

The Lakewood Township Committee held a Virtual Meeting on May 6, 2021 at 5:30 PM, with the following present:

Mayor..... Raymond Coles
Deputy Mayor..... Menashe P. Miller

Committee Members..... Meir Lichtenstein
Michael D’Elia
Albert Akerman

Municipal Manager..... Patrick Donnelly
Municipal Attorney..... Steve Secare, Esq.
Municipal Clerk..... Lauren Kirkman

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 on the Township’s website as well as in the Asbury Park Press on January 7, 2021. The public was invited to participate prior to the meeting by emailing premeetingcomments@lakewoodnj.gov. The public was invited to participate during the meeting via comments@lakewoodnj.gov or by using Cisco’s Web-Ex by either phone (audio only) or computer (audio/visual). The Meeting ID# was 132 256 7481. This meeting as advertised was broadcast live and recorded through on Townhall Streams at <https://townhallstreams.com/>

ROLL CALL –Present: Mayor Coles, Deputy Mayor Miller, Committeeman Akerman, Committeeman Lichtenstein, and Committeeman D’Elia.

Absent: None

Also present: Township Attorney: Steven Secare; Township Manager: Patrick Donnelly, and Township Clerk: Lauren Kirkman.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG AND PRAYER

Mayor Coles opened the regular meeting at 5:30 p.m.

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES:

REGULAR MINUTES OF APRIL 22, 2021.

Motion by Committeeman Lichtenstein, seconded by Committeeman D’Elia.

On Roll Call:

Affirmative: Committeeman Akerman, Committeeman D’Elia, Committeeman Lichtenstein, Deputy Mayor Miller and Mayor Coles.

Abstain: Non

Absent: None

Motion carried to approve minutes.

PUBLIC HEARING OF THE 2021 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Clerk Kirkman read the 2021 Budget by Title: Resolution 2021-141 2021 Municipal Budget

Mayor Coles opened the Public Hearing on the Budget to the public.

Seeing no comments, Mayor Coles closed the public hearing on the 2021 Municipal Budget.

ADOPTION OF THE 2021 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Mayor Coles reviewed the high lights of the budget noting that there was no municipal tax increase and same was done without layoffs. Mayor Coles thanked Administrator Donnelly, CFO Reiker and the Department Heads for their hard work on the budget.

Mayor Coles asked for a motion to adopt Resolution 2021-0141, the 2021 municipal budget.

Motion by: Committeeman Akerman
Seconded by: Committeeman Lichtenstein

On Roll Call:

Affirmative: Committeeman Akerman, Committeeman D'Elia, Committeeman Lichtenstein,
Deputy Mayor Miller and Mayor Coles.

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried to aopt Resolution 2021-0141 the 2021 Municipal Budget.

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.

Mayor Coles asked for a motion to adopt the consent agenda Resolutions 2021-186 through 2021-197.

Motion by Committeeman Akerman
Seconded by Committeeman Lichtenstein

On Roll Call:

Affirmative: Committeeman Akerman, Committeeman D'Elia, Committeeman Lichtenstein
Deputy Mayor Miller and Mayor Coles.

Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

Motion Carried to adopt consent agenda.

2021-186 "Releasing A Performance Guarantee Posted By 319 Cedarbridge LLC., In Connection With SD #2033

Block 548 Lots 170.32 & 170.49"

2021-187 Authorizing The Execution Of A Traffic Signal Agreement With The State Of New Jersey For The Intersection Of Route 9 (River Ave.) And Ninth Street

2021-188 Authorizing The Execution Of A Traffic Signal Agreement With The State Of New Jersey For The Intersection Of Route 9 (River Ave.) And Courtney Road

2021-189 Authorizing The Execution Of A Traffic Signal Agreement With The State Of New Jersey For The Intersection Of Route 9 (River Ave.) And Fourth Street

2021-190 Authorizing The Execution Of A Traffic Signal Agreement With The State Of New Jersey For The Intersection Of Route 9 (River Ave.) And Sixth Street

2021-191 Authorizing The Procurement Of A Geospatial Mapping And Land Management Consultant Service

2021-192 Procurement Of Security Technology For Its Police Department

2021-193 Authorizing The Bid Award For "Lakewood Municipal Roadway Improvements" To "Meco Inc

2021-194 Authorizing The Execution Change Order Number 1 In Connection With A Project Known As Country Club Drive, Tuxedo Terrace And 4th Street Road Improvements

2021-195 Accepting A Bid For Public Land Sale Of Block 182, Lot 2 In The Township Of Lakewood County Of Ocean, State Of New Jersey As A Result Of A Virtual Auction Via Cisco Web-Ex

2021-196 Accepting A Bid For Public Land Sale Of Block 1144, Lot 2 In The Township Of Lakewood County Of Ocean, State Of New Jersey As A Result Of A Virtual Auction Via Cisco Web-Ex

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING-

Clerk Kirkman read the following Ordinance by title only:

2021-033 Ordinance Of The Township Of Lakewood, County Of Ocean, State Of New Jersey, Amending And Supplementing Chapter XI Entitled "Traffic" Of The Revised General Ordinances Of The Township Of Lakewood, Specifically Section 11-10 (Stopping Or Standing-Paco Way

Mayor Coles asked for a motion to introduce ordinance 2021-033.

Motion by Committeeman D'Elia
Seconded by Committeeman Akerman

On Roll Call:

Affirmative: Committeeman Akerman, Committeeman D'Elia, Committeeman Lichtenstein, Deputy Mayor Miller and Mayor Coles.

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried to introduce Ordinance 2021-033 with a public hearing on May 20, 2021.

Clerk Kirkman read the following Ordinance by title only:

2021-034 Ordinance Of The Township Of Lakewood, County Of Ocean, State Of New Jersey, Releasing, Extinguishing And Vacating The Rights Of The Public To A Portion Of A Paper Street Known As Powell Avenue In The Township Of Lakewood

Mayor Coles asked for a motion to introduce ordinance 2021-034.

Motion by Committeeman Lichtenstein
Seconded by Committeeman Akerman

On Roll Call:

Affirmative: Committeeman Akerman, Committeeman D'Elia, Committeeman Lichtenstein, Deputy Mayor Miller and Mayor Coles.

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried to introduce Ordinance 2021-034 with a public hearing on June 17, 2021.

Clerk Kirkman read the following Ordinance by title only:

2021-035 Ordinance Of The Township Of Lakewood, County Of Ocean, State Of New Jersey, Pursuant To N.J.S.A. 40a:21-1 Et Seq., Granting Abatement Of Local Property Taxes To 1220

Paco Way LLC For Facilities Located At Block 1160.04, Lot 49 And Authorizing The Mayor And Or His Designee And Township Clerk To Execute Any And All Documents Necessary And Proper To Enter Into A Tax Abatement Agreement

Mayor Coles asked for a motion to introduce ordinance 2021-035.

Motion by Committeeman D'Elia
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Miller

On Roll Call:

Affirmative: Committeeman Akerman, Committeeman D'Elia, Committeeman Lichtenstein, Deputy Mayor Miller and Mayor Coles.

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried to introduce Ordinance 2021-035 with a public hearing on May 20, 2021.

ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING:

Clerk Kirkman read the following Ordinance by title only:

2021-027 An Ordinance Of The Township Of Lakewood, County Of Ocean, State Of New Jersey, Releasing, Extinguishing And Vacating The Rights Of The Public To Portion Of A Paper Street Known As Brush Avenue And the Entirety of Summit Avenue In The Township Of Lakewood

Mayor Coles noted that there was a last-minute objection filed for this vacation and indicated that traditionally the Township does not move forward when there is an objection.

Mayor Coles opened the meeting to the public.

Seeing no comments offered, Mayor Coles closed the meeting to the public.

Mayor Coles asked for a motion to adopt ordinance 2021-027.

There was no motion or second; the ordinance 2021-027 was not adopted for lack of motion.

Clerk Kirkman read the following Ordinance by title only:

2021-028 An Ordinance Of The Township Of Lakewood, County Of Ocean, State Of New Jersey, Releasing, Extinguishing And Vacating The Rights Of The Public To Portion Of A Paper Street Known As Drexel Avenue In The Township Of Lakewood

Mayor Coles opened the meeting to the public.

Seeing no comments offered, Mayor Coles closed the meeting to the public.

Mayor Coles asked for a motion to adopt ordinance 2021-028.

Motion by Committeeman D'Elia
Seconded by Committeeman Akerman

On Roll Call:

Affirmative: Committeeman Akerman, Committeeman D'Elia, Committeeman Lichtenstein, Deputy Mayor Miller and Mayor Coles.

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Ordinance 2021-028 was adopted after public hearing and second reading.

Clerk Kirkman read the following Ordinance by title only:

2021-030 An Ordinance Of The Township Of Lakewood, County Of Ocean, State Of New Jersey, Authorizing the Conveyance And Execution of Deed of Fee Simple Interest for Road Widening, an Overhead Utility Easement, Three Utility Easement Outside The Road Right of Way For Utility Poles And Guy Wires, And Temporary Construction Easement, To the County of Ocean From A Portion of Lot 1, Block 415 (James Street)

Mayor Coles opened the meeting to the public.

Seeing no comments offered, Mayor Coles closed the meeting to the public.

Mayor Coles asked for a motion to adopt ordinance 2021-030.

Motion by Committeeman Akerman
Seconded by Committeeman Lichtenstein

On Roll Call:

Affirmative: Committeeman Akerman, Committeeman D'Elia, Committeeman Lichtenstein, Deputy Mayor Miller and Mayor Coles.

Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

Ordinance 2021-030 was adopted after public hearing and second reading.

Clerk Kirkman read the following Ordinance by title only:

2021-032 An Ordinance of The Township of Lakewood, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey Amending and Supplementing Chapter XI Entitled "Traffic" of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Lakewood, Specifically Section 11-23 ("Turn Prohibitions") And Section 11-37 ("Control For Movement And The Parking of Traffic on Public And Private Property").

Mayor Coles opened the meeting to the public.

Seeing no comments offered, Mayor Coles closed the meeting to the public.

Mayor Coles asked for a motion to adopt ordinance 2021-032.

Motion by Committeeman D'Elia
Seconded by Committeeman Akerman

On Roll Call:

Affirmative: Committeeman Akerman, Committeeman D'Elia, Committeeman Lichtenstein,
Deputy Mayor Miller and Mayor Coles.

Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

Ordinance 2021-032 was adopted after public hearing and second reading.

CORRESPONDENCE- None

MOTION TO APPROVE BILL LIST: Dated May 5, 2021.

Mayor Coles asked for a motion to approve the bills list of May 5, 2021.

Motion by Deputy Mayor Miller
Second by Committeeman D'Elia

On Roll Call:

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

Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

Bill List of May 5, 2021 was approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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Mayor Coles opened the meeting to the public:

Seeing no one on line who wished to make a comment, Mayor Coles read the following emailed comments:

From: Yossi Tauber

Subject: [External] Finchley Blvd/Route 9. Right turning lane from Finchley to Route 9

Hello. I know there are some plans for this intersection But I'm requesting if it's possible for until the plan happens, to mark Finchley with turning lanes, it would greatly improve flow of traffic. since it currently takes approximately 5 to 15 minutes at rush hour to make a left turn from Finchley onto Route 9, and that delays all cars that want to make a right turn. Also in reaction it backs up the traffic on Finchley. Please let me know if you would need any pictures or measurements of the street.

Thank you

Joseph Tauber 108 Clairmont ct Lakewood NJ 08701

And other residents

Mayor Coles indicated he would pass the message onto the State as the Township waited for the traffic light to be installed.

From: Jack Gross

Subject: [External] Brook & Ridge

Hi,

I'm jack gross reside @999 ridge ave.

The entire neighborhood is up in arms that the township committee asked the county & police traffic to put in stop signs or a traffic signal. there's only one hour of hold up on brook road. Why would the township steal & rob thousands of hours & ten of thousands of people traveling straight from ridge & seventh st. All that's needed is no parking within 30 feet of stop signs. Which township members asked the township engineer to ask the county engineer to put up a 4 way stop sign. this will create traffic for miles & miles & steal & rob thousands of hours of people's time The traffic will be backed up until New Hampshire Are tax payers & neighbors so

irreverent that the Police decide without fully thinking it thru. It seems we have an irresponsible Police department they get gas guzzling SUV on tax payer dollars instead of getting a ford or chevy like other Police departments & than they steal out time not only our tax dollars. Why is Lakewood being know as a Banana republic where the wishes of tax payers are ignored. Could every committee member respond how we can stop this insanity. i really appreciate all the committee does on behalf of Lakewood residents

Mayor Coles noted that the traffic light was needed and will make a positive improvement to the area.

Seeing no other comments, Mayor Coles closed the meeting to the public.

COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS –

Committeeman D’Elia had no comments.

Committeeman Akerman had no comments.

Committeeman Lichtenstein had no comments.

Deputy Mayor Miller had no comments.

Mayor Coles had no comments.

CLOSED SESSION: Attorney Secare indicated there was no need for executive session.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Committeeman D’Elia, second by Deputy Mayor Miller, with all in favor to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 5:47 PM.

Lauren Kirkman, RMC, CMR
Township Clerk