

**LAKWOOD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE  
ANNUAL RE-ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING MINUTES  
JANUARY 1, 2007**

The Lakewood Township Committee held their Annual Re-Organizational Meeting on Monday, January 1, 2007 at 1:00 P.M. in the Lakewood Municipal Building, with the following present:

Committee Members.....	Raymond Coles Charles Cunliffe Meir Lichtenstein Menashe Miller Senator Robert Singer
Municipal Clerk.....	Bernadette Standowski
Deputy Clerk.....	Jodi Pellicano

**SALUTE TO THE FLAG.....LED BY THE MUNICIPAL CLERK**

**INVOCATION – FATHER MICHAEL O’CONNOR**

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**OATHS OF OFFICE... TOWNSHIP COMMITTEEMEN –** MEIR LICHTENSTEIN  
MENASHE MILLER  
ADMINISTERED BY: HON. SHELLY FRANKLIN

**NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION OF MAYOR**

**Motion by Mr. Cunliffe, second by Mr. Lichtenstein, and carried, nominating Raymond Coles to the Office of Mayor for the year 2007.**  
Resolution No. 2007-1 – Adopted.

**OATH OF OFFICE TO MAYOR**  
ADMINISTERED BY: HON. SHELLY FRANKLIN

**NOMINATIONS & ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR**

**Motion by Mr. Miller, second by Senator Singer, nominating Meir Lichtenstein to the Office of Deputy Mayor for the year 2007.**  
**On Roll Call – Affirmative:** Senator Singer, Mr. Miller, Mr. Cunliffe, Mr. Lichtenstein and Mayor Coles.  
Resolution No. 2007-2 – Adopted.

**OATH OF OFFICE TO DEPUTY MAYOR**

ADMINISTERED BY:

HON. SHELLY FRANKLIN

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY – STEVEN SECARE, ESQ.**

Resolution No. 2007-3

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- 1) RESOLUTION SETTING DAY AND HOUR OF TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETINGS  
Resolution No. 2007-4
- 2) RESOLUTION SETTING TEMPORARY BUDGET FOR 2007  
Resolution No. 2007-5
- 3) RESOLUTION DESIGNATING OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS  
Resolution No. 2007-6
- 4) RESOLUTION SETTING INTEREST RATES ON TAX DELINQUENCIES AND  
DESIGNATING PATRICIA TOMASSINI AS OFFICIAL TAX SEARCHER  
Resolution No. 2007-7
- 5) RESOLUTION IMPOSING YEAR END PENALTIES ON TAX ARREARAGES  
Resolution No. 2007-8
- 6) RESOLUTION APPOINTING BERNADETTE STANDOWSKI AS LIQUOR LICENSE  
ADMINISTRATOR  
Resolution No. 2007-9
- 7) RESOLUTION APPOINTING BERNADETT STANDOWSKI AS LIABILITY ASSESSMENT  
SEARCH OFFICER  
Resolution No. 2007-10
- 8) RESOLUTION APPOINTING ELSIE BARNEY AS ACTING ASSISTANT TO TAX  
COLLECTOR  
Resolution No. 2007-11
- 9) RESOLUTION DESIGNATING BANKS AS DEPOSITORIES FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF  
LAKEWOOD  
Resolution No. 2007-12
- 10) RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE TOWNSHIP  
OF LAKEWOOD.  
Resolution No. 2007-13

- 11) RESOLUTION APPOINTING INSURANCE FUND COMMISSIONER –  
ROBERT W. SINGER  
Resolution No. 2007-14
- 12) RESOLUTION APPOINTING TOWNSHIP AUDITOR – FALLON & LARSON  
Resolution No. 2007-15
- 13) RESOLUTION APPOINTING DEPUTY COORDINATORS TO THE LAKEWOOD  
TOWNSHIP EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SERVICES – KENNETH DIX,  
YISROEL SCHENKOLEWSKI, SGT. FRANK WORK, DEPUTY CHIEF CHARLES SMITH  
Resolution No. 2007-16
- 14) RESOLUTION APPOINTING TOWNSHIP ENGINEER – BIRDSALL ENGINEERING  
Resolution No. 2007-17
- 15) RESOLUTION APPOINTING TOWNSHIP PLANNER – T & M ASSOCIATES  
Resolution No. 2007-18
- 16) RESOLUTION APPOINTING A REPRESENTATIVE TO THE COUNTY HOUSING  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT  
COMMITTEE FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF LAKEWOOD – ERVIN OROSS  
Resolution No. 2007-19
- 17) RESOLUTION APPOINTING TOWNSHIP TAX APPEAL ATTORNEY –  
STEVEN SECARE, ESQ.  
Resolution No. 2007-20
- 18) RESOLUTION APPOINTING ALTERNATE TAX APPEAL ATTORNEY –  
MICHAEL J. CACCAVELLI, ESQ.  
Resolution No. 2007-21
- 19) RESOLUTION APPOINTING TOWNSHIP FORECLOSURE ATTORNEY –  
STEVEN SECARE, ESQ.  
Resolution No. 2007-22
- 20) RESOLUTION APPOINTING BOND COUNSEL – GLUCK WALRATH, LLP  
Resolution No. 2007-23
- 21) RESOLUTION APPOINTING TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL PROSECUTORS –  
VALTER MUST, ESQ., AND ROBERT ROTHSTEIN, ESQ.  
Resolution No. 2007-24
- 22) RESOLUTION APPOINTING ALTERNATE PROSECUTOR – CHARLES BAUER, ESQ.  
Resolution No. 2007-25
- 23) RESOLUTION APPOINTING CONFLICT PROSECUTOR – JOSEPH GRISANTI, ESQ.  
Senator Singer removed the above Resolution from the Consent Agenda.

- 24) RESOLUTION APPOINTING CONFLICT PUBLIC DEFENDERS – HAROLD HENSEL, ESQ., AND STEVEN CUCCI, ESQ.  
Resolution No. 2007-26
- 25) RESOLUTION APPOINTING SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR MEDIATION - MICHAEL BATEMAN, ESQ.  
Resolution No. 2007-27
- 26) RESOLUTION APPOINTING ATTORNEY FOR THE BOARD OF HEALTH – MICHAEL BATEMAN, ESQ.  
Resolution No. 2007-28
- 27) RESOLUTION APPOINTING MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE - SCOTT J. BASEN  
Resolution No. 2007-29
- 28) RESOLUTION APPOINTING CONFLICT MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE PHILLIP MILLER, ESQ.  
Resolution No. 2007-30
- 29) RESOLUTION AMENDING A RESOLUTION RELEASING A PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE POSTED BY MARK ENGLE IN CONNECTION WITH BLOCK 2 LOTS 115 TO 119 AND 121.  
Resolution No. 2007-31

**Motion by Mr. Miller, second by Deputy Mayor Lichtenstein, to approve Resolutions 1 through 22 and 24 through 29 on the Consent Agenda.**

**On Roll Call** – Affirmative: Senator Singer, Mr. Miller, Mr. Cunliffe, Deputy Mayor Lichtenstein and Mayor Coles.

Due to conflict, Senator Singer abstained from all Resolutions with regard to the appointment of Steven Secare, Esq.

Due to conflict, Deputy Mayor Lichtenstein abstained on Resolution Nos. 21 and 22. Resolution Nos. 2007-4 through 2007-31 – Adopted.

**Resolution No. 23 that was removed from the Consent Agenda was discussed and acted upon as follows.**

- 23) RESOLUTION APPOINTING CONFLICT PROSECUTOR – JOSEPH GRISANTI, ESQ.

**Motion by Mr. Cunliffe, second by Deputy Mayor Lichtenstein.**

**On Roll Call** – Affirmative: Mr. Miller, Mr. Cunliffe, Deputy Mayor Lichtenstein and Mayor Coles.

Negative: Senator Singer.

Resolution No. 2007-32 – Adopted.

## **APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMITTEES**

### **ADA Compliance Committee and Disabilities Commission: (Liaison - Charles Cunliffe)**

Motion by Mr. Cunliffe, second by Deputy Mayor Lichtenstein, and carried, offering the following appointments:

Roslyn Baer, Linda Halm, Thomas Lorenc, Dr. Stephen Scher, William Sette, Larry Lazzaro, Rabbi Shimon Eider, Richard Pelillo, Thomas Barry, Philip Charrow, Hannah Havens, Rev. Gary Stiegler, Sheila Nagelberg, and Michael D'Elia.

### **Airport Authority: (Liaison – Robert Singer)**

Motion by Senator Singer, second by Mr. Miller, and carried, offering the following appointments:

Michael Sernotti and Mark Siegel.

### **Board of Health: (Liaison - Robert Singer)**

Motion by Senator Singer, second by Deputy Mayor Lichtenstein, and carried, offering the following appointments:

Bishop Vivian Francis, Sonia Harrison, Dr. Norman Indich, Shuli Lachman, Patricia Lowe, Esther Coven, and Doreen Rogers.

### **CDBG Selection Committee: (Liaison - Ray Coles)**

Motion by Mayor Coles, second by Mr. Cunliffe, and carried, offering the following appointments:

Raymond Coles, Simcha Greenwald, Marta Harrison, Aaron Hoberman, Miriam Medina, Michael Sernotti, Rev. Gary Stiegler, Bernard Williams, Yehuda Abraham, and Marilyn Karl.

### **Civil Rights Commission: (Liaison – Robert W. Singer)**

Motion by Senator Singer, second by Deputy Mayor Lichtenstein, and carried, offering the following appointments:

Cager Brown, Patricia Forse, Esther Gonzalez, and Rabbi Shmuel Tendler.

### **Community Center Advisory Board: (Liaison - Robert Singer)**

Motion by Senator Singer, second by Deputy Mayor Lichtenstein, and carried, offering the following appointments:

John Brown, John Craddock, John Marshall, Sr., and Dr. J. Michael Rush.

### **Emergency Planning Council: (Liaison – Meir Lichtenstein)**

Motion by Deputy Mayor Lichtenstein, second by Senator Singer, and carried, offering the following appointments:

Robert Chitren, Michael D'Elia, Ken Dix, Anita Doyle, John J. Franklin, John Krell, Brian Kubiel, Chief Robert Lawson, Meir Lichtenstein, Edward Mack, Ranato Madarang, Ruth Molnar, Yisroel Schenkolewski, Mordechai Senderovits, Deputy Chief Charles Smith, Sgt. John Stillwell, and Sgt. Frank Work

**Environmental Commission: (Liaison – Menashe Miller)**

Motion by Mr. Miller, second by Mr. Cunliffe, and carried, offering the following appointments:

Michael Sernotti, Zoning Board Liaison; Cathy Stillwell, Joseph Theibault, and David Hibberson.

**Heritage Commission: (Liaison - Ray Coles)**

Motion by Mayor Coles, second by Mr. Cunliffe, and carried, offering the following appointments:

Betty Aptekar, Gloria Dix, Armen Hagopian, Sanford Kalb, Deborah Kern, Darren Lee, Charles Mandell, Esq., Caryl Royle, Sheldon Wolpin, Harold Paul Olsen, Marc Eber, Howard Butensky, and Dr. Claribel Young.

**Housing Authority:**

Mayor Coles announced there were to be no appointments at this time

**Industrial Commission:**

Mayor Coles announced there were to be no appointments at this time

**Lakewood Development Corporation: (Liaison –Senator Singer)**

Motion by Senator Singer, second by Deputy Mayor Lichtenstein, and carried, offering the following appointments: Michael D’Elia, Dov Kaufman, Robert Mohel, Michael Sernotti, Mike McNeill, Moshe Weisberg, Ray Coles, Robert Singer, Frumie Rubin and Moshe Feinroth.

**Municipal Alliance: (Liaison - Robert Singer)**

Motion by Senator Singer, second by Mr. Miller, and carried, offering the following appointments: Hannah Havens, Kevin McAllister, Irene Miccio, Deloris Nicholas, and Toni Ponti.

**Parks & Recreation Advisory Board/ Special Events: (Liaison – Charles Cunliffe)**

Motion by Mr. Cunliffe, second by Mr. Miller, and carried, offering the following appointments:

Joseph Kirsch; Cathy Lee, PALS Liaison; Toni Ponti, PALS Liaison; Fred Ponti, David Quinn, Sgt. Frank Work, William Lindsey, Donna Santoli, and David Sauls.

**Public Agency Compliance Officer: (Liaison - Charles Cunliffe)**

Motion by Mr. Cunliffe, second by Deputy Mayor Lichtenstein, and carried, offering the following appointment:

Bernadette Standowski

**Rent Control Board: (Liaison - Menashe Miller)**

Motion by Mr. Miller, second by Senator Singer, and carried, offering the following appointments:

David Farkas – Alternate No. 2; David Garfield – Non Landlord Member; Jonathan Rubin – Landlord Member, William Schlameuss – Non Landlord Member; Lisa Skinner – Landlord Member; Nathaniel Small, Sr. – Tenant Member; Yitzchok Szmids – Alternate No. 1.

**Shade Tree Commission: (Liaison - Menashe Miller)**

Motion by Mr. Miller, second by Deputy Mayor Lichtenstein, and carried, offering the following appointments: Roseanne Work, John Craddock, Michael Gross, and Helen Salter.

**Transportation Board: (Liaison - Charles Cunliffe)**

Motion by Mr. Cunliffe, second by Senator Singer, and carried, offering the following appointment: David Garfield

**Zoning Board of Adjustment: (Liaison - Meir Lichtenstein)**

Motion by Deputy Mayor Lichtenstein, second by Mr. Cunliffe, and carried, offering the following appointments: Jose Berrios, Alt. 1; Moshe Lankry, Alt. 2; Meir Gelley, Sharon Goralsky, Michael Sernotti, and Elliot Zaks,

**MAYOR'S ADVISORY COMMITTEES**

Mayor Coles offered the following appointments:

**Community Relations Committee:**

Michael Cloney, Esther Coven, Jorge Esmart, Patricia Forse, Marta Harrison, Fayge Indik, Miriam Medina, and David Quinn, and Mary Ellen Fuhrman.

**Senior Advisory Committee:**

Claire Alessi, Tom Cariota, Robert Cartwright, Eileen D'Esposito, Larry Dowell, Joyce Glotzer, Sonia Harrison, David Hibberson, Najriran Holland, Mitzie Krampf, Dick Leiberman, Audrey Lobbato, Cis Mayer, John Mellie, David Quinn, Ed Rosenthal, Faye Socol, Joseph Kirsch, Connie Kirsch, Ruth Irwin, and Richard Pelillo.

**Tourism Advisory Committee:**

Betty Aptekar, Stanley Banas, Ceil DeMaria, Lorraine Franklin, Barney Gertner, David Quinn, Ruth Schreiner, Irene Steinman, Al Steinman, Mary Cranwell, and Sheldon Wolpin.

**Veterans Advisory Committee:**

Bert Albert, John Z. Balla, William Doyle, William Dubrowski, Vito Imperiale, Bill Keating, Bernie Lesiak, Thomas Lorenc, Joan Ordino, Richard Orne, Joseph Qualiano, Sr., Joe Rangell, Jeff Shapiro, and Sheldon Wolpin.

**MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS**

Planning Board Mayor's Designee Appointment (Cl. 1) -  
Class I Appointment - Ray Coles (one year)  
Class II Appointment - John Franklin (one year term)  
Class III Appointment - Menashe Miller (one year term)  
Alt. No. II Appointment - Enrique Percal (two year term)

## **2007 MAYOR'S LIAISON APPOINTMENTS**

### **RAY COLES**

C.D.B.G  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS  
HERITAGE COMMISSION  
HOUSING AUTHORITY  
INSPECTION DEPARTMENT  
LAKEWOOD DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION  
TAX ASSESSOR

### **CHARLES CUNLIFFE**

ADA COMPLIANCE & DISABILITIES  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
FINANCE DEPARTMENT  
INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION  
LEGAL DEPARTMENT  
PARKS AND RECREATION  
TOWNSHIP CLERK  
TRANSPORTATION

### **MEIR LICHTENSTEIN**

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT  
ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT  
FIRST AID & EMT  
MUNICIPAL COURT  
REGISTRAR  
STREET LIGHTING  
ZONING BOARD

### **MENASHE MILLER**

ADVERTISING AND CIVIC DISPLAY  
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION  
POLICE COMMISSIONER  
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT  
RENT CONTROL BOARD  
SENIOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
SHADE TREE COMMISSION  
VETERANS ADVISORY COMMISSION

## **ROBERT SINGER**

AIRPORT AUTHORITY  
BOARD of HEALTH  
CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION  
COMMUNITY CENTER ADVISORY BOARD  
FIRE DEPARTMENT  
LAKEWOOD DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION  
MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE  
TAX COLLECTOR  
TOURISM ADVISORY BOARD

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

Mayor Coles opened the meeting to the public.

Lynn Celli – Offered best wishes to the Township Committee. Commented with regard to her appointment to the LDC two and a half years ago, and her efforts in connection with that appointment.

Alice Kelsey, 295B Malvern Court East – Congratulated Mayor Coles. Asked why the Housing Advisory Committee has been abolished.

Mayor Coles answered that it has not been abolished; he just has not reappointed yet. He had a conversation with a few people a couple of weeks ago after a story appeared in the newspaper about the homeless people that are living in Lakewood and Toms River, asking if he could do something. He wants to establish some type of advisory committee that can deal with those issues as well as the outstanding housing issues. So over the next month or so he will be reaching out to a lot of those folks asking them for suggestions and ideas on how they can accomplish both things and really address the issues that are dearest and nearest to a lot of their hearts. With the holidays he did not get the chance to sit down with some of the people and decide as to which direction they want to go in, but more than likely, you will see two different committees established in the very near future.

David Drukaroff, 1433 Laurelwood Avenue – Offered his opinion as to Yehuda Shain's desire to recall Raymond Coles, Meir Lichtenstein and Robert Singer.

Mike Billig, 36 Monterey Circle – Offered best wishes for the New Year. Commented as to the qualifications of the people appointed to the various boards, and property tax appeals and the structure of property taxation in his neighborhood.

Mike McNeill, 201 Lincoln Street – Wished everyone a Happy New Year. Commented with regard to the establishment of a Housing Advisory Committee.

Marta Harrison, 946 Princewood Avenue – Congratulated Mr. Lichtenstein and Mr. Miller on their re-election, and Mr. Lichtenstein on his past year as Mayor. Commented with regard to the affordable housing projects and quality of life items. Wished everyone a Happy New Year and Good Luck in the coming year.

Shalom Landman, 107 Forest Park Circle – Congratulated Mayor Coles on his appointment. Commented on the subject of affordable housing. Wished everyone a Happy New Year.

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

## **COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEEMEN**

Senator Singer offered a Joint Senate/Assembly Proclamation honoring Meir Lichtenstein on his past year as Mayor.

Senator Singer offered his wish list for 2007:

1. That the Township allow him to work with the Engineering Department, Police Department and the DOT to redesign the downtown area from the Lake to Kennedy Boulevard, including Forest, Clifton and Monmouth, Lexington Avenue, etc.
2. That they allow cameras to be placed on key intersections in downtown and Route 9 both for traffic pattern and for the safety of the Township.
3. That they do an extensive search this year to hire a Deputy Township Administrator so that when the current Administrator retires, they do not find themselves in a difficult dilemma of not having an Administrator.
4. They should take a serious look at upgrading town hall physically, and renew the idea of making it more user friendly. He is still bothered by the fact that the Police Department is behind thick glass and the receptionist is out in the open.
5. That the Mayor set up a blue ribbon panel with individuals who do not have any conflicts in taking a look at the Master Plan and how the Township should develop as well as creating a separate agenda for developing more open space.
6. This year they attempted to create a comprehensive plan with the school board to reinstate confidence in how their tax dollars are spent. This will require a committee to be set up of key individuals from the Township to meet regularly with the Board of Education.
7. To develop a comprehensive parking plan for the downtown area, not limited to, but including such things as parking garages. That is his wish list for the coming year, and he hopes the Committee will take some of the things under consideration. He congratulated Mayor Coles.

Mr. Miller thanked everyone for coming. He thanked the residents who put their trust and support in him and making it a reality for him to be there. It is a great responsibility to sit amongst those who have set a high standard of fairness and integrity on this Committee. He congratulated Mayor Coles and his family on this momentous occasion, and wished him much success in his term as Mayor for 2007. He commended Meir Lichtenstein on his hard work, diligence and dedication for his service as Mayor over the past year. He expressed his appreciation to Mr. Cunliffe for his constant support, useful insights and experience. He thanked Senator Singer who has done so much for Lakewood both as a longtime Township Committeeman and as a State Senator. He thanked him for his constant guidance and counsel. He thanked the Republican Club for their help and constant assistance and direction. He is humbled to sit with a Township Committee of this stature; they are a family and it is a group effort. Their form of government requires them to depend on each other and on Township professionals. He feels that the Township professionals, department heads and municipal staff are the best around and he looks forward to working with them for the duration of his term. He thanked his parents and in-laws for all they have done for him throughout the years, and thanked his wife, Yocheved, for being most supportive of this and his other endeavors. As he has said in previous years, Lakewood's beauty is not only reflected in its parks, lakes and playgrounds, but also in its diverse ethnic groups, cultures, religions and age groups. He is committed to serving each and every Lakewood resident with fairness and integrity and he hopes that as they serve and walk among the community, that they will lead by example in their service to the community so that others may choose to serve in whatever capacity to bring whatever talents they have to offer to help out the town of Lakewood. He is honored and humbled to serve with the Township Committee working together for all of Lakewood. He wished everyone a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

Mr. Cunliffe – Wished everyone a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year. Offered best wishes to Mayor Coles. Congratulated Mr. Lichtenstein on his term as Mayor last year. He wanted to echo some of the comments of Senator Singer: Planning and Zoning, they still have some challenges ahead. 2006 was a very good year, it was also a very challenging year. And Planning and Zoning are issues that really must be forefront for this Committee. The very few acres that they have left are very precious, and they must make sure they are used wisely. And hopefully as they look at the Master Plan, and they continue to develop the Ordinances, they will find a way to renew some of the existing neighborhoods, and somehow still keep some green space. They still have some challenging issues with the downtown. He agrees with Senator Singer, they have unresolved issues as far as traffic is concerned, as far as parking is concerned, and with the day laborer situation that must be confronted. Quality of life issues are still on their doorstep, notwithstanding the pending lawsuit, they have to make sure that everyone who lives in Lakewood, whether they own or rent, has a safe, habitable place to live, and that neighborhoods in the downtown area are kept in a way that it does not inflict damage on people, whether it is aesthetic or real damage. They have to make sure they have good, solid, quality of life enforcement. Educational funding still remains as a challenge that has to be met; the funding formula everyone agrees is broken; it does not work. They have to use all of their talent to try to find a way to make the Governor and the legislature come up with a way of funding schools in the State of New Jersey in an effective way. And they have to make sure that they contribute whatever they can to make sure that the demographics that are given to the State government and the Federal government really truly give a good idea and a good

glimpse as to what is happening in Lakewood so that when they apply for grants or extra funding they can be counted properly, and they understand the true nature of the challenges in Lakewood. And last but not least, violence on the streets; 2006 was a very violent year in Lakewood. And no one should put their head in the sand and think it was not. They have significant issues that they have to confront here in Lakewood and they need to use the talent of the Police Department; they have to reach out to the Prosecutor, they have to reach out to the State and to the Federal Government to make sure they can put an end and a stop to the violence that is spreading to each and every area in Lakewood. They should not forget that. That should be the number one issue for this Township Committee. So he hopes and prays that the public will continue to support them, and that they will have the courage and the talent to address those issues. And lastly, the recall effort notwithstanding, he wanted to thank the many people who reached out to him personally, through cards, letters, phone calls, e-mails, personal visits; it was very uplifting in a tough time to know that so many people were behind him, and that so many people really truly appreciated the hard work that he tries to do each and every moment that he is involved as a Township Committeeman. He will serve as long as the public will allow him to serve, and you never get less than one hundred and ten percent of his effort. He thanked everyone, and offered best wishes to everyone for 2007, and wished everyone a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

Deputy Mayor Lichtenstein – Offered thanks to everyone who have helped him grow, and who have supported him in his past year as Mayor, and in the past election. He thanked his running mate Michael Sernotti, who took of his time in what they knew would be a rough election. He thanked everyone who assisted him in his re-election campaign. He thanked the Township Manager and Township Clerk, Clerk's Office and the Manager's Office and Township Attorney. To the members of the Township Committee, this past year certainly has had its ups and down. There were certainly times that were more tense than others. There were certainly times that were more joyful than others. There were certainly times that they saw accomplishments come together, and there were times that they saw efforts fail. The town is growing, and is growing quickly, and he agrees it is growing into a city. They all mean well for the town; all five Committeemen want absolutely positively what is best for the town. And they try very hard to make judgments based on what they feel would be right for everybody. And many times the five Committeemen disagree. Sometimes two agree with two, and three agree, and sometimes all five do not have the same opinion on the same subject at all. And it means a lot to them, and because it means so much, and because they put their time and effort into what they do, sometimes things can get heated, but he appreciates everyone on the Committee. He thanked each Committeeman for their guidance. He thanked his office staff. He thanked his parents and family members. He thanked his wife and children for their support. Wished everyone a Happy New Year and best wishes.

Mr. Miller acknowledged and thanked all past Mayors and Committee Members that were present in the audience.

Mayor Coles thanked his wife and children for their support. He thanked his parents and family members. He acknowledged John Franklin, and the opening of the new Public Works complex, and thanked him for his past service on the Township Committee. He acknowledged professionals in the audience and thanked them for their service. He

announced they will have two regular public meetings in town hall each month. That does not mean that it will cut down on the opportunity to have people speak. One of the things he has noticed over the year is that they really do not have the chance to get involved in a serious dialogue. A lot of the issues that come before them can't be properly addressed in a four minute speech at the microphone or a conversation back and forth with the professionals. So what he is planning on doing, starting next month or March at the latest, is advertising a series of public meetings. Hopefully they can be held in different parts of town, and it really will be a town hall type of meeting. He wants people to come; he wants to sit down and just talk to everyone about what is going on, to get involved in a real dialogue, and to dig into some of the problems. Some of the suggestions that Senator Singer had about different commissions and committees are all things they need to take up, and to get down to the nuts and bolts of how they can make this city into the place they want it to be. Many people ask him why he does this. The best reason he can give is the people who are sitting to either side of him. It is a pleasure to come out with them on meeting nights, and to attend the different functions. They have become like family to him; they are friends and confidants. That have their disagreements from time to time, but at the end of the day, they are always there for each other, and that means more to him than any public accolade or honor to know that he has the friendship of these men and women, and he thanked everyone for that. He extended an invitation to everyone in the audience to come to the reception at the Vanity Fair on Route 70, starting at 3:00 PM. He will do his best to live up to all of the high praise and accolades that he received today. It is not always an easy job, it may not always be fun, but it is a very important job. He thanked everyone for coming out.

## **BENEDICTION – RABBI SHMUEL BLECH**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion by Mr. Cunliffe, second by Mr. Miller, and carried, to adjourn the meeting.**

**Meeting adjourned at 2:20 P.M.**