

**LAKWOOD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
MINUTES
OCTOBER 23, 2008**

The Lakewood Township Committee held a Meeting on Thursday, October 23, 2008 in the Lakewood Municipal Building, at 4:00 PM for the Executive Session, and 5:00 PM for the Public Meeting, with the following present:

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

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Mr. Cunliffe, second by Mr. Miller.

Resolution No. 2008-367 – 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, 2008 and published in the Asbury Park Press on October 16, 2008.

ROLL CALL

OPEN SESSION

Motion by Mr. Cunliffe, second by Mr. Miller, and carried, to open the meeting.

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF: 10/02/08

Motion by Mr. Miller, second by Mr. Cunliffe, and carried, to approve the above Minutes. Deputy Mayor Lichtenstein abstained.

MOTION TO APPROVE CLOSED SESSION MINUTES: 10/02/08

Motion by Mr. Miller, second by Mr. Cunliffe, and carried, to approve the above Closed Session Minutes.

Deputy Mayor Lichtenstein abstained.

PRESENTATIONS - None

ORDINANCES FOR DISCUSSION: None

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

With regard to the issue of no parking along Carasaljo Drive, Chief Lawson advised that their recommendation was to eliminate parking along the south side of Carasaljo Drive between South Lake Drive and Shady Lane.

With regard to the timing of the traffic light at Route 88 and Clifton Avenue, Mr. Mignella advised that the DOT will send out their Regional Maintenance Crew to evaluate it, and if there is a problem, the DOT Traffic Bureau will check the timing.

As to the issue of street light outages, Chief Lawson advised that the outages have been forwarded to JCPL.

Deputy Mayor Lichtenstein asked if JCPL is responding in a timely fashion, and that Chief Lawson report back at the next meeting.

As to the issue of sidewalks in front of the Water Company property on Sunset Road, Mr. Mignella advised that the Water Company did not feel they need to install the sidewalk right now; they are paving a lot of roads at this time.

Senator Singer suggested that the governing body send a letter to the Water Company, that as a utility company in this town, there is a gap in the sidewalk area along that road, and that as a public utility, they do the right thing, and install the sidewalk.

As to the issue of additional street lights for the 1400 address area on North Lake Drive, Mr. Mignella advised he received a response from the Purchasing Agent, and there is a recommendation to upgrade all the fifty watt lights to one hundred watts, and there are about fifteen lights that need to be upgraded. He did get work orders cut to JCPL for that area and the work should be performed soon.

As to the issues at 119 Carasaljo Drive, regarding the lights that are out of character in a residential area, Mr. Mack advised that he spoke with the owner, and they have advised they will keep the lighting as confined as possible.

As to the issue of the stop work order at 105 Carasaljo Drive, and the foundation being backfilled, Mayor Coles asked if there were any sink holes developing. Mr. Mignella advised there were a few, and he sent a message to the builder. He is awaiting a response regarding that, as well as the safety fence.

Also, with regard to 119 Carasaljo Drive, Mr. Mignella advised that the water meter will be moved on Monday or Tuesday.

As to the traffic congestion on the municipal lot due to dumpsters, Mr. Mack advised that they were advised to remove the dumpsters.

Mr. Miller commented with regard to Squankum Road, where it intersects Monmouth Avenue; there is a sharp bend. He asked Mr. Franklin to install turning chevrons so they are visible at night.

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 Coles opened the meeting to the public.

Michael Stillwell, 950 Brook Road – As Chairman of the Lakewood Shade Tree Commission, he commented on the condition of downtown street trees and offered suggestions to beautify the area.

Mayor Coles advised they will get together with Mr. Franklin and the Shade Tree Commission and look at some ideas and hopefully come up with something that works for everyone.

Senator Singer commented with regard to JCPL cutting down trees and being held responsible for the replacement and replanting of the trees. He suggested they send a letter to Julie Holman to attend a meeting with the Shade Tree Commission with regard to this matter.

Mayor Coles requested that the Township Clerk assemble the information as to who is to be invited, and also advise him when that meeting is to be held.

Victor Trumper, 119 Shady Lane – Advised that certain houses in the neighborhood have become places for social and group gatherings, and it is disturbing his quality of life.

Mayor Coles answered that he can set up a meeting with a mediator and the owners of the homes he has issues with, and they can sit down and work out a solution.

Rabbi Rottenberg – Commented with regard to his application for a synagogue.

Mr. Hutchinson asked to speak with Rabbi Rottenberg after the meeting to get all the information in detail in order that he can speak with the tax office.

Noreen Gill, 192 Coventry Drive – Commented with regard to the condition of the downtown area.

Mayor Coles requested Mr. Mack to ask the inspectors to familiarize themselves with the sign Ordinance and take a look at the conditions in the downtown area.

Chris Abrams, Coral Avenue – Commented on Court matters.

Larry Simons – Commented on the Resolution on the Agenda with regard to the award of contract to T & M Associates for a potential parking structure, and Cedarbridge Development Corporation issues.

Fred Gincel, 144 Carasaljo Drive – Thanked the Committee for addressing issues on Carasaljo Drive. Advised that traffic is still moving too fast along the street. Also advised of a light outage at Route 9 and North Lake Drive. Requested curbs and sidewalks along Carasaljo Drive. Commented on the proposed Ordinance for no parking along the side of Carasaljo Drive.

Lee Cooper, 94 Carasaljo Drive – Commented with regard to construction issues at 105 Carasaljo Drive.

Mr. Mack, Mr. Saccamanno and Mr. Mignella addressed various construction issues.

As to the debris on the property, Mayor Coles requested Mr. Mack to ask that the inspectors check the site for excess debris.

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

At this time, the professionals left the meeting.

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 authorizing the Renewal of Towing Licenses for the Year 2008-2009.
Mr. Cunliffe removed this Resolution from the Consent Agenda.**

- 2. Resolution awarding a contract to Trenton Mack Sales and Service Inc., for the purchase of two Side Loading Refuse Collection Trucks, in the amount of \$587,910.00, pursuant to and in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et. seq.
Resolution No. 2008-368**

- 3. Resolution awarding a contract to Trenton Mack Sales and Service Inc., for the purchase of a Front Loading Refuse Collection Truck, in the amount of \$242,000.00, pursuant to and in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et. seq.
Resolution No. 2008-369**
- 4. Resolution authorizing the execution of a Traffic Signal agreement with the County of Ocean for the intersection of Cross Street and James Street
Resolution No. 2008-370**
- 5. Resolution authorizing the insertion of a special item of revenue into the 2008 Municipal Budget for the New Jersey Urban Enterprise Zone Authority, in the amount of \$330,000.00. (Parking Development Phase II - UEZ – Chapter 159)
Mr. Cunliffe removed this Resolution from the Consent Agenda.**
- 6. Resolution authorizing the award of a Professional Services Contract to T & M Associates, in the amount of \$13,500.00. (Addendum 2007 Master Plan Reexamination Report)
Resolution No. 2008-371**
- 7. Resolution authorizing the execution of an Interlocal Services Agreement between the Township of Lakewood and the Borough of Pine Beach. (Truck Wash)
Resolution No. 2008-372**
- 8. Resolution authorizing the award of a Professional Services Contract to T & M Associates, in the amount of \$7,000.00. (Potential Parking Structure on Clifton Ave.)
Resolution No. 2008-373**

Motion by Mr. Miller, second by Deputy Mayor Lichtenstein, to approve Resolutions 2, 3, 4, 6, 7 and 8 on the Consent Agenda.

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

Resolution Nos. 2008-368 through 2008-373 – Adopted.

Resolution No. 1 that was removed from the Consent Agenda was discussed and acted upon as follows:

1. Resolution authorizing the Renewal of Towing Licenses for the Year 2008-2009.

Motion by Mr. Miller, second by Senator Singer.

Mr. Cunliffe stated that many of the names are familiar to the Committee and to the Transportation Board, and they have been providing towing services to the Police Department for some time. There is a new name on the list. Looking at the back-up information, he noticed that certain required information is missing. He asked Chief Lawson if the information for Price Rite Towing has been submitted and the requirements have been met.

Chief Lawson advised he would have to check into it.

Mr. Cunliffe further advised he was not able to attend last night's Transportation Board meeting, but he did review the minutes, and these applications were not reviewed.

Joseph Barina, Barina Automotive – Asked a question on the issue of renewal of towing licenses....he asked if you have to provide leases showing that the leases are in effect for the coming year, so they can be granted a license for the coming year.

Mr. Cunliffe answered yes.

Mr. Barina suggested that all the information be reviewed.

Deputy Mayor Lichtenstein suggested that this Resolution be carried to the next meeting.

Mr. Miller amended his Motion to carry the above Resolution to the meeting of November 6, 2008.

Mayor Coles requested that Chief Lawson check into this to make sure all the required information has been submitted.

Deputy Mayor Lichtenstein asked how does someone go about applying to be a police tower.

Chief Lawson answered they have to fill out an application to be submitted to the Township Clerk.

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

Resolution No. 1 carried to the meeting of November 6, 2008.

Resolution No. 5 that was removed from the Consent Agenda was discussed and acted upon as follows:

5. Resolution authorizing the insertion of a special item of revenue into the 2008 Municipal Budget for the New Jersey Urban Enterprise Zone Authority, in the amount of \$330,000.00. (Parking Development Phase II - UEZ – Chapter 159)

Motion by Deputy Mayor Lichtenstein, second by Senator Singer.

Mr. Cunliffe advised he read the back-up information, and could not recall what this was for. This project has been increased to 2.7 million dollars, and he asked for some background information before he votes on it.

Mayor Coles answered that it is for purchasing property and demolition of buildings on Fifth Street, between Clifton Avenue and Route 9, to allow for additional parking in that area.

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

Resolution No. 2008-374 – Adopted.

ORDINANCE SECOND READING

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 Rosefield Street and Houston Street, 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 second reading.

Mayor Coles 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 Mr. Miller, second by Senator Singer.

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

Negative: Mr. Cunliffe

Ordinance No. 2008-44 adopted on second reading.

Ordinance of the Township of Lakewood, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, authorizing the sale of Lot 14 in Block 121, 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 second reading.

Mayor Coles opened the meeting to the public.

Gerry Ballwanz, Governors Road – Stated it is amazing that someone is going to pay over \$400,000.00 for this property and that they know they will not be able to use it until the parking garage is done.

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

The above Ordinance was offered by Mr. Miller, second by Senator Singer.
On Roll Call – Affirmative: Senator Singer, Mr. Miller, Mr. Cunliffe and Mayor Coles.
Not voting: Deputy Mayor Lichtenstein.

Ordinance No. 2008-45 adopted on second reading.

ORDINANCE FIRST READING (Second reading and Public Hearing 11/06/08)

An Ordinance of the Township of Lakewood, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, amending and supplementing Chapter XI of the Code of the Township of Lakewood entitled Traffic. (Carasaljo Drive South)

Read by title only for first reading.

The above Ordinance was offered by Mr. Cunliffe, second by Senator Singer.

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

Abstain: Mr. Miller

Ordinance No. 2008-46 adopted on first reading. Second reading and public hearing to be held on November 6, 2008.

CORRESPONDENCE

Per list of three (3) correspondence items, attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Mr. Miller stated that OHI is doing something in Town Square. He asked if there is any other location they can use. Apparently, they take up a lot of space, and use a lot of parking spaces.

Mayor Coles answered that many of the people that they serve do not have access to transportation to go anywhere else. Town Square is a central location for flu shots and dental screenings for people who do not have any coverage. They need to offer accommodations for these people.

Senator Singer added that the County of Ocean Board of Health is subsidizing dental availability both in the Second Street center and in Jamesway. They have nine dentist chairs in town for this. There are places in town where people can get screenings, free of charge, and then get work done.

Mayor Coles further advised they expect many people to take advantage of the flu shots.

PARKS AND EVENTS CORRESPONDENCE

Per schedule of one (1) items, attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Motion by Mr. Cunliffe, second by Deputy Mayor Lichtenstein, and carried, to approve the above correspondence.

MOTION TO APPROVE BILL LIST OF: 10/21/08

Motion by Mr. Cunliffe, second by Mr. Miller.

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

Negative: Senator Singer.

Bill List approved.

COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Senator Singer advised they received a report from the State this week that they are looking at a four hundred million dollar shortfall in this year's budget. He suggested they take a hard look at their spending right now in town hall. He thinks they should ask Mr. Edwards to take a look at things that have not been purchased yet, and consider not purchasing them, and initiating a hiring freeze. They are going to see a rise in uncollected taxes, because people do not have the money to pay their taxes, which will affect the budget. Secondly, he does not know where the State is going to find the four hundred million. They may turn around and cut monies that are designated to municipalities. He feels they have to hunker down right now, to see which way the economy of the state is going.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Cunliffe, second by Mr. Miller, and carried, to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 6:20 PM.