

**LAKWOOD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 10, 2005
MINUTES**

The Lakewood Township Committee held a Meeting on Thursday, February 10, 2005 in the Lakewood Municipal Building, at 6:30 P.M. for the Executive Session, and 7:30 P.M. for the Conference Meeting, with the following present:

Mayor.....Absent....	Charles Cunliffe
Deputy Mayor.....	Meir Lichtenstein
Committee Members.....	Menashe Miller
	Senator Robert Singer
	Raymond Coles
Municipal Manager.....	Frank Edwards
Municipal Attorney.....	Steven Secare
Municipal Clerk.....	Bernadette Standowski

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Deputy Mayor Lichtenstein, second by Senator Singer.

Resolution No. 2005-88 – Adopted

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

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, by Resolution of the Township Committee adopted January 2, 2005 and published in the Ocean County’s Observer on January 7, 2005.

ROLL CALL

Motion by Mr. Coles, second by Mr. Miller, and carried, to open the meeting.

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF: None

MOTION TO APPROVE CLOSED SESSION MINUTES OF: 2/3/05

Motion by Mr. Coles, second by Mr. Miller, and carried, to approve the above Closed Session Minutes.

PRESENTATIONS: None

ORDINANCES FOR DISCUSSION: None

Comments from the public will be heard for a limit of one half-hour. Each speaker will have four (4) minutes at the podium.

Deputy Mayor Lichtenstein opened the meeting to the public.

Seeing no one wishing to be heard, Deputy Mayor Lichtenstein closed the meeting to the public.

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING – None

CONSENT AGENDA

The below listed items 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 authorizing Bingo and Raffle Applications: Lakewood Chapter of Hadassah, Lakewood Elks Lodge, PTSO Performing Arts Academy, St. Mary of the Lake.
Resolution No. 2005-89**
2. **Resolution authorizing submission of an amendment application to New Jersey Urban Enterprise Zone Assistance Funds for the year 2005. (Job Link)
Resolution No. 2005-90**
3. **Resolution authorizing submission of an amendment application to New Jersey Urban Enterprise Zone Authority for Enterprise Zone Assistance funds for the year 2005. (Job Link)
Resolution No. 2005-91**
4. **Resolution authorizing the execution of an amended traffic signal agreement with the County of Ocean for the intersection of New Hampshire Avenue and Cedar Bridge Avenue.
Resolution No. 2005-92**
5. **Resolution authorizing the execution of an amended traffic signal agreement with the County of Ocean for the intersection of Kennedy Boulevard and Clifton Avenue
Resolution No. 2005-93**
6. **Resolution authorizing the execution of a NJDOT Services Agreement between the Township of Lakewood and the New Jersey Department of Transportation. (Route 9, Pine St. James Street Intersections)
Resolution No. 2005-94**

7. **Professional Services Resolution authorizing the award of a contract to Birdsall Engineering for design improvements to Second Street, from Monmouth Avenue to Madison Avenue, sum not to exceed \$48,800.00.
Resolution No. 2005-95**
8. **Professional Services Resolution authorizing the award of a contract to Birdsall Engineering for the preparation and submission of a Title V air quality operating permit for the closed Cross Street Landfill, sum not to exceed \$7,325.00.
Resolution No. 2005-96**
9. **Resolution releasing a performance bond posted by S & H Builders, Inc. in connection with a project known as Faraday Estates.
Resolution No. 2005-97**
10. **Resolution authorizing the execution of an Interlocal Service Agreement between the Township of Lakewood and the County of Ocean. (FAST)
Resolution No. 2005-98**
11. **Resolution accepting road improvements at Cedarbridge Corporate Campus within the Township of Lakewood.
Resolution No. 2005-99**

Motion by Senator Singer, second by Mr. Coles, and carried, to approve Resolutions 1 through 11 on the Consent Agenda.

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

Resolution Nos. 2005-89 through 2005-99 – Adopted.

RESOLUTIONS NOT INCLUDED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA – None

MOTION TO APPROVE BILL LIST OF: None

CORRESPONDENCE

Motion by Mr. Coles, second by Mr. Miller, and carried, with regard to the approval of the following correspondence items.

Letter from the 9th Legislative District concerning the possibility of a statewide equalized school tax as a result of the convening of a constitutional convention.

Senator Singer advised that the concern of the 9th District is that there is the possibility of a state-wide equalized school tax as a result of the convening of a constitutional convention. He wanted everyone to understand why they should be very concerned about that. It sounds wonderful, saying it is an equalized tax rate for everyone in the state....everyone pays the same whether you live in north or south Jersey. The problem is when you do the figuring, there are

about 270 towns that gain, and about 240 towns that lose. The way you gain is, if your rate is higher than what the equalized rate would be, your rate is going to be lower. If your rate is lower than what the equalized rate is going to be, it is going to be raised. What the 9th District did was, they did research as to where the winning and losing towns are, based on what the equalized rate would be. Lakewood would lose on this deal. The taxes would go up, not down. Just be careful, in other words, it sounds good on the face of it, saying it is wonderful that everyone is going to pay the same, but you have to know there are winners and losers. That is why the League of Municipalities did not endorse this, because half of their towns win and half of them lose.

Mr. Secare asked if the Committee wanted a Resolution in support of their propositions; that is what they are asking for.

Senator Singer answered, he would say, for Lakewood, this would be a disaster because the taxes would go up.

Motion by Mr. Coles, second by Senator Singer, and carried, that the Resolution be prepared.

Letter from Susan Bass Levin, Chairman of NJHMFA regarding the Pooled Capitalization Bond Financing on behalf of the Lakewood Housing Authority.

Letter from Martin Lynch, Affordable Housing Administrator for Manchester Township, regarding entering into a Regional Contribution Agreement.

Mr. Coles advised that he did know if they had decided to accept RCA's. He thinks it is a good idea, but he believes that the new rate is thirty-five thousand per unit. He thinks they should look to maximize their benefit out of that.

Mr. Edwards stated he thinks it is negotiable; twenty-five is the minimum.

Deputy Mayor Lichtenstein requested Mr. Edwards to look into it and advise the Committee.

Letter from Commander Vito Imperiale of the Catholic War Veterans requesting to solicit funds for a poppy drive in the Township between April 29 and May 6, 2005.

Letter from William Dressel, Executive Director of the NJ State League of Municipalities, urging the Township to support Property Tax Reform Convention A-5269 and ACR-25.

Letter from JCPL stating that they are committed to maintaining customer service and reliability during the current work stoppage.

Letter from Alex DeCroce, Assembly Republican Leader, regarding the Township adopting a Resolution on Tax Reform.

Letter from Kay Gray and Daniel Levine of Food Not Bombs requesting to use Town Square on February 13, 2005 from 1:00 PM until 3:00 PM to distribute meals to the homeless and hungry.

Letter from Mirta Marsala, President of Crystal Rose O.R.F. requesting permission to hold the

4th Annual Unity Day Parade on Sunday, August 12, 2005 from 1:30 PM until 7:30 PM.

Letter from Lakewood Clergy Association asking to use Pine Park for an Easter Sunrise Worship Service on Sunday, March 27, 2005 at 6:00 AM.

Letter from Sarah Deutsch submitting her resignation from the Zoning Board.
Motion by Mr. Coles, second by Mr. Miller, and carried, that the above correspondence is accepted, with regrets.

PARKS AND EVENTS CORRESPONDENCE

Motion by Mr. Coles, second by Senator Singer, and carried, to approve the attached list of Parks and Events items 1 through 8, attached hereto and made a part hereof.

COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Deputy Mayor Lichtenstein advised that on February 14th at 2:00 P.M. in the Municipal Building there will be an informational meeting with regard to land sale bidding procedures.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Senator Singer, second by Mr. Miller, and carried, to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:38 P.M.