

The Lakewood Township Committee held a Meeting on May 9, 2019 in the Lakewood Municipal Building, at 6:00 PM for the Public Meeting, with the following present:

- Mayor.....Raymond Coles
- Deputy Mayor.....Menashe P. Miller
- Committee Members..... Meir Lichtenstein
Albert D. Akerman
Michael D’Elia
- Municipal Manager.....Patrick Donnelly
- Municipal Attorney.....Steve Secare, Esq. & Harold Hensel, 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 5, 2019 and revised via email on March 27, 2019.

ROLL CALL

CLOSED SESSION

Resolution 2019-195 Approved.

ROLL CALL –Present: Mayor Coles, Deputy Mayor Miller
Committeeman D’Elia

Absent: Committeeman Lichtenstein, Committeeman Akerman and
Steven Secare Esq.

Also Present: Margret Stazko from the Finance Office and Kevin Frenia,
Township Auditor

SALUTE TO THE FLAG AND PRAYER

OPEN SESSION: Motion by Committeeman D’Elia, second by Deputy Mayor Miller, with all in favor, to enter open session at 6:00PM.

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE AND WORKSHOP SESSION OF April 17, 2019- Motion by Committeeman D’Elia, second by Deputy Mayor Miller, with all in favor to approve the above minutes.

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION OF APRIL 17, 2019– Motion by Committeeman D’Elia, second by Deputy Mayor Miller, with all in favor to approve the above minutes.

PUBLIC LAND SALE - None

PRESENTATIONS - None

BUDGETARY ITEMS

1. Resolution Of The Township Of Lakewood, County Of Ocean, Authorizing The 2019 Local Municipal Budget To Be Read By Title Only

Motion by Committeeman D'Elia, second by Deputy Mayor Miller, to approve the above resolution.

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

Resolution 2019- 196 adopted.

2. 2019 Municipal Budget-

Kathryn Hutchinson, Township Clerk read the title of the proposed budget

The Mayor opened to the public for discussion on the 2019 Municipal Budget.

Shlomi Klein (189 Chateau Drive) – Mr. Klein commented on the lack of people in the audience on the day set for the adoption of the 2019 budget. He also asked why there would be a tax increase to the property owners in Lakewood when there is a proposed surplus of 90 million dollars. The Mayor deferred to Kevin Frenia, Township Auditor for clarification. Mr. Frenia explained that the surplus for 2019 would be the same as the surplus from 2018. A conversation ensued regarding the tax dollars being spent for 2019. Mr. Frenia stated that the budget would be increasing by five million dollars. Mayor Coles stated that the increase in the budget if also used to fund the schools and county taxes. He further stated that some of the expenses incurred this year will not be part of the 2020 budget such as 13 new police officers(amounts will be less in 2020 budget) as well as a third shift in Public Works.

Dana Kermit – Mr. Kermit was directed by the Mayor that at this time the only thing that could be discussed was the 2019 Municipal Budget adoption and that he would have a chance to speak later in the meeting.

Hearing no one else wishing to speak the Mayor closed the public portion.

The Mayor said that prior to adopting the 2019 Municipal Budget an amendment to said budget needs to be voted on. The Mayor directed the Municipal Clerk to read the title for the budget amendment resolution. The Township Clerk read the title as follows:

3. Resolution Of The Township Of Lakewood, County Of Ocean, State Of New Jersey, Amendment To The 2019 Municipal Budget

Motion by Committeeman D'Elia, second by Deputy Mayor Miller, to approve the above resolution.

The Mayor opened the meeting to the public for comment on the above stated resolution.

Shlomi Klein (189 Chateau Drive) Mr. Klein asked why an amendment was needed to adopt the budget. The Township Auditor, Kevin Frenia stated that the State required the Township to have the budget prepared when they petitioned the Local Finance Board via an application for a CAP waiver. He further explained that the amendment only moves certain items from inside the Cap to outside the CAP and vice versa as well as increase an expenditure by approximately 700 dollars for additional calculated interest on a bond note.

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

Resolution 2019-197 adopted.

Mayor Coles called for a motion on the adoption of the 2019 Municipal Budget.

Motion by Committeeman D'Elia, second by Deputy Mayor Miller, to approve the above resolution.

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

Resolution 2019- 140A adopted.

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.

Dana Kermits – Mr. Kermits expressed his concerns with the permits being issued for signs. Mr. Kermits further stated he was upset about certain comments that have been made regarding peoples sexual orientation. He also spoke about the issue he is having about getting a fence erected on his property.

Shlomi Klein, 189 Chateau Drive – Mr. Klein spoke on various items regarding the Township. The Mayor agreed that he would address this issue with sign permits by limiting the amount of permits or possibly repealing the ordinance that allows the signs. Mayor Coles then addressed the issue regarding comments about people's sexual orientation. He indicated that he is completely not in agreement with any speech that denigrates another way of life. The Mayor also addressed the fence issue and said that he would attempt to work with Mr. Kermits in seeing what could be done for his

situation. Mr. Kermit continued to mention the issues he was having regarding having letters sent to him by the inspections department regarding having his grass uncut.

Shlomi Klein (189 Chateau Drive) quantified his concern with the appointment of members to local boards within the township specifically members that are appointed that do not want sidewalks in Lakewood. Mayor Coles stated that sometimes sidewalk waivers are needed but that sidewalk installation is a primary concern for this township committee.

Seeing no one else approaching the podium, 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 Award Of A Contract To Serpico Pyrotechnics, LLC, And Establishing Traffic Regulations In Connection With Independence Day And National Night Out Fireworks Displays (**Resolution No.2019-198**)
2. Resolution Of The Township Of Lakewood, County Of Ocean, State Of New Jersey, Releasing The Maintenance Guarantee Posted By Cedarwood Hills Development, LLC., In Connection With SD #1926 (Cedarbridge Avenue), Block 1603, Lot 1.04 (**Resolution No.2019-199**)
3. Resolution Of The Township Of Lakewood, County Of Ocean, State Of New Jersey, Releasing The Maintenance Guarantee Posted by Sterling Acres, LLC. (Baron Builders) In Connection With SD #1961 (Sterling Avenue), Block 189.01 Lots 191, 194 and 195 (**Resolution No.2019-200**)
4. Resolution Of The Township Of Lakewood, County Of Ocean, State Of New Jersey, Releasing A Performance Guarantee Posted by 616 Hackett, LLC., In Connection With SD #2289AA (Hackett Street), Block 238, Lot 12 (**Resolution No.2019-201**)
5. Resolution Of The Township Of Lakewood, County Of Ocean, State Of New Jersey, Releasing A Performance Guarantee Posted By SNES Wadsworth, LLC., In Connection With SD #2199AO, (Bradhurst Avenue), Block 1028, Lots 2 and 3 (**Resolution No.2019-202**)
6. Resolution Of The Township Of Lakewood, County Of Ocean, State Of New Jersey, Authorizing A Refund Of Taxes On Parcel(s) No Longer Assessed (**Resolution No.2019-203**)

7. Resolution Of The Township Of Lakewood, County Of Ocean, State Of New Jersey, Accepting A Bid For Block 175 Lot 62 As A Result Of The Private Land Sale In The Township Of Lakewood, County Of Ocean, State Of New Jersey, Pursuant To N.J.S.A. 40A:12-1 Et Seq. **(Resolution No.2019-204)**
8. Resolution Of The Township Of Lakewood, County Of Ocean, State Of New Jersey, Authorizing A Shared Services Agreement With The County Of Ocean For Vermont Avenue And Locust Street Curbing And Sidewalk **(Resolution No.2019-205)**
9. Resolution Of The Township Of Lakewood, County Of Ocean, State Of New Jersey, Requesting New Jersey Department Of Transportation To Install Traffic Signals At Critical Intersection On Route 9 In Lakewood, New Jersey **(Resolution No.2019-206)**

Motion by Deputy Committeeman D'Elia, second by Deputy Mayor Miller, to approve the above Consent Agenda.

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

Resolutions 2019-198 through 2019-206 were approved.

ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING-None

CORRESPONDENCE- None

MOTION TO APPROVE BILL LIST: Dated May 7, 2019

Motion by Committeeman D'Elia, second by Deputy Mayor Miller, to approve the Bill List.

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

Bill List of May 7, 2019 approved.

COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS - None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Deputy Mayor Miller, second by Committeeman D'Elia, with all in favor to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 6:38PM.