

**The Lakewood Township Committee held a Meeting on Thursday, December 23, 2010, 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..... Steven Langert**  
**Deputy Mayor.....Absent..... Menashe Miller**  
**Committee Members..... Robert Singer**  
**Raymond Coles**  
**Meir Lichtenstein**  
**Municipal Manager..... Michael Muscillo**  
**Municipal Attorneys..... Lawrence E. Bathgate, II, Esq.**  
**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, and published in the Asbury Park Press on November 17, 2010.**

**ROLL CALL**

**CLOSED SESSION**

**Resolution No. 2010-355 – Adopted.**

**ROLL CALL**

**SALUTE TO THE FLAG AND PRAYER**

**OPEN SESSION**

Motion by Committeeman Coles, second by Committeeman Lichtenstein, and carried, to open the meeting.

**MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF: 12/09/10**

Motion by Committeeman Lichtenstein, second by Committeeman Singer, and carried, to approve the above Minutes.

**MOTION TO APPROVE CLOSED SESSION MINUTES: 12/09/10**

Motion by Committeeman Coles, second by Committeeman Singer, and carried, to approve the above Closed Session Minutes.

**PRESENTATIONS**

## **Tom Ross**

A Proclamation was presented to Tom Ross on the occasion of his retirement after twenty-seven years of service to the Township of Lakewood, and as Director of the Community Center.

## **Police Awards**

Chief Lawson presented awards and citations to Officers of the Lakewood Police Department in recognition of outstanding service, and outstanding civilian service awards.

## **ORDINANCES FOR DISCUSSION: None**

### **QUALITY OF LIFE**

Motion by Committeeman Coles, second by Committeeman Singer, and carried, to postpone the review of quality of life items.

Mayor Langert presented a Proclamation to Senator Singer in honor of his thirty years on the Lakewood Township Committee on the occasion of his last meeting as Committeeman. Committeeman Lichtenstein also presented a General Assembly Resolution to Senator Singer, and a gift from the Township Committee.

Mayor Langert thanked and expressed his heartfelt gratitude to Senator Singer for his service and dedication to the Township of Lakewood.

Committeeman Lichtenstein thanked Senator Singer for his commitment to Lakewood, and for being there as a friend to him.

Committeeman Coles thanked Senator Singer for his service to Lakewood; it has been a pleasure serving with him.

Senator Singer thanked everyone for the Proclamations and gifts and well wishes and shared memories of his years on the Committee.

### **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 Langert opened the meeting to the public.

Michael Berman, 20 Merlin Drive – Offered best wishes to Senator Singer.

David Drukaroff, 1433 Laurelwood Avenue – Commented with regard to the Township's health care proposal to Township employees.

Sam Christopher, Central Avenue – Reminisced about Lakewood, and offered best wishes to Senator Singer.

Larry Simons – Commented with regard to proposed layoffs of Township employees, a recent \$33,000 raise to an individual employee, and the Municipal Budget.

Abe Penzer, Esq. – Offered best wishes to Senator Singer.

Simcha Greenwald, 82 Cabinfield Circle – Offered best wishes to Senator Singer, and thanked him for his service to Lakewood.

Noreen Gill – Offered best wishes to Senator Singer, and thanked him for his service to Lakewood.

Edwards Marks, 1301 Central Avenue – Commented with regard to a proposed vacation of a paper street. The frontage of his property is 75' on Central Avenue and 150' feet along the paper street that is proposed to be vacated. In the past, there were two other occasions where the vacation of this street was requested, and he opposed it, and the requests were withdrawn. He has been maintaining the property, mowing and plowing the snow, for the past ten to fifteen years. He again objects to this vacation, and has submitted a letter to the Municipal Manager. If the street is vacated, he will be denied access to a portion of his property.

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

Committeeman Singer thanked everyone for their kind words and well wishes.

Committeeman Coles addressed comments with regard to the raise to a Township employee.

Mayor Langert addressed comments regarding health insurance benefits, and apologized for the way they were presented. He believes that the plan that the Township is offering is one that is comparable to the state health benefit plan. He hopes that they can get together with all the unions and agree to consolidate into one plan.

Mayor Langert addressed Mr. Marks' comments regarding the street vacation. He had hoped that an agreement would have been reached with the person requesting the vacation. Seeing that has not happened and Mr. Marks is opposing the vacation, he will be asking the Committee not to vote in favor of the vacation this evening.

Committeeman Singer added that it is Township policy that if all the neighbors are not in agreement to vacate the street, that the Township does not vacate the street.

Mayor Langert thanked Mr. Simons for his comments with regard to the Municipal Budget.

Mayor Langert thanked Committeeman Coles and Committeeman Lichtenstein for supporting him as Mayor this past year, and again thanked Senator Singer for his guidance.

## **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 appropriation transfers in the 2010 Municipal Budget, in the amount of \$182,000.00  
Resolution No. 2010-356**
- 2. Resolution authorizing the execution of an "Intergovernmental Agreement Schedule C" with the County of Ocean for assistance in the repair and maintenance of its Streets and Property for 2011.  
Resolution No. 2010-357**
- 3. Resolution authorizing the reimbursement of personnel overtime and supplies for Local Police Departments who provide Child Restraint Inspections.  
Resolution No. 2010-358**
- 4. Resolution in support of the Saint Barnabas Health Care System's Proposal to establish an Early Intervention Support Services Program in Ocean County.  
Resolution No. 2010-359**
- 5. Resolution authorizing entering into a contract with an Administrative Agent for the Administration of Affordable Units in Lakewood Township. (Rehabco)  
Resolution No. 2010-360**
  
- 6. Resolution changing the name of the Community Center to the "Tom Ross Community Center".  
Resolution No. 2010-361**

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

On Roll Call – Affirmative: Committeeman Coles, Committeeman Lichtenstein, Committeeman Singer (Abstained on Resolution No. 4) and Mayor Langert.  
**Resolution Nos. 2010-356 through 2010-361 – Adopted.**

**ORDINANCE SECOND READING**

**Ordinance of the Township of Lakewood, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, authorizing the Tax Collector to refund/waive any and all taxes, penalties, interest due by Lev Avoth Foundation on Block 19, Lot 4, for the years 2009 and 2010 pursuant to and in accordance with N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.6c.**

Mayor Langert 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 Singer, second by Committeeman Coles.

On Roll Call – Affirmative: Committeeman Coles, Committeeman Lichtenstein, Committeeman Singer and Mayor Langert.

**Ordinance No. 2010-90 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 11-7 (Through Streets) and Schedule VIII (Through Streets) of the Revised General Ordinances of The Township of Lakewood, 1999; Oak Street between Vine Street and Airport Road. (Chapter XI, Sec. 11-7 – Through Streets -Oak St. between Vine St. & Airport Rd.)**

Read by title only for second reading.

Mayor Langert 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 Singer, second by Committeeman Coles.

On Roll Call – Affirmative: Committeeman Coles, Committeeman Singer and Mayor Langert.

Negative: Committeeman Lichtenstein

**Ordinance No. 2010-91 adopted on second reading.**

**An Ordinance releasing, extinguishing and vacating the rights of the Public in an unnamed Paper Street that intersects Central Avenue and that is bounded by Lots 48, 50, 51, 53, and 54 in Block 12.04 in the Township of Lakewood. (St. Vacation – Unnamed St.)**

Read by title only for second reading.

Mayor Langert opened the meeting to the public.

Joyce Blay, NJ News and Views, 1594 Crimson Road, Toms River – Asked what is being proposed for development in this area.

Mayor Langert answered that he is not aware of anything that is being proposed for development in the area.

Ms. Blay asked if there was any particular reason that the Township is vacating the roads referenced by Mr. Marks.

Mayor Langert clarified that the Township is considering vacating the roads referenced by Mr. Marks, and it is at the request of an adjoining property owner.

Seeing no one else wishing to be heard, Mayor Langert closed the meeting to the public. Motion by Committeeman Singer to table the Ordinance. A second – to the Motion was offered by Committeeman Coles.

Mayor Langert confirmed that if they table the Ordinance, the Ordinance will die...the intent being to kill the Ordinance.

On Roll Call – Affirmative: Committeeman Coles, Committeeman Lichtenstein, Committeeman Singer and Mayor Langert.

**Ordinance No. 2010-92 died.**

Mayor Langert advised Mr. Marks that the street vacation has not occurred, and the Township is not vacating the street at this time.

**An Ordinance of the Township of Lakewood, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, amending and supplementing Chapter XI (Traffic), Section 11-16 (Yield Intersections) and Schedule XIV (Yield Intersections) of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Lakewood, 1999: Oak Street/Albert Avenue Roundabout. (Chapter XI, Sec. 11-16 – Oak St./Albert Ave. Roundabout)**

Read by title only for second reading.

Mayor Langert 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 Committeeman Coles.

On Roll Call – Affirmative: Committeeman Coles, Committeeman Lichtenstein, Committeeman Singer and Mayor Langert.

**Ordinance No. 2010-93 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 11-14 (Stop Intersections) and Schedule XII (Stop Intersections) of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Lakewood, 1999; Four Way Stop-Vine Street and Oak Street. (Chapter XI, Sec. 11-14 – Four Way Stop-Vine Street and Oak Street)**

Read by title only for second reading.

Mayor Langert 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 Singer, second by Committeeman Coles.

On Roll Call – Affirmative: Committeeman Coles, Committeeman Lichtenstein, Committeeman Singer and Mayor Langert.

**Ordinance No. 2010-94 adopted on second reading.**

**An Ordinance of the Township of Lakewood, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, repealing Chapter XIX entitled "Protection of Trees" and replacing it with new Chapter XIX entitled "Protection of Trees". (Chapter XIX, Protection of Trees)**

Read by title only for second reading.

Mayor Langert opened the meeting to the public.

Michael Stillwell, Lakewood Township Shade Tree Commission Chairman – Thanked the Mayor and Township Committee for this Ordinance, and also the Township Attorney, Mr. Wouters, for all the work he put into this Ordinance. It is something that is long overdue, and he appreciates all the hard work that was done. It is a good Ordinance for Lakewood, and will help the town in the future.

Mayor Langert thanked Mr. Stillwell for his input on this Ordinance.

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 Singer, second by Committeeman Lichtenstein.

On Roll Call – Affirmative: Committeeman Coles, Committeeman Lichtenstein, Committeeman Singer and Mayor Langert.

**Ordinance No. 2010-95 adopted on second reading.**

**ORDINANCE FIRST READING (Second reading and Public Hearing) - None**

**CORRESPONDENCE - None**

**MOTION TO APPROVE BILL LIST OF: 12/20/10**

Motion by Committeeman Lichtenstein, second by Committeeman Singer, to approve the above Bill List.

On Roll Call – Affirmative: Committeeman Coles, Committeeman Lichtenstein, Committeeman Singer and Mayor Langert.

**Bill List approved.**

**COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Committeeman Lichtenstein thanked Mayor Langert for a good year. Wished everyone a happy holiday and a happy and healthy New Year.

Committeeman Coles congratulated Mayor Langert on a great year. Wished everyone a happy holiday and a Happy New Year.

Committeeman Singer thanked Mayor Langert for a good year. He believes he has carried through with his promises, and a lot of progress has been made over the past two years.

Mayor Langert thanked Committeeman Singer for his kind words. He thanked Committeeman Coles and Committeeman Lichtenstein for their help and support, and again thanked Senator Singer. He invited everyone over to the Strand Theater for refreshments. Wished everyone a happy holiday, and a Happy New Year. Advised that Menashe Miller will be leaving Iraq on January 2<sup>nd</sup>, and returning to Lakewood on January 6<sup>th</sup>. They hope to install him as Mayor at the Reorganization Meeting on January 7<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM. Committeeman-elect Albert Akerman will also be sworn in on January 7<sup>th</sup>.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Committeeman Lichtenstein, second by Committeeman Singer, and carried, to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 9:28 PM.