

The Lakewood Township Committee held a Meeting on Thursday, April 20, 2017 in the Lakewood Municipal Building, at 6:00 PM for the Workshop/Executive Session and 7:30 PM for the Public Meeting, with the following present:

- Mayor.....Raymond Coles**
- Deputy Mayor.....Menashe P. Miller**
- Committee Members..... Albert D. Akerman**
Michael J. D’Elia
Meir Lichtenstein
- Municipal Manager.....Thomas Henshaw**
- Municipal Attorney.....Steve Secare, Esq**
- Municipal Clerk..... Kathryn Hutchinson**

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 January 10, 2017 and revised via email on April 13, 2017.

ROLL CALL

CLOSED SESSION

Resolution No. 2017-161 Approved

ROLL CALL

SALUTE TO THE FLAG AND PRAYER

OPEN SESSION

Motion by Deputy Mayor Miller, second by Committeeman Lichtenstein, to enter open session at 7:30pm. Motion carried.

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF WORK SHOP AND EXECUTIVE SESSION OF: April 6, 2017

Motion by Committeeman Lichtenstein, second by Committeeman D’Elia, and motion carried to approve the above Minutes. Committeeman Akerman abstained.

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION: April 6, 2017

Motion by Committeeman Lichtenstein, second by Committeeman D’Elia, and motion carried to approve the above Minutes. Committeeman Akerman abstained.

PUBLIC LAND SALE – None

PRESENTATIONS – Certification and Determination of Bonds

PUBLIC COMMENT

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.

David Drukaroff, 1433 Laurelwood Avenue – Mr. Drukaroff asked where the proposed traffic signals will be installed. He then asked what type of enhancements the Municipal Complex will receive.

Mayor Coles stated the goal is to improve parking, especially in the area of Third Street and the municipal parking lots.

Committeeman Lichtenstein advised Mr. Drukaroff where the proposed traffic signals will be placed.

Shlomi Klein, 189 Chateau Park – Mr. Klein spoke about the new developments throughout Lakewood with rentable basements and attics. He commented on the lack of parking for multi-family units.

Bill Hobday, 30 Schoolhouse Lane – Mr. Hobday commented on the dangers of the intersection at Chestnut Street and New Hampshire Avenue.

Seeing that no one else approached the podium for comment, Mayor Coles closed the meeting to the public.

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 Of The Township Of Lakewood, County Of Ocean, State of New Jersey, Authorizing The Execution Of An Agreement Between the Ocean County Board Of Health And The Township Of Lakewood For The Provision Of Administrative and Programmatic Lakewood Municipal Alliance Oversight
Resolution 2017-162
2. Resolution Of The Township Of Lakewood, County Of Ocean, State Of New Jersey, Awarding A Professional Services Agreement Pursuant To N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 To Maser Consulting For Engineering Services For The Design And Installation Of Five (5) Traffic Signal
Resolution 2017-163

3. Resolution Of The Township Of Lakewood, County Of Ocean, State Of New Jersey, Awarding A Professional Services Contract Pursuant To N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 For Engineering Services For Base Mapping And Concept Design For Improvements To The Municipal Complex Parking Areas And Town Square
Resolution 2017-164
4. Resolution Of The Township Of Lakewood, County Of Ocean, State Of New Jersey, Authorizing The Tax Collector To Prepare And Mail Estimated Tax Bills In Accordance With P.L. 1994, C.72
Resolution 2017-165
5. Resolution Of The Township Of Lakewood, County Of Ocean, State Of New Jersey, Amending A Resolution Appointing A Municipal Prosecutor For The Township Of Lakewood Pursuant To And In Accordance With N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 ET SEQ”
Resolution 2017-166
6. Resolution Of The Township Of Lakewood, County Of Ocean, State Of New Jersey, Authorizing the Deed Recitation Of Bais Tova, Inc. As Assignee Of Successor Bidder Rabbi Saunders And The Closing Of Title And Recordation Of A Deed Beyond Thirty (30) Days Of Closing And Releasing the Automatic Reverter For Block 1153, Former Lot 6
Resolution 2017-167
7. Resolution Of The Township Of Lakewood, County Of Ocean, State Of New Jersey, Authorizing The Award Of A Professional Services Contract To Remington, Vernick And Vena For 2017 Annual Post-Closure Professional Services And Title V Air Permit Compliance.
Resolution 2017-168
8. Resolution Of The Township Of Lakewood, County Of Ocean, State Of New Jersey, Authorizing The Award Of A Professional Services Contract To Aspen Tree Expert, Company, Inc., For The Fourth Year Of Five (5) Year Community Forestry Management Plan For Lakewood Township.
Resolution 2017-169
9. Resolution Of The Township Of Lakewood, County Of ocean, State Of New Jersey, Awarding A Contract To Earle Asphalt Company For The Ridge Avenue Reconstruction Project Pursuant To And In Accordance With N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 Et Seq.
Resolution 2017-170

Motion by Committeeman Lichtenstein, second by Deputy Mayor Miller, to approve Resolution Nos. 1-9 on the Consent Agenda.

Mayor Coles opened the meeting for discussion between the Township Committee.

Committeeman Lichtenstein stated he would like to abstain from voting on Resolution No. 5 on the Consent Agenda. He also asked Mayor Coles if he would allow a meeting to be set up between the Township Engineers and the area residents of Ridge Avenue before the road reconstruction begins.

On Roll Call: Affirmative: Committeeman Akerman, Committeeman D'Elia, Committeeman Lichtenstein with abstention on Resolution No. 5, Deputy Mayor Miller, and Mayor Coles

Resolutions 2017-162 through 170 approved.

Abstain: Committeeman Lichtenstein on item #5 R2017-166

ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING:

1. Ordinance Of The Township Of Lakewood, County Of Ocean, State Of New Jersey, To Exceed The Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits And To Establish A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)

Mayor Coles asked that the above ordinance be carried to May 4, 2017 for second reading.

Motion by Committeeman Lichtenstein, second by Committeeman Akerman, to carry the above ordinance to May 4, 2017 for second reading.

On Roll Call: Affirmative: Committeeman Akerman, Committeeman D'Elia, Committeeman Lichtenstein, Deputy Mayor Miller, and Mayor Coles

Ordinance 2017-16 carried to May 4, 2017 for second reading.

2. Ordinance Of The Township Of Lakewood County Of Ocean, State Of New Jersey, Amending And Supplementing Chapter XXIV (Taxation) Of The Revised General Ordinances Of The Township Of Lakewood Specifically Section 24-1.7 Commercial Or Industrial Structure Tax Abatement Agreement

Read by title only for second reading.

Mayor Coles opened the meeting to the public.

Joyce Blay, 311 Floral Way, Toms River – Ms. Blay asked for a five year accounting of property owners who have received the tax abatement and then defaulted on their tax payments.

Mayor Coles stated he was unsure on the number and advised the change in content of the Tax Abatement Agreement was requested by the Tax Assessor.

Bill Hobday, 30 Schoolhouse Lane – Mr. Hobday questioned the necessity of Tax Abatement Agreements and if they are a benefit to Lakewood.

Mayor Coles stated it is not a black and white issue. He spoke about the benefits of Tax Abatements and how they do benefit Lakewood.

Shlomi Klein, 189 Chateau Park – Mr. Klein asked how the government process works when changing or instituting ordinances.

Seeing that no one else approached the podium for comment, Mayor Coles closed the meeting to the public.

Motion by Committeeman Akerman, second by Deputy Mayor Miller to approve the above ordinance on second reading.

On Roll Call: Affirmative: Committeeman Akerman, Committeeman D’Elia,
Committeeman Lichtenstein, Deputy Mayor Miller, and
Mayor Coles

Ordinance 2017-18 approved on second reading.

ORDINANCES FIRST READING - Public Hearing Scheduled For May 4, 2017

1. Ordinance Of The Township Of Lakewood, County Of Ocean, State Of New Jersey, Changing The Name Of A Portion Of Zinfadel Road (Improperly Designated As Zinfadel Avenue On Tax Sheet 88.02) To Burgundy Way Pursuant To And In Accordance With N.J.S.A. 40:67-1(k) Et Seq.

Read by title only for first reading.

Motion by Committeeman Lichtenstein, second by Committeeman D’Elia to approve the above ordinance on first reading.

On Roll Call: Affirmative: Committeeman Akerman, Committeeman D’Elia,
Committeeman Lichtenstein, Deputy Mayor Miller, and
Mayor Coles

Ordinance 2017-19 approved on first reading, second reading and public hearing scheduled for May 4, 2017.

CORRESPONDENCE – Parks and Events

Per schedule of eight (8) parks and events requests, attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Motion by Committeeman Lichtenstein, second by Deputy Mayor Miller to approve the

above correspondence.

MOTION TO APPROVE BILL LIST: April 20, 2017

Motion by Committeeman Lichtenstein, second by Deputy Mayor Miller to approve the Bill List.

On Roll Call: Affirmative: Committeeman Akerman, Committeeman D'Elia,
Committeeman Lichtenstein, Deputy Mayor Miller, and
Mayor Coles

Bill list of April 20, 2017 approved.

COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Deputy Mayor Miller formally invited the Township Attorney and Township Manager to work on the issue of L'Chaim Way that was previously discussed.

Mayor Coles took a moment to welcome Deputy Mayor Miller back and thanked him for his service in the military and the sacrifices he has made for the United States.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Committeeman Lichtenstein, second by Deputy Mayor Miller, with all in favor to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:52PM.