

The Lakewood Township Committee held a Meeting on Thursday, October 25, 2012, in the Lakewood Municipal Building, at 5:30 PM for the Executive/Workshop Session, and 7:30 PM for the Public Meeting, with the following present:

Mayor..... Menashe P. Miller
Deputy Mayor..... Albert D. Akerman
Committee Members..... Raymond Coles
Meir Lichtenstein
Steven Langert
Municipal Manager..... Michael Muscillo
Deputy Municipal Manager..... Steven Reinman
Municipal Attorney..... Michael DiCicco, 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 October 19, 2012.

ROLL CALL

CLOSED SESSION

Resolution No. 2012-386 - Adopted

ROLL CALL

SALUTE TO THE FLAG AND PRAYER

OPEN SESSION

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

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF: 10/11/12

Motion by Committeeman Langert, second by Deputy Mayor Akerman, and carried, to approve the above Minutes.
Committeeman Coles did not vote.

MOTION TO APPROVE CLOSED SESSION MINUTES: 10/11/12

Motion by Committeeman Langert, second by Committeeman Lichtenstein, and carried, to approve the above Closed Session Minutes.
Committeeman Coles did not vote.

PRESENTATIONS - None

ORDINANCES FOR DISCUSSION - None

QUALITY OF LIFE

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

With regard to the street light survey from Ridgeway to Neiman, and Drake Road, from Neiman to White Road, Chief Lawson advised this has been completed.

With regard to the bridge lighting between North and South Lake Drives, Mayor Miller was to submit a copy of 2005 Capital Improvement items on this issue where John Franklin put together a lighting plan.

With regard to the left turning signal at East End and East County Line Road, Mr. Staiger responded there is not enough room for an additional lane, but the County is looking at making changes to the timing of the light to accommodate the amount of vehicles coming out of East End.

Committeeman Lichtenstein requested that they continue to make sure that on weekends, on Saturdays, that light is not a pedestrian request light, but that it actually changes.

With regard to the brush that hangs over the fence by the cemetery on Route 9 and Courtney Road, Mr. Saccamanno responded that they did clean up but they were told that they had to do more. They are awaiting direction from the Board of Directors of the cemetery.

Mayor Miller asked Mr. Saccamanno to follow up on this matter.

Quality of Life Comments from Committee Members:

Committeeman Lichtenstein advised that at the corner of Kennedy Boulevard and Route 9, there are two banks that face each other. People who want to go eastbound on Kennedy end up trying to make a left out of the bank. It is very complicated because they are actually turning into those three lanes of traffic that are heading westbound. He asked that they look into painting the white boxes at this intersection; he does not know if they can do that without talking to the State, because it is an intersection of a state and county highway. It would be an easy fix that would avoid a lot of traffic accidents. He asked that Mr. Staiger and Chief Lawson look into this matter.

Committeeman Lichtenstein asked Chief Lawson to look at the movement of traffic heading westbound from Ridge Avenue to Park Avenue at Seventh Street.....the intersection of Nowlan and Seventh has become a very busy intersection with the recent

development. He asked that they put out the radar board to remind people to slow down, and perhaps a four-way stop sign would be in order.

Committeeman Lichtenstein advised that Public Works did an excellent job in Westgate, where they were asked to go out and paint some areas and highlight some pedestrian crossings. At the corner of Rodden and Hillside, there is a synagogue that is painted yellow that was marked for No Stopping or Standing. The Committee did not request it, and the community did not request it. It may have been done in error, and may have to be reversed because parking in that area is at a premium.

Committeeman Lichtenstein advised Mr. Saccamanno that at the corner of North Apple and County Line Road, there is a home that has brush that is growing into the Township right-of-way, making it difficult for the people who are walking up and down County Line Road to get by. The only way they can get by it is by actually stepping into the lane of traffic. He requested that the overgrowth be removed.

Mr. Saccamanno advised that summonses have been issued at this location.

Committeeman Lichtenstein asked that copies of those summonses be forwarded to the Mayor's office.

Committeeman Langert advised that a few months ago he had asked the Engineer and Police to look at the possibility of extending the turning lane on Central Avenue, eastbound from Sunset, Davis, Kimball, towards Route 9, because people are stacking up in the shoulder. People are driving on the shoulder from as far west as Sunset Road. He requested that they ask the County and State to see what can be done to extend the turning lane.

Committeeman Langert advised that there was a traffic survey done with regard to the traffic movement on Caranetta Drive. He does not recall what the outcome was, but given what is happening on Caranetta in the mornings, he is wondering if they can revisit the issue.

Mayor Miller responded that the survey was for a one-way designation, and the residents did not want it.

Committeeman Langert advised the traffic stacks up, and is a dangerous situation. He asked that the Chief revisit the issue and come back with some recommendations.

Mayor Miller responded that if it is something that the residents want, they will do it. He is not looking to inconvenience the neighborhood.

Chief Lawson responded that they did take a look at it, and Traffic & Safety studied it, and they did make a recommendation to do it, but when they surveyed the residents, half of them wanted it and half did not want it.

Deputy Mayor Akerman advised that at Cross Street and New Egypt Road, a County intersection, the light stays red for a very long time if you are on Cross Street. He asked Mr. Staiger to look into this matter.

Mayor Miller advised that at Route 9 and Prospect Street, in the evening hours, if you are on Prospect, it takes three minutes until the light changes. He asked Mr. Staiger to look into this matter.

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 Miller opened the meeting to the public.

David Drukaroff, 1433 Laurelwood Avenue – Commented on a newspaper article in the New York Times.

Noreen Gill, 192 Coventry Drive – Complained about traffic problems at the intersection of Squankum Road and Kennedy Boulevard East, where traffic blocks the intersection.

Mayor Miller asked Mr. Staiger to look into this matter. Signs should be installed that the traffic should not block the intersection.

Larry Simons, 7 Schoolhouse Court – Asked about the Township’s policy for background checks when they hire employees.

Mr. Muscillo advised that the Police do an extensive background check on their employees; with regard to most other employees, a DMV check is done and a general background check is performed.

Mr. Simons asked if this applies to current hires, or is there a check for current employees for the past five years.

Mr. Muscillo responded he will check with the Labor Attorney.

Gerry Ballwanz, Governors Road – Commented on the Resolution concerning Supplemental Downtown Parking Phase IV.

Mr. Pietrowsky, 23 Tuscany Drive – Owns property at 30 Gudz Road. On January 25th, he witnessed a tractor excavating the property, ripping down his fence, digging up his basketball court and property. He called the Police Department, Inspection Department and Engineering Department, wherein he requested a Stop Work Order.

Mayor Miller requested that he meet with Mr. DiCicco to try to resolve the problems.

Mr. Staiger and Ally Morris, together with Mr. DiCicco, will meet with him after the meeting.

Seeing no one else wishing to be heard, Mayor Miller 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 releasing the Maintenance Guarantee posted by Somerset Vine LLC, ZB# 3609aaa (Major Subdivision – Pine Street and Vine Avenue), Block 778.02, Lots 20 and 21; Block 779, Lots 1, and 2; Block 780, Lots 1, and 2; and Block 781, Lot 1.
Resolution No. 2012-387**
- 2. Amended Resolution awarding a Contract to Earle Asphalt relative to Davis Road, Sunset Road, and Myrtle Place reconstruction, curb and sidewalk repair pursuant to and in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.
Resolution No. 2012-388**
- 3. Resolution authorizing a Refund of Taxes for 2012, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.30 et seq., in the amount of \$369.91.
Resolution No. 2012-389**
- 4. Resolution authorizing Refund of Taxes on Mother Lot due to Subdivision, in the amount of \$994.26.
Resolution No. 2012-390**
- 5. Resolution authorizing a Refund based on a 2012 County Board Judgment.
Resolution No. 2012-391**

6. **Resolution authorizing a Refund based on a 2011 County Board Judgment, in the amount of \$32,168.27.
Resolution No. 2012-392**
7. **Resolution authorizing the Governing Body of the Local Unit to execute and renew the Indemnity and Trust Agreement with Central Jersey Health Insurance Fund.
Resolution No. 2012-393**
8. **Resolution authorizing the Insertion of a Special Item of Revenue into the 2012 Municipal Budget, for funding under the Clean Communities Grant, in the amount of \$88,208.12. (Chap. 159 – Clean Communities Grant)
Resolution No. 2012-394**
9. **Resolution authorizing the Insertion of a special Item of Revenue into the 2012 Municipal budget, for funding from UEZ 2013-1 Funds, Supplemental Downtown Parking Phase IV., in the amount of \$200,000.00. (Chap. 159 – UEZ – Downtown Parking Phase IV)
Resolution No. 2012-395**
10. **Resolution authorizing and ratifying the Award of a Professional Services Contract to Starmark Appraisals for an appraisal of Blocks 824, 824.01, 825, 853, 1.05, Block 829, Lot 1, and Block 524.28, Lot 73.01
Resolution No. 2012-396**

Motion by Committeeman Langert, second by Committeeman Coles, to approve Resolution Nos. 1 through 10 on the Consent Agenda.

Committeeman Langert requested that the Township Clerk correct the language contained in Resolution No. 9.

On Roll Call – Affirmative: Committeeman Coles, Committeeman Lichtenstein, Committeeman Langert, Deputy Mayor Akerman and Mayor Miller.

Resolution Nos. 2012-387 through 2012-396 – Adopted.

Pete Johner, JCP&L was present at the meeting. Mayor Miller advised that if anyone has any questions for JCP&L, to please meet with Mr. Johner outside of the meeting.

Mr. Johner advised that JCP&L is preparing for the storm. They are looking at a magnitude of severity with this storm, and they are tracking several models. They believe there will be a full impact in New Jersey; they are seeing anywhere from 65 to 80 mile per hour sustained winds, to 100 mile per hour gusts, which could cause severe damage. They have sent out a press release giving some tips as to how people should prepare for the storm.

At this time, the professionals left the meeting.

ORDINANCE SECOND READING

Bond Ordinance of the Township of Lakewood, in the County of Ocean, New Jersey, Providing for Various Capital Improvements and other Related Expenses in and for the Township of Lakewood and appropriating \$3,168,000.00 therefore, and providing for the Issuance of \$3,017,135.00 in General Improvement Bonds or Notes of the Township of Lakewood to Finance the same.

Read by title only for second reading.

Mayor Miller opened the meeting to the public.

Gerry Ballwanz, Governors Road – Stated some of the streets involved are in developments.

Committeeman Lichtenstein explained the areas where they are considering installing sidewalks.

Mrs. Ballwanz asked if the homeowners will be assessed for the sidewalk installations.

Committeeman Lichtenstein responded that the Committee made the decision that the homeowners will not be assessed for the sidewalk installations, because they did not feel that it would increase the value of their homes by that much, if at all, and they did not request it. The Township is doing it more as a pedestrian connection for people living on either ends of the sidewalk areas.

Carol Murray, 49 and 51 Drake Road – Advised that a group of property owners on Drake Road were present, who are country and environmental people. They love nature and live with it. They are upset at the idea that curbs and sidewalks are proposed for their area. They have wonderful shade trees, over one hundred years old, and they are afraid will be destroyed for a little strip of concrete. Spoke in opposition to the installation of curbs and sidewalks in this neighborhood.

Charles Royal, 58 Drake Road – Spoke in opposition to the installation of curbs and sidewalks in his neighborhood.

Brian Flannery, Atlantic Avenue – Lives in the Drake Road area, and spoke in opposition to the installation of curbs and sidewalks in this neighborhood.

Committeeman Coles suggested that they strike Drake Road from the list of streets for curbs and sidewalks.

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 Coles, second by Committeeman Lichtenstein, and to strike Drake Road from the list of streets being considered for the installation of curbs and sidewalks.

On Roll Call – Affirmative: Committeeman Coles, Committeeman Lichtenstein, Committeeman Langert, Deputy Mayor Akerman and Mayor Miller.

Ordinance No. 2012-60 adopted on second reading.

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 1022, Lot 5, plus additional consideration, and the Township of Lakewood to convey Block 463, Lot 2, as part of an Exchange of Lands pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12-16.

Read by title only for second reading.

Mayor Miller 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 Coles, second by Committeeman Lichtenstein.

On Roll Call – Affirmative: Committeeman Coles, Committeeman Lichtenstein, Deputy Mayor Akerman and Mayor Miller.

Not Voting: Committeeman Langert

Ordinance No. 2012-61 adopted on second reading.

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 1159.03, Lot 23, plus additional consideration, and the Township of Lakewood to convey Block 11, Lot 12, as part of an Exchange of lands pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12-16.

Read by title only for second reading.

Mayor Miller 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 Coles, second by Committeeman Lichtenstein.

On Roll Call – Affirmative: Committeeman Coles, Committeeman Lichtenstein, Deputy Mayor Akerman and Mayor Miller.

Not Voting: Committeeman Langert

Ordinance No. 2012-62 adopted on second reading.

ORDINANCE FIRST READING (Second reading and Public Hearing 11/08/12)

Ordinance of the Township of Lakewood, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, Authorizing the Public Sale of Lots 1, and 3 in Block 1006, and Lots 1, and 3 in Block 1007, 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.

The above Ordinance was offered by Committeeman Langert, second by Committeeman Coles.

On Roll Call – Affirmative: Committeeman Coles, Committeeman Lichtenstein, Committeeman Langert, Deputy Mayor Akerman and Mayor Miller.

Ordinance No. 2012-63 adopted on first reading. Second reading and public hearing to be held on November 8, 2012.

CORRESPONDENCE

Per list of one (1) correspondence item, attached hereto and made a part hereof.

PARKS AND EVENTS CORRESPONDENCE

Per schedule of one (1) picnic/event request, attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Motion by Committeeman Lichtenstein, second by Committeeman Langert, and carried, to approve the above correspondence items.

MOTION TO APPROVE BILL LIST OF: 10/23/12

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

On Roll Call – Affirmative: Committeeman Coles, Committeeman Lichtenstein, Committeeman Langert, Deputy Mayor Akerman and Mayor Miller.

Bill List approved.

COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS - None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Committeeman Coles, second by Committeeman Lichtenstein, and carried, to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:32 PM.