

The Lakewood Township Committee held a meeting on Thursday, December 22, 2016 in the Lakewood Municipal Building at 3:00 PM for the public Meeting, with the following present:

Mayor.....Menashe Miller
Deputy Mayor.....Albert Akerman
Committee Members..... Raymond Coles
Michael J. D’Elia
Meir Lichtenstein
Municipal Manager.....Thomas Henshaw
Municipal Attorney.....Steven Secare, 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 December 5, 2016.

ROLL CALL

CLOSED SESSION

SALUTE TO THE FLAG AND PRAYER

OPEN SESSION - NONE

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES: NONE

MOTION TO APPROVE WORKSHOP AND CLOSED SESSION MINUTES: NONE

PRESENTATIONS: NONE

ORDINANCES FOR DISCUSSION- NONE

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.

Senator Robert Singer, Massachusetts’s Ave, Lakewood wished the Governing Body and township staff a Happy and healthy Holiday and New Year to follow. He thanked them for all they do for Lakewood. The Senator discussed the meeting he attended with Committeeman Lichtenstein and Deputy Mayor Akerman the day before with the County regarding transportation. He suggested putting together a strike force of members to work together on County, Local and State roads. He suggested that when one road is worked on all the other ones surrounding, either from the County, Local or State, should coordinate the plan together. He suggested putting together a list of the roads that need improvement and assign a person to be in charge of it and work with engineering together. He offered to help the Township in any way that he can and also offered to have a representative from his office work with the township as well.

Mayor Miller thanked him. Committeeman Coles also responded and stated that Freeholder Kelly did not want to put together a formal committee with the Township and the Freeholders. He stated that the Township is working with Maser Consulting to do a traffic study and would like to put together a panel that includes citizens to work with Maser Consulting and have them go direct to the County and make it more informal.

Maryann Sorenson, would like to address the services for the Latino Services Center and Eugene Espinosa. She stated that people do not know where to find him and have difficulty trying to reach him. She would like a permanent service arrangement and asked if he could have space in the Municipal Building.

Mayor Miller responded that S.T.E.P.S. has offered to help him and has a space in their office for him when he needs it. The Municipal Building is not an option as he is not an employee of the Township. He stated that he will look into finding a larger, more private permanent area for him to work in town and that the Township supports Mr. Espinosa and the services he provides. He stated that the Township has allocated fund for Mr. Espinosa so that he can get paid a salary for his services.

Moshe Zeiness, Elmhurst Blvd., Lakewood discussed the last topic on Eugene Espinosa and heard about him from previous meetings. He wanted to state that he felt one of the greatest things the Twp Committee has done was to create the Lakewood Industrial Commission and applauded the great work that they do to promote and maintain an Industrial Zone in town. He wanted to know if they could also maintain the parks and open spaces created from the developers in town rather than have the Township be responsible for them or set up a new commission for it.

Bill Hobday, Lakewood congratulated the Governing Body on a year done and also spoke about parks and open spaces. He suggested having more recreational areas for children and teenagers in town. He asked about the budget and stated that the reassessment meeting at the Fairways went well and stated that many tax reevaluations were resolved and commended the township for choosing a good source to do the job.

Mayor Miller announced that the re-organization meeting will be on January 2nd. He also mentioned that the request for the defibrillator for his clubhouse (at the Fairways) has been approved and stated that the Township is fiscally sound.

Ira Rosenthal, Lakewood discussed the recent Planning Board meeting for Route 9 and Chestnut. He was concerned that the meeting was closed to the public and stated that the shopping mall at that location is at a very dangerous intersection. He feels they ignored the public and sent them out without offering a resolution.

Aaron Minopla, Lane Street, Lakewood discussed the Zoning issues in town and specifically about an approval on Prospect and Massachusetts to build 32 houses and asked for more information on it. He also wants to make sure that the Township adds more sidewalks in town for children.

Mayor Miller responded that the Committee is not aware of the approval.

Harold Herskowitz, Wished the Mayor and Committee a Happy Holiday and expressed his opinions about the township.

Joyce Blay, NJ News and Views, Floral Way, Toms River questioned Resolution # 3 designating the area east of County Line Road as an area in need of improvement and asked the Township to explain it in more detail. She also asked about the widening of Route 9 in Lakewood and future plans for the Township to improve the infrastructure in town.

Mayor Miller responded that Resolution was created to try to get the County to widen County Line Road and would like to see the infrastructure in that area rectified and improved. Mayor Miller also addressed her question about Route 9 and stated that both Route 9 and County Line Road are not owned by the Township and that the Township has been continually working with them to improve both roads. The Mayor also replied that the Township has hired Maser Consulting to do a traffic study and provide suggestions and improvements on the infrastructure in town.

Walter Lucas, Newport Avenue, Lakewood, provided a handout to the Mayor and Committee and discussed the amount of schools zoned in the Southwest area of town. He asked that the zones be changed to allow for more families to move in and make it more of a residential area. He also asked that the zones be color coded for more clarity.

Shloimy Klein, Chateau Drive, Lakewood asked if the public could attend meetings held by the Vaad.

Mayor Miller responded that he would have to contact them directly.

Nechama Goldstein, Kingsfield Drive, Lakewood wants to know why there aren't any crossing guards on Oak Street since last October. She also asked about a new development going up in Westgate for single family houses that are only being built with a one car driveway with a cost upgrade to a two car driveway.

Committeeman Lichtenstein responded that there used to be a crossing guard between 8am-10am when there used to be a bus stop there. He asked for her name and phone number to look into it and do a follow up. Mayor Miller responded to her driveway question, stating that it must have been allowed years ago but the Township now requires a two car driveway for new houses.

Yitzchok Goldsmith, Lakewood stated that he is doing a follow up from the last time he came before the Mayor and Committee, at a Township meeting, about the Master Plan and appreciated that the Mayor and Committeeman did help him with his concerns. He suggested to the public in attendance to also try to contact them directly as it can also help them with their causes.

Committeeman Akerman responded that the Master Plan will be finished soon and the public will be encouraged to join in the meetings. He also stated that Maser Consulting has been hired to do a traffic study and will be at a future meeting to hear input from the public and help with their concerns.

Seeing no else wishing to be heard, Committeeman Coles, second by Committeeman Lichtenstein 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 A Purchase Of Playground Equipment And Installation From Game Time C/O Marturano Recreation Through The Educational Services Commission Of New Jersey Cooperative (ESCNJ) In Accordance With N.J.S.A. 52:34-6.2(b)(3)
Resolution No. 2016-495**
- 2. Resolution Of the Township Of Lakewood, County Of Ocean, State Of New Jersey Cancelling Unexpended Balances Of Certain Capital Improvement Appropriations 2016
Resolution No. 2016-496**
- 3. Resolution Of The Township Of Lakewood, County Of Ocean, State Of New Jersey Requesting The Planning Board Of The Township Of Lakewood To Review Designation Of An Area In Need Of Rehabilitation Pursuant To N.J.S.A. 40A:12A- 14
Resolution No. 2016-497**
- 4. Resolution of the Township Of Lakewood, County Of Ocean, State of New Jersey Authorizing The Liquor License Renewal For 2016-2017 To, Ying Huang, Liquor License No. 1514-33-027-007
Resolution No. 2016-498**
- 5. Resolution Of The Township Of Lakewood, County Of Ocean, State Of New Jersey, Releasing A Performance Guarantee Posted By 945 Airport, LLC, In Connection With SP # 2048A, Block 1160.01, Lot 222
Resolution No. 2016-499**
- 6. Resolution Of The Township Of Lakewood, County Of Ocean, State Of New Jersey, Releasing A Performance Guarantee Posted By Benjamin Parnes, In Connection With SD #1516, Block 262, Lots 7 and 8
Resolution No. 2016-500**
- 7. Resolution Of The Township Of Lakewood, County Of Ocean, State Of New Jersey Authorizing Appropriation Transfers in the 2016 Municipal Budget
Resolution No. 2016-501**
- 8. Resolution Of The Township Of Lakewood, County OF Ocean State Of New Jersey Authorizing Ist Generation Assistance Funds For Fiscal Year 2017 For The Lakewood Development Corporation
Resolution No. 2016-502**
- 9. Resolution Of The Township Of Lakewood, County Of Ocean, State Of New Jersey Authorizing The Township To Accept MRAP Rescue Vehicle Through Participation In The Law Enforcement Support Office 1033 Program (LESO 1033).
Resolution No. 2016-503**

- 10. Resolution Of The Township Of Lakewood, County Of Ocean, State Of New Jersey, Releasing A Performance Guarantee Posted By Excel VII, LLC., In Connection With SP #2095, Block 1603, Lot 2
Resolution No. 2016-504**
- 11. Resolution Of The Township Of Lakewood, County Of Ocean, State Of New Jersey, Declaring Default Of Letter Of Credit Posted By Nitto Denko Automotive, NJ, Inc. For SP 1955A (Rutgers University Boulevard) Block 1607, Lot 7.
Resolution No. 2016-505**
- 12. Resolution Of The Township Of Lakewood, County Of Ocean, State Of New Jersey, Awarding Professional Service Contract Pursuant To N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 To Maser Consulting For Traffic Engineering Services.
Resolution No. 2016-506**
- 13. Resolution Of The Township Of Lakewood, County Of Ocean, State Of New Jersey, Awarding A Professional Services Contract Pursuant To N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 To Remington, Vernick And Vena Engineers For Inspection And Mapping Of Municipal Outfalls
Resolution No. 2016-507**
- 14. Resolution Of The Township Of Lakewood, County Of Ocean, State Of New Jersey, Awarding A Professional Services Contract Pursuant To N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 To Remington, Vernick And Vena Engineers For The 2016 NJDOT Municipal Aid Program Grant
Resolution No. 2016-508**
- 15. Resolution Of The Township Of Lakewood, County Of Ocean, State Of New Jersey, Approving The Application For A Long Term Tax Exemption To Cedarbridge Equity Urban Renewal, LLC And Submitting Same To The Township Committee For Review Of The Proposed Financial Agreement Pursuant To The Long Term Tax Exemption Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:20-1, Et Seq.
Resolution No. 2016-509**
- 16. Resolution Of The Township Of Lakewood, County Of Ocean, State Of New Jersey, Releasing A Performance Guarantee Posted By Lakewood Investments , LLC., In Connection With SD#1953, Block 420, Lot 23.01
Resolution No. 2016-510**
- 17. Resolution Of The Township Of Lakewood, County Of Ocean, State Of New Jersey, Awarding Professional Service Contract For Engineering Services To Remington, Vernick & Vena Pursuant To N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5.
Resolution No. 2016-511**
- 18. Resolution Of The Township Of Lakewood, County Of Ocean, State Of New Jersey, Designating Cedarbridge Equity Urban Renewal as Redeveloper of Block 961 Lot 2.05
Resolution No. 2016-512**
- 19. Resolution Of The Township Of Lakewood, County Of Ocean, State Of New Jersey, Accepting A Grant For "2016-17 Cops In Shops College Fall Initiative"
Resolution No. 2016-513**

Motion by Committeeman Coles, second by Committeeman Lichtenstein to approve Resolution Nos. 1 through 19 on the Consent Agenda.

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

Resolution Nos. 2016-495 through 2016-513 Adopted.

ORDINANCES SECOND READING

1. Ordinance Of The Township Of Lakewood, County Of Ocean, State Of New Jersey, Releasing, Extinguishing And Vacating The Rights Of The Public To A Public Pedestrian Walkway Easement Across Block 25 Lot 34, In The Township Of Lakewood

Read by title only for second reading.

Mayor Miller opened the public. Moshe Zeiness asked for more information and the location of the street. Committeeman Lichtenstein and Committeeman Akerman responded that it is on Canterbury Road and the homeowner needed this to redo the walkway in the area. Shloimy Klein asked if the walkway that is currently there will be taken away and stated that the lot number should be 68 not 34. Committeeman Akerman responded that the easement will be but not the walkway and it is private property. Mr. Shone resides on Canterbury Road stated that the path is open and stated the current homeowner has an agreement with Mr. Herzog to do this. Attorney Secare stated in order to rectify this, the Committee should verbally change the lot number to 68, vote on it now and agree to do a resolution that will memorialize the changes so the homeowner can obtain the CO and move in.

Seeing no one else wishing to be heard, the hearing on this Ordinance was closed to the public.

The above amended Ordinance for Block 25 Lot 68 was offered by Committeeman Akerman, second by Committeeman D'Elia

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

Ordinance No. 2016-55 Adopted on Second Reading

Seeing no one else wishing to be heard, a Resolution stating the changes from Block 25 Lot 34 to Block 25 Lot 68 was created. .

The above Resolution was offered by Committeeman Lichtenstein, second by Committeeman Coles.

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

ORDINANCES FIRST READING – NONE

CORRESPONDENCE- NONE

Motion to move by Committeeman Lichtenstein, second by Committeeman Coles.

MOTION TO APPROVE BILL LIST OF: December 21, 2016

Motion by Committeeman Coles, second by Committeeman D'Elia.

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

COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Committeeman Lichtenstein, Committeeman Coles, Committeeman D'Elia and Committeeman Akerman thanked Mayor Miller for his work this year as this was his last meeting as the Mayor of 2016 and each wished everyone in attendance a Happy Holiday season and New Year.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Committeeman Coles, second by Committeeman Lichtenstein, and carried, to the closed session meeting. Meeting adjourned at ?? PM.