

The Lakewood Township Committee held a Virtual Meeting on May 21, 2020 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, 2020 and updated on May 18, 2020. The meeting as advertised was broadcast live through Townhall Streams and the public was invited to participate through comments@lakewoodnj.gov throughout the committee meeting.

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 23, 2020 and Special Meeting of MAY 4, 2020.

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.

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion carried to approve minutes.

2020 Budgetary Items

2020 Public Hearing on the Budget:

Mayor Coles opened the meeting to the public. **Comments from the public were able to be submitted through comments@lakewoodnj.gov, throughout the meeting.**

Seeing no comments submitted through comments@lakewoodnj.gov, Mayor Coles closed the meeting to the public.

2020-198 Amendment to the 2020 Municipal Budget **Comments from the public were able to be submitted through comments@lakewoodnj.gov, throughout the meeting.**

Mayor Coles opened the meeting to the public for a public hearing on the amendment.

Seeing no comments submitted through comments@lakewoodnj.gov, Mayor Coles closed the meeting to the public.

Mayor Coles Requested a motion to adopt Resolution 2020-198 Amendment to the 2020 Municipal Budget.

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

2020-181 2020 Budget Adoption

Mayor Coles asked for a motion to adopt the 2020 Municipal Budget.

Motion by Committeeman Lichtenstein
Seconded by Committeeman D'Elia

On Roll Call:

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

Nays: Committeeman Akerman

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion carried to adopt the 2020 Budget.

Clerk Kirkman read the following resolution by title:

2020-199 Resolution Of The Township Of Lakewood, County Of Ocean, State Of New Jersey, Authorizing The Insertion Of A Special Item Of Revenue Into The 2020 Municipal Budget For Funding Under The U.S. Dept. Of Housing And Urban Development, Community Development Block Grant Program

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.

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion carried to adopt Resolution 2020-199.

Mayor Coles noted that the Emergency Temporary Budget Resolution was being struck from the agenda as it was no longer needed since the Budget was adopted.

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 2020-190 through 2020-197.

Motion by Committeeman Lichtenstein
Seconded by Committeeman Akerman

On Roll Call:

Affirmative: Committeeman Akerman, Committeeman D'Elia, Committeeman Lichtenstein (on all resolution except 2020-191), Deputy Mayor Miller and Mayor Coles.

Nays: None

Abstain: Committeeman Lichtenstein (on 2020-191 only)

Absent: None

Motion Carried to adopt the consent agenda.

2020-0190 Resolution Of The Township Of Lakewood, County Of Ocean,

State Of New Jersey, Releasing The Maintenance Guarantee Posted By Lev Avoth Foundation, Inc. In Connection With SP #2064 (Iris Road), Block 19, Lot 4

2020-0191 Resolution Of The Township Of Lakewood, County Of Ocean, State Of New Jersey, Releasing The Maintenance Guarantee Posted By Manetta Holdings, LLC., In Connection With ZB #3897A (Manetta Avenue), Block 243, Lots 34, 35, 36 And 38

2020-0192 Resolution Of The Township Of Lakewood, County Of Ocean, State Of New Jersey, Reducing The Performance Guarantee (First Reduction) Posted By Brook Crossings, LLC., In Connection With SD# 2063 (East County Line & Brook Road), For Block 175.02, Lot 1.01

2020-0193 Resolution Of The Township Of Lakewood, County Of Ocean, State Of New Jersey, Reducing The Performance Guarantee (First Reduction) Posted By Birchas Yaakov, In Connection With SP #2173 (Ridge Avenue), For Block 186.03, Lot 1.07, 1.09 And 1.10

2020-0195 Resolution Of The Township Of Lakewood, County Of Ocean, State Of New Jersey, Releasing The Maintenance Guarantee Posted By Tal Spruce, LLC. In Connection With SD #1923 (Spruce Street), Block 782, Lots 5 And 6

2020-0194 Resolution Of The Township Committee Of The Township Of Lakewood, County Of Ocean, State Of New Jersey Requesting A Consolidation Of Block 12.04, Lot 20 And Block 12.01, Lot 14 (Ponderosa Dr.)

2020-0196 Resolution Of The Township Of Lakewood, County Of Ocean, State Of New Jersey, Authorizing The Bid Award For Vermont Avenue Extension – Route 70 Off-Ramp To Chestnut Street To Earle Asphalt Company, Pursuant To And In Accordance With N.J.S.A. 40a:11-1 Et Seq.

2020-0197 Resolution Of The Township Of Lakewood, County Of Ocean, State Of New Jersey, In Support Of The Federal Bipartisan, Bicameral Smart Act

Committeeman Lichtenstein returned to the meeting at 5:39 p.m.

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING-

Clerk Kirkman read the following Ordinance by title only:

2020-015 Ordinance Of The Township Of Lakewood, County Of Ocean, State Of New Jersey, Authorizing The Public Sale Of Block 175.02 Lot 83 In The Township Of Lakewood, County Of Ocean, State Of New Jersey, By A Sealed Bid Public Sale Pursuant To N.J.S.A. 40a:12-1 Et Seq (County Line Road/Clayton)

Mayor Coles asked for a motion to introduce ordinance 2020-015.

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 2020-15 with a public hearing on June 11, 2020.

Clerk Kirkman read the following Ordinance by title only:

2020-016 An 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 To Local Property Taxes To Hal Stickel Inc., D/B/A Stickel Packaging Supply, Llc And Crete Holdings, L.L.C. For Facilities Located At Block 1609, Lot 34, And Authorizing The Mayor And Township Clerk To Execute Any And All Documents Necessary And Proper To Enter Into A Tax Abatement Agreement. (Rutgers Univ. Blvd)

Mayor Coles asked for a motion to introduce ordinance 2020-016.

Motion by Committeeman Lichtenstein
Seconded by Committeeman Mike 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

Motion Carried to introduce Ordinance 2020-16 with a public hearing on June 11, 2020.

Clerk Kirkman read the following Ordinance by title only:

2020-017 An Ordinance Of The Township Of Lakewood, County Of Ocean, State Of New Jersey, Granting And Accepting A Cross Access Easement With Spruce Care, Llc For The Purpose Of Providing Cross Access And Parking Between A Portion Of Township Owned Block 855.01 Lot 17 And A Portion Of Spruce Care's Block 855.01 Lots 26 & 29 On The Tax Map Of Lakewood Township, Ocean County, New Jersey.

Mayor Coles asked for a motion to introduce ordinance 2020-017.

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.

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried to introduce Ordinance 2020-17 with a public hearing on June 11, 2020.

SECOND READING ORDINANCES:

None

CORRESPONDENCE- None

MOTION TO APPROVE BILL LIST: Dated May 19, 2020.

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

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

Absent: None

Bill List of May 19, 2020 were approved.

Public Comment:

Mayor Coles indicated a message had come into the Township on the budget: Mayor Coles read the below comment into the record.

Yitzchak Goldsmith, 87 Finchley Boulevard Lakewood, why are you giving millions of dollars to NON mandated services to the public school when you are raising taxes beyond even the 2% cap! I have to pay for any non-mandated services and now I am paying twice for others. They mismanaged the money. They asked for \$1.3 million last year for sports and didn't even use \$500k of it!. They just rolled it into this years budget. So either they are mismanaged or lied to have extra so they don't have to officially ask twice. With all the building in town, why are you keep raising taxes? Our tax bills are getting worse and worse each year and is becoming affordable for us the taxpayers.

Mayor Coles explained that the municipality had put a lot of work into the budget and that they had done their best. Mayor Coles that a considerable amount of the expenses was for emergency services and the Township had been running lean.

COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS –

Committeeman Akerman had no comment.

Committeeman D’Elia had no comment.

Committeeman Lichtenstein had no comment.

Deputy Mayor Miller had no comment.

Mayor Coles announced that the Township had cancelled the rabies clinic in June as well as the Fireworks for 4th of July and the National Night Out fireworks. Mayor Coles noted that the Committee had not been face to face in 2 months. Mayor Coles commented that the Memorial Day Parade had been cancelled as well.

Mayor Coles noted that there were no comments from the public in queue at comments@lakewoodnj.gov.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Comments from the public were able to be submitted through comments@lakewoodnj.gov, throughout the meeting.

Mayor Coles opened the meeting to the public and noted the Township did not receive any comments.

Mayor Coles confirmed there were no messages sent in.

Mayor Coles seeing no messages being submitted, closed the meeting to the public.

CLOSED SESSION: None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Committeeman D’Elia, second by Committeeman Lichtenstein, with all in favor to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 5:48 PM.

Lauren Kirkman, RMC, CMR
Township Clerk