

**LAKWOOD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
JULY 6, 2006**

The Lakewood Township Committee held a meeting on Thursday, July 6, 2006 in the Lakewood Municipal Building, at 6:30 P.M. for the Executive Session and 7:30 PM for the Public Meeting, with the following present:

Mayor.....	Meir Lichtenstein
Deputy Mayor.....	Raymond Coles
Committee Members.....	Senator Robert Singer Menashe Miller Charles Cunliffe
Municipal Manager.....	Frank Edwards
Municipal Attorney.....	Steven Secare
Municipal Clerk.....	Bernadette Standowski

**CLOSED SESSION**

Motion by Deputy Mayor Coles, second by Mr. Cunliffe.  
Resolution No. 2006-296 – Adopted.

**SALUTE TO THE FLAG AND PRAYER**

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 1, 2006 and published in the Ocean County Observer on January 17, 2006.

**ROLL CALL**

**OPEN SESSION**

Motion by Deputy Mayor Coles, second by Mr. Cunliffe, and carried, to open the meeting.

**MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF: None**

**MOTION TO APPROVE CLOSED SESSION MINUTES: 6/22/06**

Motion by Deputy Mayor Coles, second by Mr. Cunliffe, to approve the above Closed Session Minutes.

**On Roll Call** – Affirmative: Senator Singer, Mr. Miller, Mr. Cunliffe, Deputy Mayor Coles and Mayor Lichtenstein.

Closed Session Minutes approved.

## **PRESENTATIONS:**

### **Mayor's Scholarship**

Recipient not present this evening.

### **Access Road**

Senator Bob Smith, Esq., Attorney representing Edgewood Properties, who have recently obtained approval for a 280,000 square foot shopping center in the Township of Brick, adjacent to the Township of Lakewood, in the vicinity of Shorrock Street and Route 70. In their proposal to the governing body, they are requesting consideration for an access road through Lakewood Township owned property to their proposed site. They believe this access road would be advantageous to Lakewood residents permitting a much safer access to this proposed shopping center. (Exhibits were shown)

Motion by Mr. Coles, second by Senator Singer, to refer this matter to the Township Attorney to prepare the necessary Ordinance.

**On Roll Call** – Affirmative: Senator Singer, Mr. Miller, Mr. Cunliffe, Deputy Mayor Coles and Mayor Lichtenstein.

### **Under His Wing, Inc.**

Mayor Lichtenstein advised this matter pertains to the employment center. Deputy Mayor Coles advised that Mr. Anthony stopped by his office to discuss this, and many things have changed in his own life since this issue came to the forefront about a year ago. He feels that due to pressures in his own family life at this time, he will not put forth a proposal to run the muster zone or the employment center. He has withdrawn his proposal to run the employment center at this time.

Mr. Cunliffe asked that if any organization (non-profit, religious, social) is interested in this cause and would be interested in running the employment center, to please contact the Township Committee as soon as is possible.

## **ORDINANCES FOR DISCUSSION: None**

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

As to the request for the Children at Play sign for Holly Street, Mr. Franklin advised that the sign was replaced the next morning, but it needs to be relocated to a different section of Holly Street, which will be done tomorrow morning.

As to the lights on Spruce Street, the Purchasing Agent has obtained a cost estimate. Mayor Lichtenstein asked Mr. Edwards to direct the Purchasing Agent to proceed.

Mr. Mignella advised that the status update has been sent to Georgian Court University with regard to the intersection of Route 9 and County Line Road. He will contact the DOT on Monday for a further update.

Mayor Lichtenstein asked that this item be brought back for discussion at the next meeting.

Questions from the Committee:

Mr. Miller advised that since the storm, the lights on North Lake Drive are out in the area of the college. He asked that someone look into it.

Mr. Cunliffe advised he received a set of pictures from a local contractor who was asking about Lakewood's Ordinances regarding replacement of furnaces, air handlers, water heaters, etc. He asked about required licenses for HVAC contractors, and how could they protect the residents from Lakewood.

Mr. Mack advised that a building permit is required to do that type of work, but not everyone does that.

Senator Singer advised that residents have come to see him concerning over-crowding, which has become an issue. He asked that the Attorney and the Inspection Department review the current Ordinances as to increasing the fines to landlords who are in violation. Senator Singer offered a Motion, second by Mr. Cunliffe, to request the Attorney to prepare an Ordinance for consideration by the Committee.

Senator Singer further asked that the Committee look at the Keansburg Ordinance regarding proof of residence through the use of a Certificate of Occupancy.

**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 Lichtenstein opened the meeting to the public.

Ken Kircher, Lions Head Woods – Spoke in opposition to the request for a proposed access road off Shorrock Street.

Saul Gray, Hollywood Avenue – Commented with regard to a County drainage project on Hollywood Avenue. He feels this project has rendered his neighborhood a “war zone”, and there are many safety issues and quality of life issues to be discussed.

Mr. Miller advised he has received many complaints from residents in the area, and will personally visit the site with Mayor Lichtenstein and the Township Engineer, to see what can be done.

Mayor Lichtenstein asked the Township Engineer to do a safety inspection at the site of the project and to advise the County of the unsafe conditions.

Mr. Edwards advised he will contact the County Engineer tomorrow with regard to this project.

Joseph Lederer, Hollywood Avenue – Complained about the conditions on Hollywood Avenue due to the County project.

Mary Stars Boyles, 695B Plymouth Drive – Advised that contractors who do work at Original Leisure Village must register at their administration office.

Vince Corsaro, 28 Autumn Tide Drive – Spoke in favor of the proposed access road off Shorrock Street.

Larry Simons, 7 Schoolhouse Court – Commented with regard to the muster zone and day laborers.

David Drukaroff, 1433 Laurelwood Avenue – Commented with regard to the proposal to raise fines to landlords in violation of over-crowding conditions.

Mike McNeil, 201 Lincoln Street – Commented with regard to his concerns on over-crowding conditions; contractors bidding on Township projects; the restriping of Martin Luther King Drive; and basketball courts.

Mr. Miller advised that the restriping of Martin Luther King Drive will be done in the near future.

Senator Singer commented with regard to the renaming of the Little League fields.

James Waters, 1275 Old County Line Road – Requested the Township take the responsibility of establishing a permanent place for the Heritage Commission, in order to preserve the history of the town. Also commented with regard to tree cutting along Central Avenue; over-crowding conditions; and basketball courts.

Mayor Lichtenstein asked Mr. Edwards to look at what areas that the Township may have available for the Heritage Commission.

As to the basketball courts issue, Mr. Edwards advised that the Township has not prepared the capital budget as of this date.

Mr. Cunliffe advised he has asked the Recreation Director to take a look at the request for basketball courts to see if it can be incorporated into an expanded recreation program. The capital budget is yet to be prepared.

As to the tree situation, Senator Singer asked that the Township Attorney or Municipal Manager make an appointment for the Township to go before the BPU with regard to tree cutting, to request a change in policy. At this time, the utility company is not required to replant trees after they cut them down. He feels there is no reason why those trees can not be replanted with a species of tree that will not interfere with the power lines.

Alice Kelsey, 295B Malvern Court East – Commented with regard to the proposed employment center.

Noreen Gill, 192 Coventry Drive – Commented with regard to the proposed access road. Also commented with regard to landlords in violation of over-crowding conditions.

Bill Hobday, Schoolhouse Road – Commented with regard to the proposed access road. Also advised there are no turn lane arrows at the Route 9/Pine Street/James Street intersection coming from an easterly direction to turn left on Route 9. He asked that the State be requested to place left turn arrows at that intersection.

Mayor Lichtenstein asked Mr. Mignella to look into this matter.

Mr. Hobday further commented about the trees that were cut down by JCP&L on Cross Street last year. The stumps are still there all along the roadway. He suggested that an Ordinance be adopted providing that if trees are cut down, that you be required to remove the stump.

Mayor Lichtenstein also asked Mr. Mignella to follow up on the turn arrow request at Route 9 and Central Avenue, as previously requested by Sam Christopher.

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

At this time, the professionals left the meeting.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

The below listed items 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 approving Bingo and Raffle Applications: Kiwanis Club, Georgian Court University, North Dover PTO.  
Resolution No. 2006-297
2. Resolution approving Annual Audit Report for 2005.  
Resolution No. 2006-298
3. Resolution authorizing renewal of a Liquor License for the 2006-2007 License Year to Strand Ventures, Inc.  
Resolution No. 2006-299
4. Resolution authorizing the person to person transfer of Liquor License No. 1514-33-012-004 from Hamos Beverage to Ruby Tuesday, Inc.  
Resolution No. 2006-300
5. Resolution authorizing the execution of an agreement with the County of Ocean for Municipal Alliance Funds.  
Resolution No. 2006-301

6. Resolution releasing a Performance Bond posted by 319 James Street, LLC in connection with Block 290 Lot 1.01.  
Resolution No. 2006-302
7. Resolution releasing a Maintenance Bond posted by Caleb, LLC (Marshal Weisman) in connection with Block 248.04 Lots 64 to 66 and 68.  
Resolution No. 2006-303
8. Resolution releasing a Performance Bond posted by Keith Humphris and waiving the Bond Requirement in connection with Block 1160.01 Lots 256 and 258.  
Resolution No. 2006-304
9. Resolution reducing a Performance Guarantee posted by J & J Land Group, LLC in association with Block 430 Lots 11.01, 11.02, 23.02, 24, 25, 55, 59 and 62.  
Resolution No. 2006-305
10. Resolution releasing a Maintenance Bond posted by Somerset Development in connection with Block 174.01 Lot 48.  
Resolution No. 2006-306
11. Resolution authorizing the execution of an agreement with the County of Ocean for sidewalks on County Road 528 (Central Ave.) from Route 9 to Gudz Road.  
Resolution No. 2006-307
12. Resolution opposing Assembly Bill 3174.  
Resolution No. 2006-308
13. Resolution authorizing the insertion of a special item of revenue into the 2006 Municipal Budget for the Alcohol Education Rehabilitation and Enforcement Fund.  
Resolution No. 2006-309
14. Resolution recognizing the distinction of "Mayor's Scholar" to Rachel Schneider.  
Resolution No. 2006-310
15. Resolution authorizing the purchase of recreation infield mix from Recreational Sand Specialist, LLC, sum not to exceed \$14,000.00  
Resolution No. 2006-311
16. Resolution awarding contract to Central Jersey Hot Mix Asphalt, LLC, for the purchase of hot mix asphalt for the new Public Works Garage, sum not to exceed \$125,000.00.  
Resolution No. 2006-312
17. Resolution authorizing the Lakewood Township Tax Collector to prepare and mail estimated Tax Bills in accordance with P.L. 1994 C. 72.  
Resolution No. 2006-313

Motion by Deputy Mayor Coles, second by Mr. Cunliffe, to approve Resolutions 1 through 17 on the Consent Agenda.

As to Resolution No. 13, Mr. Miller asked what type of education does the Township provide, and how is it put out to the public.

Mr. Edwards advised that these are funds to the Municipal Court and most communities in the state use the funds for special sessions for DWI type issues.

**On Roll Call** – Affirmative: Senator Singer, Mr. Miller, Mr. Cunliffe, Deputy Mayor Coles and Mayor Lichtenstein.

Deputy Mayor Coles abstained on Resolution No. 3.

Mayor Lichtenstein abstained on Resolution No. 4.

Resolution Nos. 2006-297 through 2006-313 – Adopted.

## **ORDINANCES SECOND READING**

- Ordinance of the Township of Lakewood, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, amending and supplementing Chapter IV of the Code of the Township of Lakewood entitled “General Licensing”. (Towing)

Read by title only for second reading.

Mayor Lichtenstein 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 Coles, second by Mr. Cunliffe. Mayor Lichtenstein advised that he met with the towers to discuss the various issues.

**On Roll Call** – Affirmative: Senator Singer, Mr. Miller, Mr. Cunliffe, Deputy Mayor Coles and Mayor Lichtenstein.

Ordinance No. 2006-46 adopted on second reading.

## **ORDINANCES FIRST READING (2ND Reading and Public Hearing 7/27/06)**

- An Ordinance of the Township of Lakewood, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, amending and supplementing Chapter XXIV of the Code of the Township of Lakewood entitled Taxation. (Tax Abatement)

Read by title only for first reading.

The above Ordinance was offered by Mr. Cunliffe, second by Deputy Mayor Coles.

**On Roll Call** – Affirmative: Senator Singer, Mr. Miller, Mr. Cunliffe, Deputy Mayor Coles and Mayor Lichtenstein.

Ordinance No. 2006-49 adopted on first reading. Second reading and public hearing to be held on July 27, 2006.

- Ordinance of the Township of Lakewood, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, authorizing the Sale of Lot 1 in Block 340 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.

Mr. Edwards advised that the assessment for the property should be corrected on the first reading of this Ordinance to read \$155,500.00.

The above Ordinance, as amended, was offered by Mr. Cunliffe, second by Deputy Mayor Coles.

**On Roll Call** – Affirmative: Senator Singer, Mr. Miller, Mr. Cunliffe, Deputy Mayor Coles and Mayor Lichtenstein.

Ordinance No. 2006-50, as amended, adopted on first reading. Second reading and public hearing to be held on July 27, 2006.

- An Ordinance of the Township of Lakewood, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, establishing Community Relations Officer.

Read by title only for first reading.

Motion by Senator Singer. No second was offered.  
Ordinance died due to lack of second to the Motion.

- An Ordinance of the Township of Lakewood, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, authorizing the exchange of certain lands within the Township of Lakewood, in particular, the Township of Lakewood to acquire Block 815 Lot 7 and Block 816 Lot 3 and to convey Block 473 Lots 3 and 5 and Block 445 Lot 13 as part of an exchange of lands pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12-16.

(The Ordinance title read Lot 17; it was corrected to read Lot 7)

Read by title only for first reading.

The above Ordinance, as corrected, was offered by Mr. Cunliffe, second by Deputy Mayor Coles.

**On Roll Call** – Affirmative: Senator Singer, Mr. Miller, Mr. Cunliffe, Deputy Mayor Coles and Mayor Lichtenstein.

Ordinance No. 2006-51 adopted on first reading. Second reading and public hearing to be held on July 27, 2006.



- An Ordinance of the Township of Lakewood, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, vacating all right, title and interest of and to a portion of Rutledge Avenue in the Township of Lakewood, pursuant to and in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:67-1 et seq.

Read by title only for first reading.

The above Ordinance was offered by Deputy Mayor Coles, second by Senator Singer.

**On Roll Call** – Affirmative: Senator Singer, Mr. Miller, Mr. Cunliffe, Deputy Mayor Coles and Mayor Lichtenstein.

Ordinance No. 2006-52 adopted on first reading. Second reading and public hearing to be held on July 27, 2006.

Senator Singer offered a Motion, second by Deputy Mayor Coles, authorizing the Mayor to sign the memorandum of understanding for the Smart Growth Plan if it needs to be done prior to the next meeting.

**On Roll Call** – Affirmative: Senator Singer, Mr. Miller, Mr. Cunliffe, Deputy Mayor Coles and Mayor Lichtenstein.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

Letter from Caila Cohen of Lakewood requesting to use the Amphitheater at Lake Carasaljo on July 20, 2006 at 11:00 AM to put on a play for neighborhood children.

Letter from Sage Foundation requesting to hold a public assembly between 260 John Street and 100 Center Street on July 22, 2006 from 12:00 PM until 8:00 PM.

Motion by Mr. Cunliffe, second by Deputy Mayor Coles, to approve the above requests.

**On Roll Call** - Affirmative: Senator Singer, Mr. Miller, Mr. Cunliffe, Deputy Mayor Coles and Mayor Lichtenstein.

## **PARKS AND EVENTS CORRESPONDENCE**

Per schedule of six (6) items attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Motion by Mr. Cunliffe, second by Deputy Mayor Coles, and carried, to approve the above requests.

**On Roll Call** – Affirmative: Senator Singer, Mr. Miller, Mr. Cunliffe, Deputy Mayor Coles and Mayor Lichtenstein.

## **MOTION TO APPROVE BILL LIST OF: 7/3/06**

Motion by Mr. Cunliffe, second by Deputy Mayor Coles.

**On Roll Call** – Affirmative: Mr. Miller, Mr. Cunliffe, Deputy Mayor Coles and Mayor Lichtenstein.

Negative: Senator Singer.

Bill List approved.

## **COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Mr. Miller thanked everyone involved for a wonderful job on the July 3rd fireworks event. It was truly a successful and enjoyable event.

Mr. Cunliffe echoed Mr. Miller's comments and added that the Committee should consider, whenever possible, having the fireworks the day before the Fourth of July to allow the people who work on the event to be with their families on the Fourth of July.

Mr. Cunliffe further commented on the three recent retirements from the Police Department. He wished them well on their retirement.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Deputy Mayor Coles, second by Mr. Miller, and carried, to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 P.M.