

The 2016 Reorganization Meeting of the Lakewood Township Committee was held on Friday, January 1, 2016 at 10:00 AM in the Lakewood Municipal Building, with the following present:

Committee Members.....Albert D. Akerman
Raymond Coles
Michael J. D’Elia
Meir Lichtenstein
Menashe P. Miller
Municipal Manager..... Thomas L. Henshaw
Municipal Clerk.....Kathryn Cirulli

SALUTE TO THE FLAG – Led By: June D’Elia

NATIONAL ANTHEM – Sung By: Cantor Shua Kessin

INVOCATION – By: Rabbi Avi Schnall, Agudah Regional Director

PRAYER FOR ARMED SERVICE MEN & WOMEN
By: US Air Force Chaplain Lt. Colonel Walter Bean

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**OATH OF OFFICE TO TOWNSHIP COMMITTEEMEN: Meir Lichtenstein
Menashe P. Miller**

Administered by: Assemblyman Gary Schaer

The Oaths of Office shall be corrected to read.....for a term to expire December 31, 2018.

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION OF MAYOR

The Township Clerk asked for a Motion for nomination and election of Mayor for 2016.

Motion by Committeeman Lichtenstein, second by Committeeman D’Elia, to support Menashe P. Miller to be Mayor for 2016.

On Roll Call – Affirmative: Committeeman Akerman, Committeeman Coles, Committeeman D’Elia, and Committeeman Lichtenstein.

Motion carried.

OATH OF OFFICE TO MAYOR – Menashe P. Miller
Administered by: Senator Robert W. Singer

NOMINATIONS & ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

Mayor Miller asked for a nomination for Deputy Mayor for 2016.

Motion by Committeeman Coles, second by Committeeman D'Elia, nominating Albert D. Akerman as Deputy Mayor for 2016.

On Roll Call – Affirmative: Committeeman Coles, Committeeman D'Elia, Committeeman Lichtenstein and Mayor Miller.

Motion carried.

OATH OF OFFICE TO DEPUTY MAYOR – Albert D. Akerman
Administered by: Senator Robert W. Singer

PRESENTATION TO OUTGOING MAYOR – Albert D. Akerman

Mayor Miller presented outgoing Mayor, Albert D. Akerman, with a ceremonial gavel in appreciation of his service as Mayor in 2015.

Outgoing Mayor Akerman passed the gavel to incoming Mayor Miller.

Mayor Miller also presented Lt. Colonel Walter Bean with a plaque in appreciation of his service to Lakewood, and local communities, and the men and women overseas.

Mayor Miller introduced Senator Robert W. Singer, and asked that he offer his comments for the coming year.

Senator Singer offered best wishes to Mayor Miller and Deputy Mayor Akerman in the coming year. In these trying times, he is disturbed with what is happening in some of the surrounding communities concerning Lakewood, and some of the comments. He understands the other night there were 2,000 residents at a Planning Board Meeting to oppose an application. There is something happening that does not make sense to him. And he is very disturbed about it. He is asking this year that Mayor Miller convene a meeting with the surrounding Mayors, to bring them together to straighten out any misunderstandings. And he wants everyone to know that he stands with the Lakewood Committee, and he stands with anyone who wants to make sure that these misunderstanding are straightened out. And he is proud of his Jewish heritage, as they all are, and there is absolutely nothing wrong with anyone wanting to live anywhere in this country. And he will condemn anyone who says different. And we should all be proud of that, and that is what is great about this country. The President wants to welcome Syrians to come to this country, and he says how great it is. And locally, we have this issue where our neighbors do not want to welcome the Jewish people to their community. There is something wrong here. It is a tough task, but he will stand firmly with the Committee, and he appreciates the great job this Committee does, and he very proud to be part of Lakewood Township.

Mayor Miller stated he looks forward this year to standing in solidarity with him, and they will meet with the surrounding communities, and get the facts straight.

Mayor Miller introduced Assemblyman Gary Schaer and asked that he offer this comments for the coming year.

Assemblyman Schaer stated it was an extraordinary honor and privilege to be able swear in both Committeemen Lichtenstein and Miller. It is not often that one has the opportunity to come to Lakewood for official business. So often he comes to Lakewood for social reasons. Swearing and affirming in is a particular time within any government. It is a time to reaffirm what it is this country was based upon and stood for. Many years ago when this country was founded, it was founded amidst of revolution, and each and every year, or two or three years, governments throughout this state and nation affirm those basic democratic principles, where people are elected to represent as well as to lead. And it is toward that leading that he thanks Senator Singer for his kind words and leadership for many years in our state Senate, tackling issues which few others would approach, and doing so in such an extraordinary way. May God continue to bless this wonderful Committee structure, and continue to bless and direct the work of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor as they together seek to achieve not only their goals but the way in which they are achieved. May it be a blessing to us all. He thanked Mayor Miller for the privilege to be here.

APPOINTMENT OF TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY – STEVEN SECARE, ESQ.

Mayor Miller offered the appointment of Steven Secare, Esq., as Township Attorney for 2016.

Motion by Committeeman D’Elia, second by Committeeman Coles, to appoint Steven Secare, Esq., as Township Attorney for 2016.

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

Resolution No. 2016-1 – Adopted.

Mr. Secare stated that he is humbled and honored by this appointment. It is a privilege to represent Lakewood Township. He has been a lawyer for over forty years. Lakewood is his best job ever. It is challenging and is tough town to give legal advice to, but it is always rewarding. And he does appreciate the appointment.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 1) **RESOLUTION SETTING THE 2016 MEETING DATES OF THE LAKEWOOD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE**
Resolution No. 2016-2
- 2) **RESOLUTION SETTING THE 2016 MEETING DATES OF THE LAKEWOOD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF HEALTH**
Resolution No. 2016-3
- 3) **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TEMPORARY BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS FOR 2016**
Resolution No. 2016-4
- 4) **RESOLUTION DESIGNATING OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF LAKEWOOD**
Resolution No. 2016-5

- 5) **RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT TO AND AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF HOLMAN FRENIA ALLISON, P.C., AS TOWNSHIP AUDITOR**
Resolution No. 2016-6
- 6) **RESOLUTION SETTING INTEREST RATES ON TAX DELINQUENCIES AND DESIGNATING EFFIE PRESSLEY AS TAX SEARCHER**
Resolution No. 2016-7
- 7) **RESOLUTION IMPOSING YEAR END PENALTIES ON TAX ARREARAGES**
Resolution No. 2016-8
- 8) **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CANCELLATION OF TAX OVERPAYMENTS OR DELINQUENT AMOUNTS LESS THAN \$10.00**
Resolution No. 2016-9
- 9) **RESOLUTION APPOINTING KATHRYN CIRULLI AS LIQUOR LICENSE ADMINISTRATOR**
Resolution No. 2016-10
- 10) **RESOLUTION APPOINTING KATHRYN CIRULLI AS LIABILITY ASSESSMENT SEARCH OFFICER**
Resolution No. 2016-11
- 11) **RESOLUTION DESIGNATING BANKS AS DEPOSITORIES FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF LAKEWOOD**
Resolution No. 2016-12
- 12) **RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF LAKEWOOD.**
Resolution No. 2016-13
- 13) **RESOLUTION APPOINTING INSURANCE FUND COMMISSIONER – THOMAS L. HENSHAW**
Resolution No. 2016-14
- 14) **RESOLUTION APPOINTING ALTERNATE INSURANCE FUND COMMISSIONERS - MENASHE P. MILLER and MEIR LICHTENSTEIN**
Resolution No. 2016-15
- 15) **RESOLUTION APPOINTING DEPUTY COORDINATORS TO THE LAKEWOOD TOWNSHIP EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SERVICES - MICHAEL J. D'ELIA, DOV DEMBITZER, MOSHE EHRMAN, ISRAEL BURSZTYN (CERT), CAPT. GREGORY MEYER, MENASHE P. MILLER, MEIR LICHTENSTEIN, YISROEL SCHENKOLEWSKI AND SGT. FRANK WORK (1-YEAR TERM)**
Resolution No. 2016-16

- 16) **RESOLUTION APPOINTING OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT C.E.R.T. COORDINATOR – MOSHE EHRMAN (1-YEAR TERM)**
Resolution No. 2016-17
- 17) **RESOLUTION APPOINTING MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE – SCOTT J. BASEN, ESQ. (3-YEAR TERM)**
Resolution No. 2016-18
- 18) **RESOLUTION APPOINTING CONFLICT MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE – DANIEL F. SAHIN, ESQ. (1-YEAR TERM)**
Resolution No. 2016-19
- 19) **RESOLUTION APPOINTING SPECIAL II POLICE OFFICERS – DANIEL BARTOLOMEIS, JOSEPH CURRY JR., BRIAN GUZMAN AND STEVE WEXLER.**
Resolution No. 2016-20
- 20) **RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT TO AND AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF TOWNSHIP TAX APPEAL ATTORNEY - SALVATORE ALFIERI, ESQ.**
Resolution No. 2016-21
- 21) **RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT TO AND AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATE TOWNSHIP TAX APPEAL ATTORNEY - CHRISTOPHER W. ALGEO, ESQ.**
Resolution No. 2016-22
- 22) **RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT TO AND AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF PUBLIC DEFENDER - LEIB KLEIN, ESQ.**
Resolution No. 2016-23
- 23) **RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACTS TO AND AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF CONFLICT PUBLIC DEFENDERS – MICHAEL B. BERMAN, ESQ., SEAN D. GERTNER, ESQ., YEHUDAH L. GORDON, ESQ., TERRANCE L. TURNBACH, ESQ.**
Resolution No. 2016-24
- 24) **RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT TO AND AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF MUNICIPAL PROSECUTOR - ROBERT A. ROTHSTEIN, ESQ.**
Resolution No. 2016-25
- 25) **RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT TO AND AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF CONFLICT MUNICIPAL PROSECUTOR - JOSEPH D. GRISANTI, ESQ.**
Resolution No. 2016-26

- 26) **RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACTS TO AND AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATE MUNICIPAL PROSECUTORS - MICHAEL BURNS, ESQ. and REBECCA KOLAS, ESQ.
Resolution No. 2016-27**
- 27) **RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT TO AND AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL TOWNSHIP COUNSELS – JAN L. WOUTERS, ESQ. AND MICHAEL DICICCO, ESQ., AND BATHGATE, WEGENER AND WOLF; SECARE AND HENSEL; SEAN T. KEAN, ESQ., AND CLEARY, GIACOBBE, ALFIERI & JACOBS, LLC; DASTI, MURPHY, MCGUCKIN, ULAKY, KOUTSOURIS & CONNORS; AND GERTNER, MANDEL AND PESLAK, LLC
Resolution No. 2016-28**
- 28) **RESOLUTION AWARDING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACTS TO AND AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL TOWNSHIP COUNSELS – GEORGE R. GILMORE, ESQ., AND GILMORE & MONAHAN; AND GLUCK WALRATH, LLP
Resolution No. 2016-29**
- 29) **RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT TO AND AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR MEDIATION - MICHAEL B. BERMAN, ESQ.
Resolution No. 2016-30**
- 30) **RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT TO AND AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF TOWNSHIP LABOR ATTORNEY - STEVEN SECARE, ESQ., AND SECARE & HENSEL
Resolution No. 2016-31**
- 31) **RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT TO AND AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF ATTORNEY FOR THE LAKEWOOD INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION - SEAN T. KEAN, ESQ., OF CLEARY, GIACOBBE, ALFIERI & JACOBS, LLC
Resolution No. 2016-32**
- 32) **RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT TO AND AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF TOWNSHIP BOND COUNSEL - DILWORTH PAXSON LLP
Resolution No. 2016-33**
- 33) **RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT TO AND AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF AN ALTERNATE TOWNSHIP BOND COUNSEL – ARCHER GREINER, P.C.
Resolution No. 2016-34**
- 34) **RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT TO AND AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF TOWNSHIP PLANNER - T & M ASSOCIATES
Resolution No. 2016-35**

- 35) **RESOLUTION APPOINTING A REPRESENTATIVE TO THE COUNTY HOUSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE - REHABCO**
Resolution No. 2016-36
- 36) **RESOLUTION APPOINTING A TOWNSHIP REPRESENTATIVE TO THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT SELECTION COMMITTEE - ERVIN OROSS**
Resolution No. 2016-37
- 37) **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TAX ASSESSOR AND DEPUTY TAX ASSESSORS TO ACT AS AGENTS OF THE TOWNSHIP FOR TAX APPEALS**
Resolution No. 2016-38
- 38) **RESOLUTION APPOINTING A LAKEWOOD PUBLIC AGENCY COMPLIANCE OFFICER – KATHRYN CIRULLI**
Resolution No. 2016-39
- 39) **RESOLUTION AWARDED CONTRACT AND AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF STARMARK APPRAISALS FOR APPRAISAL SERVICES**
Resolution No. 2016-40
- 40) **RESOLUTION AWARDED CONTRACT AND AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF APPRAISAL SYSTEMS, INC., FOR APPRAISAL SERVICES**
Resolution No. 2016-41
- 41) **RESOLUTION APPOINTING REMINGTON, VERNICK & VENA ENGINEERS TO THE POSITION OF TEMPORARY TOWNSHIP ENGINEER**
Resolution No. 2016-42
- 42) **RESOLUTION APPOINTING KATHRYN CIRULLI AS MUNICIPAL HOUSING LIAISON, FOR A ONE (1) YEAR TERM**
Resolution No. 2016-43
- 43) **RESOLUTION AWARDED A CONTRACT TO AND AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF SEAN D. GERTNER, ESQ., AS SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR THE LAKEWOOD RENT CONTROL BOARD**
Resolution No. 2016-44
- 44) **RESOLUTION AWARDED A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT FOR ENGINEERING AND CONSULTING SERVICES AT LAKEWOOD AIRPORT – DY CONSULTANTS**
Resolution No. 2016-45
- 45) **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO DATAMAP INTELLIGENCE, LLC FOR POLICE GIS ROAD MAP MAINTENANCE**
Resolution No. 2016-46

Motion by Committeeman Coles, second by Committeeman Deputy Mayor Akerman, to approve Resolution Nos. 1 through 45 on the Consent Agenda.

On Roll Call – Affirmative: Committeeman Coles, Committeeman Lichtenstein (abstained on Resolution Nos. 24 and 26), Committeeman D’Elia, Deputy Mayor Akerman and Mayor Miller.

Resolution Nos. 2016-1 through 2016-46 - Adopted.

At this time, Mayor Miller announced the Township Committee Liaison assignments for 2016.

2016 MAYOR'S LIAISON APPOINTMENTS

MENASHE P. MILLER

AIRPORT
ADVERTISING AND CIVIC DISPLAY
BOARD OF HEALTH
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANTS
COMPLETE TOWN COMMITTEE
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
REGISTRAR
SHADE TREE COMMISSION
TOWNSHIP CLERK
TRANSPORTATION
VETERANS ADVISORY COMMISSION

ALBERT D. AKERMAN

BUDGET MANAGEMENT
COMMUNITY CENTER
ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT
INSPECTION DEPARTMENT
LAKEWOOD DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
MAYOR'S COUNCIL OF PRESIDENTS OF ADULT COMMUNITIES
PARKS AND RECREATION/SPECIAL EVENTS
PLANNING BOARD
PUBLIC RELATIONS
TAX ASSESSOR

RAYMOND COLES

ADA COMPLIANCE & DISABILITIES
CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANTS
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
HERITAGE COMMISSION
HOUSING AUTHORITY
LAKEWOOD DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE
MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY
SOCIAL SERVICE AGENCIES
TOURISM ADVISORY BOARD

MEIR LICHTENSTEIN

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
FIRST AID & EMT
MAYOR'S COUNCIL OF PRESIDENTS OF ADULT COMMUNITIES
MUNICIPAL COURT
PLANNING DEPARTMENT
POLICE COMMISSIONER
STREET LIGHTING
TOWNSHIP EMERGENCY SERVICES
UTILITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MICHAEL J. D'ELIA

BUDGET MANAGEMENT
CABLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
FINANCE DEPARTMENT
FIRE DEPARTMENT
INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION
LEGAL DEPARTMENT
RENT CONTROL BOARD
SPECIAL COMMUNITY EVENTS
TAX COLLECTOR
ZONING BOARD

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

ADA Compliance Committee and Disabilities Commission: (Liaison -Raymond Coles)
Committeeman Coles offered the following appointments: Thomas Barry, Jean Hannon, William Sette, as Alternates, each for a one year term; Dov Kreiswirth, Joan Lorenc, each for a one year term; Roslyn Baer, Linda Halm, Thomas Lorenc and Hannah Havens, each for a two year term; and a Vacant Seat with a two year term. (As to the Vacant Seat, Committeeman Coles asked that anyone who is interested in serving, to please contact the Manager's Office.)

Board of Health: (Liaison – Menashe P. Miller)

Mayor Miller offered the following appointments: Albert D. Akerman, Raymond Coles, Michael J. D'Elia, Meir Lichtenstein, Menashe P. Miller and Dr. Hillel Peltz, each for a one year term.

CDBG Selection Committee: (Liaison - Menashe P. Miller/Raymond Coles)

Committeeman Coles offered the following appointments: Yosef Shafer, Joseph DiMattina, Nathan Eisen, Osher Perlow, Eli Rennert, Robert W. Singer and Bruce Stern, each for a one year term.

Civil Rights Commission: (Liaison - Raymond Coles)

Committeeman Coles offered the following appointments: Joseph Mutterperl, for a four year term; Vacant Seat with an unexpired term to expire December 31, 2016; Vacant Seat with an unexpired term to expire December 31, 2016. As to the Vacant Seats, Committeeman Coles asked that if anyone is interested in serving, to please contact the Manager's Office)

Emergency Planning Council: (Liaison - Meir Lichtenstein)

Committeeman Lichtenstein offered the following appointments: Morty Berger, Mark Berkowitz, Alvin Burdige (DPW), Leon Bursztyn, Crystal Van de Zilver (EMS), Michael J. D'Elia, Anita Doyle (LIC), Police Chief Robert Lawson, George J. Leggett, Meir Lichtenstein, Ranato Madarang, Fire Chief Steve McNamara, Menashe P. Miller, Ruth Molnar, Avi Pollack (BMG), Saul Rotberg, Michael Saccomanno (Code Enforcement), Yisroel Schenkolewski, Shneur Stefansky, Motty Twerski, Pastor Glenn Wilson, Sgt. Frank Work, Thomas Zambrano (GCU), each for a one year term.

Environmental Commission: (Liaison – Michael J. D'Elia)

Committeeman D'Elia offered the following appointments: Albert D. Akerman, Alt. 2/Planning Board Liaison, for a one year term; Jerry Tischler, 1st Alternate, for a two year term; David J. Hibberson and Morris Weinberg, each for a three year term; and Vacant Seat with a three year term. (As to the Vacant Seats, Committeeman D'Elia asked if anyone is interested in serving, to please contact the Clerk)

Heritage Commission: (Liaison - Raymond Coles)

Committeeman Coles offered the following appointments: Charles H. Mandell, Esq., John Barron, Oksana Hagopian, Armen Hagopian, Heath Gertner, Rich Errickson, Edith Wolpin, Robert Kirschner and Mitchel Gertner, each for a three year term; Frank Hughes, Virginia Shannon Haines, as Alternates, each for a three year term; Alternate Vacant Seat, with an unexpired term to expire December 31, 2017; and Alternate Vacant Seat for a three year term. (As to the Vacant Seats, Committeeman Coles asked if anyone is interested in serving to please contact the Manager's Office)

Housing Authority: (Liaison – Raymond Coles)

Committeeman Coles offered the following appointment: Shabsi Ganzweig, to fill an unexpired term to expire to expire December 31, 2019. Mayor Miller requested the assistance of Senator Singer with regard to the Governor's Appointment to this Board.

Industrial Commission: (Liaison – Michael J. D'Elia)

Committeeman D'Elia offered the following appointments: Gregg Stafford-Smith and Thomas Calabro, each for a five year term.

Lakewood Development Corporation: (Liaison - Raymond Coles/Albert D. Akerman)

Deputy Mayor Akerman offered the following appointments: Albert D. Akerman and Raymond Coles, each for a one year term; Moshe Zev Weisberg, Abraham Muller and Carey Tajfel, each for a two year term.

Lakewood Township Municipal Utilities Authority: (Liaison – Raymond Coles)

Committeeman Coles offered the following appointment: Robert W. Singer, for a five year term.

Municipal Alliance: (Liaison – Raymond Coles)

Committeeman Coles offered the following appointments: Boruch Eichler and Rickie Maldonado, each with terms expiring June 30, 2016.

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board/ Special Events: (Liaison - Albert D. Akerman)

Deputy Mayor Akerman offered the following appointments: Fred Ponti, Toni Ponti (PALS Liaison), Sgt. Frank Work, Jorge Esmart, each for a one year term; William Lindsey, Donna Santoli-Riegel, each for a three year term; Ricky Sanchez and Jorge Ramos, each for a four year term.

Planning Board: (Liaison – Albert D. Akerman)

Deputy Mayor Akerman offered the following appointments: Yechiel Herzl, Class IV; Eli Rennert, Class IV; and Jacob Sussman, Class IV, each for a four year term; David Hibberson, Alt. 1, for a two year term; and Eugene Cautillo, Alt. 2, to fill an unexpired term to expire December 31, 2016.

Rent Control Board: (Liaison – Michael J. D’Elia)

Committee D’Elia offered the following appointments: David Garfield (Non Landlord Member), Lisa Skinner (Landlord Member), Yitzchok Szmidt (Non-Landlord Member), and Yitzchok Willroth (Non-Landlord Member), and Elizabeth Williams, (Alternate No. 1), each for a one year term; and Vacant Tenant Seat, for a one year term; Vacant Alt. 2 Seat for a one year term; Vacant Landlord Seat with a one year term; Vacant Tenant Seat with a one year term.

Shade Tree Commission: (Liaison – Menashe P. Miller)

Mayor Miller offered the following appointments: John Craddox, Nathan Eisen and Craig Theibault, each for a five year term; Shira Parnes, for a five year term; Vacant 2nd Alt. Seat with an unexpired term to expire December 31, 2016.

Transportation Board: (Liaison – Menashe P. Miller)

Mayor Miller offered the following appointments: Steven Reinman, John Stillwell and David Garfield, each for a three year term; Ben Davidowitz, Alternate 1 Seat with an unexpired term to expire December 31, 2017; and Vacant Alternate 2 Seat with an unexpired term to expire December 31, 2017. As to the Vacant Seats, Mayor Miller advised they are seeking nominations.

Zoning Board of Adjustment: (Liaison –Michael J. D’Elia)

Committeeman D’Elia offered the following appointments: Obed Gonzalez, for a four year term; Moshe Ingber, Alt. 1, for a two year term.

MAYOR’S ADVISORY COMMITTEES

Mayor Miller offered the following appointments, each for a one year term:

Cable Advisory Committee

Ed Decker, Myrna Geller, Arlene Gietter, Noreen Gill, Najiran Holland, Colin Lewis, Bob MacGregor, Jim Trischitta, Laura Winters

Mayor’s Council of Presidents of Adult Communities:

Current Presidents of Adult Communities

Tourism Advisory Committee:

Michael Billig, Mary Cranwell, Lorraine Franklin, Ruth Schreiner

Utilities Advisory Committee:

Shmuel Binder, Hal Halvorsen, Bill Hobday, Mike McNeil, Moshe Raitzik, Bruce Stern, Larry Simons, Gregg Stafford-Smith, and Miriam Warner

Veterans Advisory Committee:

John Z. Balla, US Air Force Chaplain Major Raphael Berdugo, Michael B. Berman, Nathan Eisen, Bill Keating, Bernie Lesiak, Thomas Lorenc, Joe Rangell, Captain Mark Seigel, and as an Honorary Member, Lt. Colonel Chaplain Water Bean

MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Miller offered the following appointments to the Planning Board:

- Class I/Mayor’s Designee Appointment (one year term) – **ISRAEL GRUNBERGER**
- Class I Appointment (one year term) – **MENASHE P. MILLER, Mayor**
- Class II Appointment (one year term) – **JUSTIN FLANCAUM**
- Class III Appointment (one year term) - **ALBERT D. AKERMAN**

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC WILL BE HEARD. EACH SPEAKER WILL HAVE A FOUR (4) MINUTE TIME LIMIT AT THE PODIUM.

Mayor Miller opened the meeting to the public.

David Drukaroff, 1433 Laurelwood Avenue – Agreed with Senator Singer’s comments, that there should be a meeting of the Mayors. He also thinks that the public should be invited. The comments at that meeting should be candid, and civil, because it can not be swept under the rug.

Bill Hobday, 30 Schoolhouse Lane – Offered best wishes to Mayor Miller and Committee Members in the coming year.

Edith Wolpin – Offered best wishes to the Committee in the coming year, and thanked the Committee for their help with the Heritage Museum and Heritage Commission. She invited all to come to the museum before it opens in the Spring.

Mayor Miller announced that he will be donating a 1967 Office of Emergency Management Truck to the Township to be placed in front of the Heritage Museum.

Moshe Raitzik, 166 North Crest Place – Advised there is a 6.2 million dollar referendum coming up in connection with raising taxes to help the Board of Education. At the beginning of this school year, the Township Committee had assisted the Board of Education with funding to assist with different issues. He does not know if the payments were made on that. It seems there was an agreement made by the Board of Education that they did not stick to. They are saying they have a deficit of 9.5 million dollars, so 6.2 million will not cover their deficit. He asked if the Board of Education is going to come back to the Township Committee to ask the Committee to supplement that gap, and if not, what would serve the purpose of the raise in taxes if it does not accomplish what it sets out to do.

Mr. Secare advised that he does not think it would be proper for the Township Committee to comment on school board issues

Mr. Raitzik stated that the Township has involved themselves prior.

Mr. Secare responded that Mr. Raitzik is asking the Committee to testify as to the state of the school board’s mind. They can not do that. How do they know what the school board is going to do.

Mr. Raitzik asked what would the Township do if asked to supplement that gap?

Mr. Secare responded that you can’t ask the Committee to comment on speculation. That is not fair.

Deputy Mayor Akerman added it is a very complicated answer, which the Committee has discussed a little bit in the past. It is not as simple as it looks for the Committee to write a nine million dollar check even if they had the money in the bank.

Mr. Raitzik added that he does not think that they should. But he asked, if it does not pass, is the Township responsible to do sidewalks, crossing guards, etc.

Mr. Secare responded that it depends on the availability of the resources, the needs, etc. There is law that says that you take the money and put it where it is most important.

Mr. Raitzik asked if what he is saying is that they can not project that, at this point?

Mayor Miller advised that Committeeman Lichtenstein will be speaking on this topic.

Mike McNeill, 247 River Avenue, Lakewood, and 158 Fourth Avenue, Toms River – Thanked the Committee for years of support to the STEPS organization, and also the LRRC. Also thanked Steve Secare for his advice and support over the years.

Mayor Miller thanked Mr. McNeill for everything that he does for Lakewood Township. They are proud that he stands in solidarity with the Committee, in helping the residents. He advised that he would like to work with him this year, together with Committeeman Coles, to help the homeless, and make sure they do not have homeless individuals in Lakewood. He would like to set up some sort of fund to help people so they do not come to the position of being homeless. Also, he presented Mr. McNeill with a Lakewood Township Municipal Pin.

Seeing no one else wishing to be heard, Mayor Miller closed the meeting to the public.

COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Committeeman Coles commented that it has been an honor and a privilege to serve on the Committee for the past fifteen years. He is looking forward to this coming year. There are many challenges facing them this year. Lakewood is at a tipping point with many issues, and it will take all of them working together to bring this town to the point that they know it can be. He has been big on not speaking too long, so he is not going to say much more than that, other than to thank his family for allowing him to do this. It has been a great privilege to serve the people of Lakewood, and he looks forward to continuing his service.

Committeeman D'Elia wished everyone a Happy New Year. Congratulated Mayor Miller and Deputy Mayor Akerman on their appointments. He is looking forward to the coming year. He has enjoyed his first year; he believes they have worked as a team. He recognized employees and department heads in the Township, and commended the Municipal Manager and Township Attorney. He thanked his wife, June, who has been by his side for the past forty-two years.

Deputy Mayor Akerman thanked the Committee for the nomination as Deputy Mayor. He pledged to Committeeman D'Elia to work on some of his proposed projects for 2016. He wants to work on the Budget for 2016, and keep it in check, and thanked his Committee members for their support. He commented on proposed improvements to Route 9. He thanked Senator Singer, and members of the Republican Club for their support. He thanked everyone for coming and wished all a Happy New Year.

Committeeman Lichtenstein wished everyone a Happy New Year, and thanked everyone for their support in his re-election. He thanked his family members for coming and for their support. He commented on school board matters. They can not state what the school board's thought process is, as stated by the Township Attorney. The school communities in Lakewood, both private and public, as well as the Township Committee and Board of Education, have put in a huge amount of effort to make things work. He had the opportunity to meet with Senator Singer with Assemblyman Schaer, and Senate President Sweeney, all at the same time, and they all agreed that they would work with Lakewood from the State level to help with what is going on for the safety of over thirty thousand children coming and going from public and private schools in Lakewood which is something that needs to be addressed. The Township Committee has worked very hard with the Police Department on infrastructure, making sure that there are walkways, sidewalks, crossing guards, sufficient protection, and they are struggling to keep up with it. He will not speculate on a future answer, but he can state the facts. The Committee committed to give a certain amount of money to this process and they did not, because the parties, none that he has mentioned yet, did not hold up their end of the bargain. He believes they will be working very closely with the State legislators to take a look at the State Monitor and figure out a way to make things work. These are his feelings as far as the school board goes. This year will continue to bring challenges to this growing town. If the Mayor and Committee will allow him, he will continue to work with them on infrastructure, building, traffic improvements, parking, all of which are the challenges of a growing city. Challenges, indeed, but it is a good thing. Obviously, people want to settle here; people want to live here; people want to move here, because they are attracted to the many qualities that make Lakewood the great Township that it is. They have to push forth on all levels to support this, whether it is increasing the street lights, the traffic control, repaving the roads, the sidewalks, on a day to day level, and they will continue to work with the State on the Plan Endorsement Process, and starting this year in January, they will be doing a Master Plan Re-Examination for the zoning and planning of Lakewood. They are also growing and shaping the Emergency Services. They are moving very forcefully ahead with having the EMS and Police Department, and Office of Emergency Management grow with the town. They are very lucky to have incredible volunteer organizations, as they had heard from federal and state authorities, who have rarely, if ever, come across a town in New Jersey, like Lakewood, where there are literally hundreds of volunteers willing to support these emergency services. The Committee is very appreciative of that, and will continue to harness that talent, and will continue to move that talent forward to keep up with the town's growth. He recognized and thanked Senator Singer and Assemblyman Schaer for coming. He thanked Rabbi Schenkolewski for being his mentor, and thanked him for joining him today. He recognized and thanked the professionals, and thanked his fellow Committee members. Thanked everyone for coming and wished all a Happy New Year.

Deputy Mayor Akerman thanked his wife and family members for their support.

MAYOR'S ADDRESS

Mayor Miller thanked everyone for their support in his re-election, and appointment as Mayor. He thanked his fellow Committee Members, and it is his intention to continue working with them on their proposed projects for 2016. He thanked the professionals and department heads. He thanked his running mate, Mike Berman, and Republican Club president, Craig Theibault. He thanked his friends and family for coming today, and for their support. He thanked everyone for coming. He announced there will be a reception at the Strand Theater after the meeting and invited everyone to attend. He thanked Senator Singer and Assemblyman Schaer for coming today.

BENEDICTION: Rabbi Israel Schenkolewski
Chaplain Lt. Colonel Walter Bean

"GOD BLESS AMERICA" – Performed by: Cantor Yaakov Schreiber

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Committeeman Coles, second by Committeeman D'Elia, and carried, to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned.