion.

On Roll Call – Affirmative: Committeeman Lichtenstein, Committeeman Akerman, Deputy Mayor Langert and Mayor Miller.

**Comments from the public will be heard for a limit of one (1) hour. Each speaker will have four (4) minutes and shall be limited to one time at the podium.**

Mayor Miller opened the meeting to the public.

Alice Kelsey, 295B Malvern Court East – Commended the student from Lakewood Public Schools who won the writing contest for the entire state.

Mrs. Kelsey commented with regard to the proposed closing of the downtown Post Office.

Rabbi Shain – Objected to the change of direction of traffic for First Street. Asked for a commitment from the Committee that if there is an objection, that within a reasonable amount of time the merchants feel it is interfering with their business, there should be a considerable decision to make the change and put it back the way it was.

Mayor Miller advised they will revisit and reassess this matter.

David Drukaroff, 1433 Laurelwood Avenue – Commented with regard to the proposed closing of the Lakewood Post Office.

Tina Watson, 1124 East County Line Road – Commented with regard to the proposed closing of the downtown Post Office. Asked if additional parking for the Swarthmore location is in the plan.

Mr. Hancock answered that the building has been pre-built for a retail operation, and the parking will be taken into consideration.

Samuel Mayer, 246 Twelfth Street – Commented with regard to the proposed closing of the downtown Post Office.

Mayor Miller asked Committeeman Lichtenstein to set up a meeting with the Post Master in order for the public to voice their concerns and issues.

Joel Grunfeld, 57 Sterling Place – Commented with regard to the proposed bond release for Silver Polish. Spoke on behalf of the residents and Homeowners Association. Requested that the Bond not be released at this time as there are many outstanding issues.

Committeeman Akerman recommended that the Committee remove the Resolution from this evening's Agenda, for further review. He suggested they be given thirty (30) days for their Engineer to get together with the Township Engineer to resolve the issues.

Mayor Miller stated that the Resolution on the Agenda is to release the Bond, and apparently the residents have hired an Engineer, who will be reaching out to the Township Engineer, to review the issues. If they do not hear from them in thirty (30) days, the Township Committee will move forward.

Noreen Gill, 192 Coventry Drive – Commented with regard to the proposed closing of the downtown Post Office. Also voiced her concerns about various noise complaints in Coventry Square.

Bill Hobday, 30 Schoolhouse Lane – Commented with regard to the ELCON presentation this evening. Also complained about standard water usage bills, and the proposed closing of the downtown Post Office.

Gregg Stafford-Smith, Cross Street – Commented with regard to the proposed closing of the downtown Post Office.

Isaac Genuth, 36 \_\_\_\_\_ Drive, Monsey, New York – Commented with regard to the Sterling Place development, and the unfinished items in the development. He is the Developer who came in to complete the outstanding items; requested release of his Performance Guarantee.

Mayor Miller advised this was a development that was going bankrupt, and he respects Mr. Genuth for coming in and working on the outstanding items. He is not familiar with the issues, so he can not make a decision on the matter. He suggested they have a meeting between all the parties involved to resolve the outstanding issues.

Committeeman Akerman advised the residents have hired a professional to review the outstanding items. The Township Engineer will address every issue. The Township has liability in this matter. All items must be reviewed. They have to protect the Township.

Mayor Miller responded that this meeting, and the thirty (30) day waiting period, will be the last opportunity for the residents to voice their concerns. It must be decided within that time.

Committeeman Lichtenstein responded that he believes they do not have to wait for everyone to come to a meeting. The residents have reduced their issues to writing. The Township Engineer has already responded. If you are going to wait, it needs to be on a professional level. Their Engineer needs to speak with the Township Engineer, and at some point, hopefully they will agree. If they do not, by the thirty (30) day mark that has been set, it will be turned over to the Township Attorney to make a ruling. Whatever the Attorney's ruling is, is what the Committee will abide by.

\_\_\_\_\_ Zak, 102 Aspen Court – Commented with regard to the traffic changes in the downtown area. Suggested a left turn lane on Clifton Avenue, turning left onto First Street.

Deputy Mayor Langert requested that the Township Engineer review this request, and come back to the Committee with a report at the next meeting.

Committeeman Lichtenstein advised they want to maximize the left turning motion along Clifton Avenue, onto any of the streets, whether it is Route 88 or First Street.

Moshe Raitzik, 166 North Crest Place – Commented with regard to the proposed closing of the downtown Post Office. Also complained about the lack of street lights in the Westgate development, on Hillside Boulevard, between Maplewood and Rodden. Also asked for a traffic study to see if Stop Signs are needed to assist with the flow of traffic in that area.

Mayor Miller asked Committeeman Lichtenstein to look into the street light matter. As to the traffic study, once Westgate is fully completed, and the roads have been turned over to the Township, the Township will be able to do a traffic study.

David Genuth, 117 Ricky Lane – Commented with regard to the release of the Sterling Place Bond.

(Speaker did not provide her name or address) – Commented with regard to the proposed closing of the downtown Post Office.

Baruch Blaustein, 109 Seventh Street – Commented with regard to the proposed closing of the downtown Post Office. Also commented on the traffic changes on Route 9; going northbound on Route 9, at County Line Road, the State changed the pattern in both directions, by County Line Road and Kennedy Boulevard, the left turning signals are after the traffic signals. He does know why they did not make a left turning lane going northbound onto County Line Road.

Mayor Miller requested Mr. Staiger to contact the State regarding this matter.

Seeing no one else wishing to be heard, Mayor Miller closed the meeting to the public.

## **ORDINANCES FOR DISCUSSION - None**

## **QUALITY OF LIFE**

Mayor Miller reviewed quality of life items from the previous meeting.

With regard to the intersection of Martin Luther King Drive and Pine Street, to see if dedicated left-turn and right-turn lanes would be feasible, Mr. Staiger advised he did not

go out to the intersection and measured the width of Martin Luther King Drive, and there is a width of forty feet, and it does appear to be sufficient room for the changes.

Mayor Miller asked Mr. Muscillo to advise Mr. Burdge that dedicated left-turn and right-turn lanes are being considered at the following locations: Martin Luther King Drive/Pine Street, Williams Street/James Street and Williams Street/Prospect Street.

Mr. Staiger advised that since those intersections intersect County roads, he did reach out to the County, and they have requested some additional information, such as crash data, and they also wanted to see a plan or sketch to see what is proposed by the Township before Public Works makes the changes.

As to the discussions regarding First Street, Mr. Staiger advised that they have been coordinating their efforts with Public Works and Traffic and Safety. They are in the process of installing the signs and pavement markings. Signs have been installed with bags over them, so on June 1<sup>st</sup>, at 7:00 AM, the change can be made at First Street between Clifton and Monmouth Avenues.

Mayor Miller advised that the ninety (90) day review period of the traffic changes will start from June 1<sup>st</sup>.

With regard to the area on Pine Street near the OEM Garage, Mr. Muscillo advised that the area to be paved has been completed.

With regard to the striping in front of the OEM garage, Mr. Muscillo advised that the materials have been ordered and it should be completed shortly.

As to the pot holes in the County Line Manor Development, Mr. Muscillo advised the work has been completed.

With regard to the turning radius on St. Nicholas Avenue to see whether something needs to be done at the furthest point of the cul-de-sac, Chief Lawson advised that the resident has been notified, and will comply with parking regulations.

At this time, the professionals left the meeting.

As to the Land Sale for Block 445, Lot 9, Mr. Wouters advised that tonight was an advertised public sale of Block 445, Lot 9, which was advertised in accordance with Ordinance No. 2011-21. The Notice of Sale was published on April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2011. The Mayor asked if there was anyone present who wished to bid on the property, and there were no bidders present.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

The items listed below are considered to be routine by the Township of Lakewood and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no formal discussion of these items. If

discussion is desired, this item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.

- 1. Resolution accepting the surrender of Towing License for V.C.M. Collectibles and Vince's Auto Repair and removal from list of Tow Truck Operators.  
Resolution No. 2011-153**
- 2. Resolution releasing a Performance Guarantee posted by Benjamin Zelishovski, in connection with an application for Road Opening Permit E-030509.02 (195 Drake Rd.), Block 251.01, Lot 85 in the amount of \$9,530.00.  
Resolution No. 2011-154**
- 3. Resolution establishing a Sister City Affiliation with Bnei Brak, Israel.  
Resolution No. 2011-155**
- 4. Resolution approving extension of a Leave of Absence, without pay, to Donald Freibott.  
Resolution No. 2011-156**
- 5. Resolution authorizing the issuance of one Class C Plenary Retail Consumption Liquor License to the Highest Qualified Bidder at a Public Sale to be conducted by the Township of Lakewood.  
Resolution No. 2011-157**
- 6. Resolution authorizing the cancellation of Taxes on Block 855.03, Lot 18.  
Resolution No. 2011-158**
- 7. Resolution of the Township of Lakewood, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, releasing a Performance Guarantee posted by Silver Polish, LLC., in connection with application ZB# 3304AA, Block 423, Lots 10, 16, 70-74, in the amount of \$325,755.90.  
The above Resolution was removed from the Consent Agenda.**

Motion by Committeeman Lichtenstein, second by Committeeman Akerman, to approve Resolution Nos. 1 through 6 on the Consent Agenda.

On Roll Call – Affirmative: Committeeman Lichtenstein, Committeeman Akerman, Deputy Mayor Langert and Mayor Miller.

**Resolution Nos. 2011-153 through 2011-158 – Adopted.**

Resolution No. 7 that was removed from the Consent Agenda was discussed and acted upon as follows:

**7. Resolution of the Township of Lakewood, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, releasing a Performance Guarantee posted by Silver Polish, LLC., in connection with application ZB# 3304AA, Block 423, Lots 10, 16, 70-74, in the amount of \$325,755.90.**

Motion by Committeeman Akerman, second by Deputy Mayor Langert, to carry the above Resolution to the meeting of June 30<sup>th</sup>.

On Roll Call – Affirmative: Committeeman Lichtenstein, Committeeman Akerman, Deputy Mayor Langert and Mayor Miller.

**Resolution carried to the meeting of June 30, 2011.**

**ORDINANCE SECOND READING**

**Calendar Year 2011 Ordinance to exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to establish a Cap Bank (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)**

Read by title only for second reading.

Mayor Miller opened the meeting to the public. Seeing no one wishing to be heard, the hearing on this Ordinance was closed to the public.

The above Ordinance was offered by Committeeman Lichtenstein, second by Deputy Mayor Langert.

On Roll Call – Affirmative: Committeeman Lichtenstein, Committeeman Akerman, Deputy Mayor Langert and Mayor Miller.

**Ordinance No. 2011-25 adopted on second reading.**

**An Ordinance of the Township of Lakewood, in the County of Ocean, New Jersey, providing for a Special Emergency Appropriation of \$1,116,000.00 for the payment of contractually required severance liabilities resulting from the Layoff or Retirement of Township Employees.**

Read by title only for second reading.

Mayor Miller opened the meeting to the public. Seeing no one wishing to be heard, the hearing on this Ordinance was closed to the public.

The above Ordinance was offered by Deputy Mayor Langert, second by Committeeman Lichtenstein.

On Roll Call – Affirmative: Committeeman Lichtenstein, Committeeman Akerman, Deputy Mayor Langert and Mayor Miller.

**Ordinance No. 2011-26 adopted on second reading.**

**An Ordinance of the Township of Lakewood, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, amending and supplementing Chapter XVIII (Unified Development Ordinance), Article X (Conditional Use Requirement), Section 18-1008 (Service Stations and Public Garages), of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Lakewood 1999. (Chapter XVIII, Sec. 18-1008 – Service Stations/Public Garages)**

Read by title only for second reading.

Mayor Miller opened the meeting to the public. Seeing no one wishing to be heard, the hearing on this Ordinance was closed to the public.

The above Ordinance was offered by Deputy Mayor Langert, second by Committeeman Lichtenstein.

On Roll Call – Affirmative: Committeeman Lichtenstein, Committeeman Akerman, Deputy Mayor Langert and Mayor Miller.

**Ordinance No. 2011-27 adopted on second reading.**

**An Ordinance of the Township of Lakewood, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, amending and supplementing Chapter XI (Traffic), Section 11-20 (Stop Intersections) of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Lakewood 1999. (Chapter XI, Sec. 11-20 - Stop Sign – Park Ave. & E. Harvard St.)**

Read by title only for second reading.

Mayor Miller opened the meeting to the public. Seeing no one wishing to be heard, the hearing on this Ordinance was closed to the public.

The above Ordinance was offered by Committeeman Lichtenstein, second by Deputy Mayor Langert, with amendments as outlined by Traffic & Safety.

On Roll Call – Affirmative: Committeeman Lichtenstein, Committeeman Akerman, Deputy Mayor Langert and Mayor Miller.

**Ordinance No. 2011-28 adopted on second reading.**

**An Ordinance of the Township of Lakewood, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, amending and supplementing Chapter XI (Traffic), Section 11-18 (One-Way Streets) of the Revised General Ordinances of Lakewood 1999. (Chapter XI, Sec. 11-18)**

Read by title only for second reading.

Mayor Miller opened the meeting to the public. Seeing no one wishing to be heard, the hearing on this Ordinance was closed to the public.

The above Ordinance was offered by Deputy Mayor Langert, second by Committeeman Lichtenstein.

On Roll Call – Affirmative: Committeeman Lichtenstein, Committeeman Akerman, Deputy Mayor Langert and Mayor Miller.

**Ordinance No. 2011-29 adopted on second reading.**

**An Ordinance of the Township of Lakewood, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, amending and supplementing Chapter XI (Traffic), Section 11-20 (Stop Intersections) of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Lakewood 1999. (Chapter XI, Sec. 11-20 - Stop Sign – First St. & Clifton Ave.)**

Read by title only for second reading.

Mayor Miller opened the meeting to the public. Seeing no one wishing to be heard, the hearing on this Ordinance was closed to the public.

The above Ordinance was offered by Deputy Mayor Langert, second by Committeeman Lichtenstein.

On Roll Call – Affirmative: Committeeman Lichtenstein, Committeeman Akerman, Deputy Mayor Langert and Mayor Miller.

**Ordinance No. 2011-30 adopted on second reading.**

**An Amended Ordinance of the Township of Lakewood, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, Authorizing the Sale of an Undersized Parcel, Block 1028, Lot 3, in the Township of Lakewood, at a Private Sale pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A: 12-1, et. seq.**

Read by title only for second reading.

Mayor Miller opened the meeting to the public. Seeing no one wishing to be heard, the hearing on this Ordinance closed to the public.

The above Ordinance was offered by Committeeman Akerman, second by Committeeman Lichtenstein.

On Roll Call – Affirmative: Committeeman Lichtenstein, Committeeman Akerman, Deputy Mayor Langert and Mayor Miller.

**Ordinance No. 2011-31 adopted on second reading.**

**An Ordinance of the Township of Lakewood, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey amending and supplementing Chapter XXIV (Taxation), Section 24-1 (Tax Exemption and Abatement) of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Lakewood, 1999. (Chapter XXIV, Sec. 24-1 – Tax Exemption and Abatement)**

Read by title only for second reading.

Mayor Miller opened the meeting to the public. Seeing no one wishing to be heard, the hearing on this Ordinance was closed to the public.

The above Ordinance was offered by Deputy Mayor Langert, second by Committeeman Lichtenstein.

On Roll Call – Affirmative: Committeeman Lichtenstein, Committeeman Akerman, Deputy Mayor Langert and Mayor Miller.

**Ordinance No. 2011-32 adopted on second reading.**

**An Ordinance in the Township of Lakewood, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, Releasing, Extinguishing and Vacating the Rights of the Public in a portion of a paper street known as Lafayette Boulevard, in the Township of Lakewood. (Street Vacation – Lafayette Blvd.)**



Read by title only for second reading.  
Mayor Miller opened the meeting to the public.

Bill Hobday, 30 Schoolhouse Lane – Asked about the location of this proposed street vacation.

Committeeman Lichtenstein explained is a paper street near the fire house, off Pine Circle.

\_\_\_\_\_Friedman, 188 Lafayette Boulevard – Spoke on behalf of the residents of the neighborhood. They thanked Deputy Mayor Langert and Committeeman Lichtenstein, the Township Committee members, and Mr. Wouters, for their many hours of hard work to make sure the Ordinance that affected the applicants and the neighborhood at large came to a conclusion in a peaceful manner.

Seeing no one else wishing to be heard, the hearing on this Ordinance was closed to the public.

The above Ordinance was offered by Committeeman Akerman, second by Committeeman Lichtenstein.

On Roll Call – Affirmative: Committeeman Lichtenstein, Committeeman Akerman, Deputy Mayor Langert and Mayor Miller.

**Ordinance No. 2011-33 adopted on second reading.**

**ORDINANCE FIRST READING (Second reading and Public Hearing 06/16/11)**

**Ordinance of the Township of Lakewood, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, authorizing the sale of Block 1025, Lot 1, Block 1026, Lot 1, Block 1027, Lot 8, and Block 1035, Lot 4, in the Township of Lakewood, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, at Open Public Sale pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A: 12-1, et. seq.**

Read by title only for first reading.

The above Ordinance was offered by Deputy Mayor Langert, second by Committeeman Lichtenstein.

On Roll Call – Affirmative: Committeeman Lichtenstein, Committeeman Akerman, Deputy Mayor Langert and Mayor Miller.

**Ordinance No. 2011-34 adopted on first reading. Second reading and public hearing to be held on June 16, 2011.**

Deputy Mayor Langert asked that the following Ordinance be removed from the Agenda. From his discussions with the Zoning Officer, he does not believe that the Ordinance does what the Zoning Officer has intended, and he would like to bring it back at a later date.

**An Ordinance of the Township of Lakewood, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, amending and supplementing Chapter XVIII (Unified Development Ordinance), Article VIII (Design Standards), Section 18-803 F (Paving**

**Materials, Wall and Fences), of the revised General Ordinances of the Township of Lakewood 1999. (Chapter XVIII, Sec. 18-803 Fences) Ordinance died due to lack of Motion.**

**Ordinance of the Township of Lakewood, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, authorizing the sale of Lots 9 and 10 in Block 89, commonly known as 18 Clifton Avenue and 12 Clifton Avenue, respectively, in the Township of Lakewood, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, at open Public Sale pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12-1, et. seq.**

Read by title only for first reading.

The above Ordinance was offered by Deputy Mayor Langert, second by Committeeman Lichtenstein.

On Roll Call – Affirmative: Committeeman Lichtenstein, Committeeman Akerman, Deputy Mayor Langert and Mayor Miller.

**Ordinance No. 2011-35 adopted on first reading. Second reading and public hearing to be held on June 16, 2011.**

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

Per list of four (4) correspondence items, attached hereto and made a part hereof.

## **PARKS AND EVENTS CORRESPONDENCE**

Per schedule of twenty-one (21) requests, attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Motion by Deputy Mayor Langert, second by Committeeman Lichtenstein, and carried, to approve the above requests, and to also include on file the additional request they received this date.

## **MOTION TO APPROVE BILL LIST OF: 05/24/11**

Motion by Committeeman Lichtenstein, second by Deputy Mayor Langert.

On Roll Call – Affirmative: Committeeman Lichtenstein, Committeeman Akerman, Deputy Mayor Langert and Mayor Miller.

**Bill List approved.**

## **COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Committeeman Akerman requested that Mr. Wouters prepare a Resolution expressing the Township Committee's interest in ELCON, so that the company knows that they are very interested in proceeding.

Deputy Mayor Langert thanked Dr. Ramesh and Mr. Reinman for the presentation this evening regarding ELCON, and for their work in bringing this new, innovative company to the Lakewood Industrial Park.

Deputy Mayor Langert also congratulated Veronika Spiewak on her achievement in winning the writing contest.

Deputy Mayor Langert commended Committeeman Lichtenstein on his service to Lakewood as a member of EMS.

Mayor Miller advised that the Memorial Day Parade will be held this coming Monday, and he invited all to attend and participate.

Mayor Miller also requested Mr. Muscillo to contact Public Works with regard to the speaker system in the Auditorium.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Committeeman Lichtenstein, second by Committeeman Akerman, and carried, to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 10:18 PM.