

The Lakewood Township Committee held a Virtual Meeting on April 23, 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 April 17, 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 2, 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

2020-181 2020 Budget Introduction

Mayor Coles asked for a motion to Introduce the 2020 Budget with a public hearing for May 21, 2020.

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 the 2020 Budget with a public hearing on May 21, 2020.

Clerk Kirkman read the following resolution by title:

2020-182 Resolution Of The Township Of Lakewood, County Of Ocean, State Of New Jersey, Authorizing The Certification Of Compliance With The United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's "Enforcement Guidance On The Consideration Of Arrest And Conviction Records In Employment Decisions Under Title VII Of The Civil Rights Act Of 1964"

Motion by Committeeman Akerman
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 adopt Resolution 2020-182.

Clerk Kirkman read Resolution 2020-183 by title only:

2020-183 Resolution Of The Township Of Lakewood, County Of Ocean, State Of New Jersey, Authorizing The 2020 Local Municipal Budget To Be Read By Title Only

Motion by Committeeman Lichtenstein
Seconded by Committeeman D'Elia

Committeeman Lichtenstein left the meeting at 5:35 p.m.

On Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Committeeman Lichtenstein.

Motion carried to adopt Resolution 2020-183.

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 2020-184 through 2020-188 by separate vote.

Clerk Kirkman read the following resolution by title only:

2020-0184 Resolution Of The Township Of Lakewood, County Of Ocean, State Of New Jersey, Releasing The Maintenance Guarantee Posted By Eli Sleeve C/O Abraham Chopp,. In Connection With Sd #1642 (Arlington Avenue At Wynatt Street) , Block 774.01, Lots 1 And 12

Motion by Committeeman D'Elia

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Miller

On Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Committeeman Lichtenstein,

Motion Carried to adopt Resolution 2020-184.

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

Clerk Kirkman read the following resolution by title only:

2020-0185 Resolution Township Of Lakewood County Of Ocean, State Of New Jersey Authorizing Emergency Temporary Appropriations For The Period Between The Beginning Of The Current Fiscal Year And The Date Of The Adoption Of The 2020 Budget

Motion by Committeeman Akerman

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 2020-185.

Clerk Kirkman read the following resolution by title only:

2020-0186 Resolution Of The Township Of Lakewood, County Of Ocean, State Of New Jersey, Authorizing The Bid Award For 2019 Local Freight Grant To Earle Asphalt Company, Pursuant To And In Accordance With N.J.S.A. 40a:11-1 Et Seq.

Motion by Committeeman Akerman

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 2020-186.

Clerk Kirkman read the following resolution by title only:

2020-0187 Township Of Lakewood, County Of Ocean, State Of New Jersey Authorizing The Tax Collector To Process Third Quarter "Estimated" Tax Bills, Due August 1, 2020

Motion by Committeeman Akerman

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 adopt Resolution 2020-187.

Clerk Kirkman read the following resolution by title only:

2020-0188 Resolution Of The Township Of Lakewood, County Of Ocean, State Of New Jersey, Accepting A Bid For Block 240, Lot 3 As A Result Of The Private Sale In The Township Of Lakewood County Of Ocean, State Of New Jersey, Pursuant To N.J.S.A. 40a:12-1 Et Seq.

Motion by Committeeman Akerman

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 2020-188.

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING-

None

SECOND READING ORDINANCES:

Mayor Coles reminded residents that they may submit their questions to the Township via comments@lakewoodnj.gov

Clerk Kirkman read Ordinance 2020-010 by title.

2020-010 An Ordinance Of The Township Of Lakewood, County Of Ocean, State Of New Jersey, Authorizing The Township Of Lakewood To Reimburse Any And All Taxes For The Tax Years Of 2016, 2017, And 2018, Pursuant To And In Accordance With N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.6c, Paid By Bais Chunuch L'bonos Bayis Ruchel On Block 136, Lot 6.01 (Formerly Lot 4 And Lot 6)

Mayor Coles opened the meeting to the public.

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

Motion by Committeeman D'Elia, second by Committeeman Lichtenstein, to approve the above ordinance.

On Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Ordinance 2020-010 was adopted after public hearing and second reading.

Clerk Kirkman read Ordinance 2020-011 by title.

2020-011 An Ordinance Of The Township Of Lakewood, County Of Ocean, State Of New Jersey, Authorizing The Tax Collector To Cancel Any And All Taxes For The Tax Years 2016 & 2017, Due On Block 124 Lot 3, St. John A.M.E. Zion Church Of Lakewood NJ, Inc. Pursuant To And In Accordance With N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.6c

Mayor Coles opened the meeting to the public.

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

Motion by Deputy Mayor Miller, second by Committeeman Akerman, to approve the above ordinance.

On Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Ordinance 2020-011 was adopted after public hearing and second reading.

Clerk Kirkman read Ordinance 2020-012 by title.

2020-012 Ordinance Of The Township Of Lakewood County Of Ocean State Of New Jersey To Exceed The Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits And To Establish A Cap Bank (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)

Mayor Coles opened the meeting to the public.

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

Motion by Committeeman Lichtenstein, second by Deputy Mayor Miller, to approve the above ordinance.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Ordinance 2020-012 was adopted after public hearing and second reading.

Clerk Kirkman read Ordinance 2020-013 by title.

2020-013 An Ordinance Of The Township Of Lakewood, County Of Ocean, State Of New Jersey, Releasing, Extinguishing And Vacating The Rights Of The Public To A Right Of Way Located On A Portion Of A Paper Street Known As Read Place In The Township Of Lakewood

Mayor Coles opened the meeting to the public.

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

Motion by Committeeman Lichtenstein, second by Committeeman D'Elia, to approve the above ordinance.

On Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Ordinance 2020-013 was adopted after public hearing and second reading.

Clerk Kirkman read Ordinance 2020-014 by title.

2020-014 An Ordinance Of The Township Committee Of The Township Of Lakewood Approving An Amendment To The Cedarbridge Redevelopment Plan Pursuant To The New Jersey Local Redevelopment And Housing Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:12a-1, Et Seq.) (Cedar Bridge/ Vine)

Mayor Coles opened the meeting to the public.

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

Motion by Deputy Mayor Miller, second by Committeeman Lichtenstein, to approve the above ordinance.

On Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Ordinance 2020-014 was adopted after public hearing and second reading.

CORRESPONDENCE- None

MOTION TO APPROVE BILL LIST: Dated April 22, 2020.

Motion by Deputy Mayor Miller, second by Committeeman D'Elia 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 April 22, 2020 were approved.

COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS –

Committeeman Akerman thanked all the volunteers for all their hard work during these unprecedented times.

Deputy Mayor Miller thanked everyone on the front lines and all the first Responders for their efforts.

Committeeman Lichtenstein concurred with statements of Committeeman Akerman and Deputy Mayor Miller and asked for everyone to stay safe.

Committee D'Elia hoped everyone stay healthy and concurred with the comments of his fellow committeemen.

Mayor Coles, noted that there were no comments from the public in queue at comments@lakewoodnj.gov. Mayor Coles indicated that the rabies clinic had been cancelled for June. Mayor Coles thanked the citizens for trying to ensure we all stayed safe and noted we will get through this.

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 Akerman, second by Deputy Mayor Miller, with all in favor to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 5:50 PM.

Lauren Kirkman, RMC, CMR
Township Clerk