

The Lakewood Township Committee held a Meeting on Thursday, March 3, 2011, in the Lakewood Municipal Building, at 6:30 PM for the Executive Session, and 7:30 PM for the Public Meeting, with the following present:

Mayor.....Menashe P. Miller
Deputy Mayor.....Steven Langert
Absent..... Albert D. Akerman
Raymond Coles
Meir Lichtenstein
Municipal Manager..... Michael Muscillo
Municipal Attorney..... Jan L. Wouters, Esq.
Municipal Clerk.....Mary Ann Del Mastro

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 January 28, 2011.

ROLL CALL

CLOSED SESSION
Resolution No. 2011-89

ROLL CALL

SALUTE TO THE FLAG AND PRAYER

OPEN SESSION

Motion by Committeeman Coles, second by Deputy Mayor Langert, and carried, to open the meeting.

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF: 02/16/11

Motion by Committeeman Coles, second by Deputy Mayor Langert, and carried, to approve the above Minutes.

MOTION TO APPROVE CLOSED SESSION MINUTES: 02/16/11

Motion by Committeeman Coles, second by Deputy Mayor Langert, and carried, to approve the above Closed Session Minutes.

PRESENTATIONS – JOANNE BERGIN

Joanne Bergin is a grant writer working with Ervin Oross and the CDBG Office. They have been working over the past few months on a Grant made available through the Federal Government for an Anti-Gang Prevention Program for the Township. The program is aimed at what the Federal Government is calling primary prevention, meaning, they are looking to have an impact on children between the ages of seven to fourteen. The studies they have done have shown that prevention at the very youngest

of age is the most helpful impact that any program can have on gang prevention. The Township started a steering committee, that included members of the Police Department, Township officials, members of the School Board, and several community groups, including the Teen Center, Omega 13, the Homework Club, as well as the Saint Barnabus Health Care Systems Institute for Prevention. All the groups came together with one mindset, and one goal, and that was to come up with programs and initiatives they could implement that would help prevent children from being drawn into gang activities. They are not just looking at the kids; they are looking at this project holistically, coming up with programs and services, not only in school, but after school, during the summer, programs for families to help them help their kids, and programs in the communities to help everyone help their kids. It is a wonderful opportunity, and a very positive program. They have had people from the State Police join them, as well as the Ocean County Prosecutor's Office, and NJ State Parole Board. Everyone who participated has been active and engaged in the discussions. Individually there is a lot they can do; together they can make a huge difference, and that is why they are putting this grant application together, which will be for up to \$750,000 for a three year period. This evening, they are requesting a Resolution from the Committee in support of this endeavor, recognizing that gangs are a problem, and they would like to do what they can to keep the kids safe.

Committeeman Lichtenstein added that in their meeting with the Mayor of Irvington, it was obvious that a Police Department on its own can not handle a growing gang problem in a town. What they need is to have intervention in the schools, and intervention from groups such as clergy, and community groups that have outreach programs. A program that has been instituted that involved some of their officers gaining trust in some of the neighborhoods is part of the grant they are working with. They also spoke about inter-agency interaction, and that included the Federal, County, State and Municipal Governments. Aside from the social aspect that they are working on, and the grant they are going for to provide for the prevention of gang activity, because of a lack of structure of home or after school, and the street being more enticing to them, the Police Department is also working with various agencies, including the NJ State Police, who have agreed to commit resources under the Police Chief's direction, to help out in Lakewood. Over the past six or seven weeks, there have been at least two operations that have involved many law enforcement agencies, and there have been dozens of gang related arrests. Narcotics and guns have been taken off the streets in Lakewood. The Police Chief has advised that gang related activity has seen a serious decline over the past six to seven weeks in Lakewood. Certainly, with the efforts by the Police Department combined with the grant and the social aspect they need to work on, he believes they will make some serious headway.

ORDINANCES FOR DISCUSSION - None

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.

Mayor Miller opened the meeting to the public.

Baruch Blaustein, 109 Seventh Street – Commented with regard to the Fire District Budget, which was voted down in the recent Board of Fire Commissioners Election. He urged the Committee to make cuts in this Budget, and suggested they cut the purchase of a new fire truck, and renovations to fire houses. Also commented with regard to the PBA and SOA contracts, the State Budget, and the Municipal Budget.

Alice Kelsey, 295B Malvern Court – Commented on State government issues. Also commented on the Grant, and asked if the Township will be able to pay for the salaries of policemen.

Joanne Bergin answered that the Grant does allow for salaries and specifically to hire an anti-gang coordinator for the three year period. They will hire someone to supervise the entire program.

Mrs. Kelsey stated she would like to see a significant amount of the grant money go towards police salaries, who will be touching the lives of the kids.

Joyce Blay, NJ News and Views, 1594 Crimson Road, Toms River – Asked about Resolution No. 7, if the Township was increasing the funding for the Temporary Budget pending adoption of the 2011 Municipal Budget.

Mayor Miller explained that since they do not have a 2011 Budget yet, they have to set aside funds for the beginning of the year for the Budget.

David Drukaroff, 1433 Laurelwood Avenue – Commented with regard to Budget matters.

Rene Cora, 1038 Hearthstone Drive – Commented with regard to Union and employment issues.

Mayor Miller advised that the matter will be referred to the Labor Attorney.

Gerry Ballwanz, Governors Road – Suggested that discussions concerning Cedarbridge be conducted in open forum, rather than in closed sessions. Also commented on the Fire Budget, and the need to maintain an adequate Fire Department.

Noreen Gill, 192 Coventry Drive – Commented regarding the recent fire in her condo. Commended the fire department for their actions in saving her husband and her home.

Evgeny Matvienko, 166 Main Street – Commented on illegal transportation businesses in Lakewood.

Diane Ianarrone, Owner of Leisure Hack and Laurel Transportation – Commented on the signs that were recently put up for No Stopping No Standing near the bus station. Her office is at the bus station, and she requested that a police car go up and down First

Street, because there are limos and taxis parking on that street during the day, soliciting business.

Mayor Miller advised that they will inform the Police Chief of this matter.

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

Mayor Miller stated that the Fire Budget was voted down, and it is now before the Committee. Committeeman Lichtenstein is the Liaison to the Fire Department and Deputy Mayor Langert is the Liaison for the Budget and Finance Committee, and gave them each a copy of the Fire Budget for their review and recommendations.

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 awarding a Contract to and authorizing the Engineering Services of DY consultants for Helipad Design and Permitting, in an amount not to exceed \$55,00.00. (DOT Div. of Aeronautics – Grant)
Resolution No. 2011-90**
- 2. Resolution authorizing execution of Professional Engineering to assist in the Design and Engineering and Development of a Solar photovoltaic System at multiple Township Facilities. (Energy Block Grant)
Resolution No. 2011-91**
- 3. Resolution authorizing the release by the Lakewood Police Department of property and authorizing the sale of said property on an Online Auction Website.
Resolution No. 2011-92**
- 4. Resolution authorizing a Person-to-Person Transfer of Plenary Retail Consumption License No. 1514-33-027-005. (SLLHC Corporation to Songart Corporation)
Resolution No. 2011-93**
- 5. Resolution authorizing a Person-to-Person Transfer of Plenary Retail Consumption License No. 1514-32-022-009. (A Better Liquor Corporation to MGAR Liquors Inc)
Resolution No. 2011-94**
- 6. Resolution authorizing Appropriation Reserve Transfers in the 2010 Municipal Budget, in the amount of \$69,000.00.**

Resolution No. 2011-95

- 7. Resolution authorizing emergency Temporary Appropriations for the period between the beginning of the current fiscal year and the date of the adoption of the 2011 Budget.
Resolution No. 2011-96**
- 8. Resolution appointing members to the Lakewood Shade Tree Commission. (Helen Salter & Ryan Semblewski)
Resolution No. 2011-97**
- 9. Resolution authorizing application for Federal Grant for Anti-Gang Strategies and Programs.
Resolution No. 2011-98**
- 10. Resolution authorizing the execution of a Side Bar Agreement to avoid Layoffs and reduction in sworn personnel with Lakewood PBA Local #71.
Resolution No. 2011-99**
- 11. Resolution authorizing the execution of a Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Lakewood Township Superior Officers Association.
Resolution No. 2011-100**
- 12. Resolution authorizing Northern State Bank as an additional Depository Bank for the Township of Lakewood.
Resolution No. 2011-101**
- 13. Resolution accepting settlement and authorizing the Execution of a Settlement Agreement in connection with Developer's Performance Bond Default ZB#2969A, Pamela Drive, Subdivision, Block 2, Lots 115-119 & 121
Resolution No. 2011-102**
- 14. Resolution authorizing the Lakewood Tax Collector to cancel any and all property taxes on Block 1086, Lot 17.33, C1000, due to Disabled Veteran Exemption.
Resolution No. 2011-103**
- 15. Resolution authorizing the execution of a Collective Bargaining Agreement with the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Local #97, of New Jersey.
Resolution No. 2011-104**

16. **Resolution awarding a Contract to and authorizing the Appointment of Michael R. Bateman, Esquire as Special Counsel for Mediation pursuant to and in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et. seq. Resolution No. 2011-105**
17. **Resolution extending the Shared Services Agreement with the Lakewood Township Board of Education for Trash/Recycling Services. Resolution No. 2011-106**
18. **Resolution memorializing approval by the Township Committee of the Township of Lakewood of amendment of a Performance Guarantee established for the Pine River Village and Somerset Walk Developments. Resolution No. 2011-107**
19. **Resolution supporting continued full funding of Community Development Block Grants (CDBG). Resolution No. 2011-108**

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

On Roll Call – Affirmative: Committeeman Coles, Committeeman Lichtenstein, Deputy Mayor Langert and Mayor Miller.

Resolution Nos. 2011- 90 through 2011-108 – Adopted.

Mayor Miller spoke in support of the CDBG Fund Program. He advised that the Committee opposes any cuts by the Federal Government of CDBG Funding. The Resolution on the Agenda this evening urges this support to enable the CDBG Program to continue running and continue supporting the services in Lakewood Township.

ORDINANCES SECOND READING

An Ordinance of the Township of Lakewood, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, amending and supplementing Ordinance No. 2004-86, authorizing the Private Sale and Conveyance of Block 807 Lot 1, Block 808 Lot 2, Block 809 Lots 1, and 3, Block 815 Lot 1, Block 816 Lot 1, Block 817 Lot 1, Block 818 Lot 1, Block 819 Lot 1, Block 820 Lot 2, Block 831 Lot 3, Block 832 Lot 3, Block 833 Lot 2, Block 834 Lot 1, Block 835, Lot 3, and Block 836, Lot 3, lying within the Township of Lakewood, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, pursuant

to N.J.S.A. 40A:12-21(1), et. seq. to New Jersey Hand, a New Jersey Non-Profit Corporation, for nominal consideration.

Read by title only for second reading.

Mayor Miller opened the meeting to the public.

Alice Kelsey, 295B Malvern Court East – Commented on the need for rental affordable housing, and she feels that type of housing should be given consideration.

Committeeman Coles responded that NJ Hand is providing a service for a large segment of the population that can afford to buy a home. That does not alleviate the Township's obligation to find affordable housing for people who can not afford that. He agrees they need to have more affordable rental housing, and the Committee recognizes that fact. And they will do everything they can to get all other projects up and running, possibly suggesting switching from ownership to rental, but that is something they will keep an eye on, and it is a commitment that he intends to keep and follow through.

Mrs. Kelsey commented with regard to NJ Hand, although they did a wonderful job, and she is not saying anything against them, except that the type of housing they are proposing is not the type of housing that is needed in the town. She repeated that they need affordable housing for the poorest of the poor, those who fall below the standard that Mt. Laurel had, those who earn below \$40,000. And that has not been done yet. And they need to do it.

Committeeman Coles agreed, but his feeling on the NJ Hand project is that housing like that can enable people to remain in the middle class, to be able to have the lifestyle that we all want for ourselves, our children and grandchildren. He does not see them as exclusive. He agrees they need to do a lot more work for affordable rental housing but the job that NJ Hand is doing to provide housing for people who are really at the cusp of whether or not they will be able to afford a home, is almost as important.

Minister Stephen Brigham, Tent City – Commented on the affordable housing situation in Lakewood, including Tent City, the homeless camp in Lakewood. Compared the affordable housing situation to the game of "pick-up sticks" in that he looks at the racial make-up of Tent City, and he sees a complex make-up, a make-up of different races and colors and ethnic groups. He never solicited anyone to come and live at Tent City. Either they called him, or came down to see him at Tent City. As he looks at the forty plus individuals that live in Tent City presently, he sees almost an equal make-up of the races. And this was not something formulated or manipulated in any way. These were people that had needs that came down to Tent City to find a place to live. He looks at the other affordable housing of Lakewood, and he sees something different. He does not see the mixture in the developments. He sees segregation, racism, and

discrimination. He sees a manipulation of affordable housing in Lakewood; things that are being segregated purposely, which should not be so, as it is illegal, improper and immoral. He believes they need some grant money, to address the fair housing practices in Lakewood; they need someone from outside the community to be a Fair Housing Officer to assess the fair housing in Lakewood. He believes they should desegregate all the affordable housing in Lakewood and start over. When it comes to this Ordinance, they need to look at what NJ Hand is doing; they need to get some other developers that are going to see that the affordable housing is going to be like Tent City, all the races mixed together and represented equally and fairly.

Mayor Miller took offense to Minister Brigham's comments regarding the Fair Housing Officer in Lakewood, who is a fair individual, and a man of integrity, and man who the Committee has stood up for. He feels that Minister Brigham's disparaging comments were improper.

Mike McNeil – Stated that the work that he has done, not only in Lakewood, but throughout the State of New Jersey, speaks for itself. A lot of times people do not understand what fair housing is. They think it is what they assume it is. They did a project, and got everyone involved in this town when they built the first seventy-two units. They saw there were going to be some issues; they went around to all the churches, on Saturdays and Sundays, trying to get people involved, to get their credit approvals, and to do the right things. Comments were made that the only people that were going to be in there were from the orthodox community, and they were wrong. There were twenty-eight other people involved, but the problem was that they did not have the support system that was needed. They tried as much as possible to help. They waited for up to nine months in some cases, trying to get some people ready. It was a hard process, and a learning process. They have continued, and have put in a total of fifty-nine people over the past few years into affordable housing. That is what people do not see, and they do not understand. When people talk about fair housing, he never sees any of these people in the places where they are fighting for affordable housing and fair housing. The biggest thing that people do not understand about fair housing, is that no matter who you are, you have the right to apply for that house. The type of housing that they do is done by a lottery system. And if people want to see more people get in, they have to try to support them. People are so negative, and it takes no energy to be negative, but it takes a lot of work to get out there and start pushing to try to help people get into housing, which is what they do seven days a week, throughout the State of New Jersey.

Mr. McNeil further advised that there is no money available in the State. They do not have enough money for some of the inner-structure things that need to be done, because there is no more money in balanced housing. NJ Hand is now applying for the CHOICE voucher, and you have to meet a certain criteria for that. They need to sit down and talk, and make sure everyone understands, and they are more than willing to make sure that everyone is part of that. The doors are open, night and day. They also have some concern about building affordable housing, whether or not they can put people in based on what they see is happening in Lakewood. The developer is

concerned; everyone is concerned. They have had discussions about rentals, but in the meetings they have had, the people asked for ownership. This is what they wanted, and that is what they have tried to do. He hopes that the town is still willing to work with them on affordable housing.

Committeeman Coles stated that the Township is with him. It is a different world now from what it was a few years ago, where housing is concerned. They need to look at a lot of things, for the poorest of the poor, and the middle class. They will sit down, and work with them.

Gerry Ballwanz, Governors Road – Stated that in the language of the Ordinance, with the 85% going for non-income restrictions, she asked about the remaining 15%, how is that going to be divided. It is not mentioned in the Ordinance. Also, as to the market value of \$250,000, she believes that is too low for a townhouse with a basement.

Committeeman Coles responded that it is for moderate income. They are not selling them at market rate; there are some subsidies that go into keeping those prices below market rate.

Mrs. Ballwanz asked if someone with no income restrictions could get an affordable house.

Committeeman Coles answered he would have to go through it; he believes that there is a small percentage, due to the type of financing they are receiving, that is at market rate, but for any of the market rate homes, the Township will be paid the value of the land.

Mrs. Ballwanz added that at that point, the value of the land would not be that great, that the Township would be getting in return. She asked how an appraiser would appraise the land, based on the future value of the land, or if it was really true market value within the State of New Jersey, or just within Lakewood. She feels that is a danger point that Lakewood could be short-changed. Also, the Ordinance speaks about subsequent phases, there is no guarantee that NJ Hand may come back again with this same type of proposal.

Committeeman Coles responded that NJ Hand may not come back for a Phase III, and that is why they are breaking the project into phases. He is hoping that by the time this phase is done, and if they are ready to proceed with Phase III, the economy has improved, and housing values have increased, and the State will finally come back with a way to fund affordable housing, so that a lot of the subsidies that were available when Phase I went into place, are available again for people.

Anna Chin, Tent City – She stated that Tent City is very diversified. People get along well, and it is for the people who are homeless. She was rich, but due to some lawsuit problems, and she came down from the North, and found herself all of a sudden, homeless. It happens, and she is sure she will get out of it very soon. She feels that in

Tent City, they are trying to do something for themselves, and the government is running out of money. There are a lot of donations from the public to help. If they are kicked out of their land, and shifted around, there will be no real central help for them. Rev. Brigham is in charge, and he has organized Lakewood Outreach Community Service Ministry to help them as a group, so presently there is central help for them. She asked the town not to break them up. If land is to be deeded, she suggested it be deeded to Rev. Brigham's not-for-profit organization, as he is running it fairly, and he could do it.

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

The above Ordinance was offered by Committeeman Coles, second by Deputy Mayor Langert, for discussion.

Mayor Miller thanked Committeeman Coles for being the forerunner when it came to affordable housing.

Committeeman Lichtenstein also commended Committeeman Coles for his work on affordable housing. He further commented on the project, and advised that people were trying to get qualified, and also stated that the Township was assisting STEPS to get into churches, homes, housing units, to help the people that were trying to get into these homes. Unfortunately, there was only one person who was able to get the correct paperwork together. No matter what happens in the future, they are going to continue; there will be another lottery, whether or not it is with this particular property, hopefully there will be some rental housing available, and this Township Committee will support whoever wins the lottery, by working with the agencies to give them the ability to support the winners of the lottery so that they could qualify for the housing.

Deputy Mayor Langert commented that with regard to affordable housing, how many towns could you go to that would say "affordable housing, no thank you... affordable housing, we don't want you....affordable housing, go to Lakewood". When you are talking about Lakewood, if you take a look at the COAH requirements, he believes that Lakewood has already met them, especially if you count houses that were built before 1980. You are talking about three organizations in town that were given land by the Township, to build affordable housing. Unfortunately, only one has broken ground. He would love to see the other two get underway and build. Part of the reason they put together the infrastructure group, under the office of Economic Development, is to see projects like the pump station get off the ground. Those are the things that the Committee is doing proactively, to make sure that affordable housing does get built in Lakewood, whether it is state mandated or not. The Committee does everything they can to help organizations like STEPS and the Lakewood Housing Authority, to get a shovel in the ground. NJ Hand built affordable housing, low-income housing the first time around because they were granted subsidies to supplement their construction price. This time around, they came to the Township at the end of land year, and said they could not do it. They can not find the money to subsidize the construction of the house in order to sell it at a price that would be eligible for low-income housing. They

have identified the NJ CHOICE program that would allow them to subsidize enough of the units for moderate housing, being \$250,000. Because the Township has already given them the land, and the land is based on houses for low and moderate income, if the houses that are built for moderate income are sold within the first ten years, they are going to give the Township money back from the seller equal to the value of the land at the time, which would be determined by an appraisal, which is whatever the market value is of the land at the time. He is proud to be able to say that they are doing something to support affordable housing. Because in most towns, it is "no thank you". It is to Lakewood's credit that they take the necessary action to support affordable housing, and it certainly has his support.

On Roll Call – Affirmative: Committeeman Coles, Committeeman Lichtenstein, Deputy Mayor Langert and Mayor Miller.

Ordinance No. 2011-8 adopted on second reading.

ORDINANCE FIRST READING (Second reading and Public Hearing 03/24/11)

Ordinance of the Township of Lakewood, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, authorizing the Sale of Block 1028, Lot 3, and Block 445, Lot 9, in The Township of Lakewood, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, at open Public Sale pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12-1, et. seq.

Read by title only for first reading.

The above Ordinance was offered by Deputy Mayor Langert, second by Committeeman Coles.

On Roll Call – Affirmative: Committeeman Coles, Committeeman Lichtenstein, Deputy Mayor Langert and Mayor Miller.

Ordinance No. 2011-9 adopted on first reading. Second reading and public hearing to be held on March 24, 2011.

An Ordinance of the Township of Lakewood, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, authorizing the sale of an undersized parcel, Block 1045, Lot 2, in The Township of Lakewood, at a Private Sale pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12-1, et. seq.

Read by title only for first reading.

The above Ordinance was offered by Committeeman Coles, second by Deputy Mayor Langert.

On Roll Call – Affirmative: Committeeman Coles, Committeeman Lichtenstein, Deputy Mayor Langert and Mayor Miller.

Ordinance No. 2011-10 adopted on first reading. Second reading and public hearing to be held on March 24, 2011.

An Ordinance of the Township of Lakewood, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, amending and supplementing Chapter XVIII (Unified Development Ordinance) Article IX (Zoning Districts and Regulations), Section 18-903 A (Neighborhood Business Zone B-1), of the Revised General Ordinances of The

Township of Lakewood 1999. (Chapter XVIII, Article IX, Sec. 18-903 – B-1 Zone)

Read by title only for first reading.

The above Ordinance was offered by Deputy Mayor Langert, second by Committeeman Coles.

On Roll Call – Affirmative: Committeeman Coles, Committeeman Lichtenstein, Deputy Mayor Langert and Mayor Miller.

Ordinance No. 2011-11 adopted on first reading. Second reading and public hearing to be held on March 24, 2011.

An Ordinance of the Township of Lakewood, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, amending and supplementing Chapter II (Administration), Article XXI (Lakewood Development Corporation) Section 2-96.3 (Appointment to Board of Trustees; Terms) of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Lakewood, 1999. (Chapter II, Article XXI, Sec. 2-96.3 – LDC Trustees Terms)

Read by title only for first reading.

The above Ordinance was offered by Deputy Mayor Langert, second by Committeeman Coles.

Committeeman Coles asked that as an LDC Trustee, is he allowed to vote on this Ordinance.

Mr. Wouters answered yes.

On Roll Call – Affirmative: Committeeman Coles, Committeeman Lichtenstein, Deputy Mayor Langert and Mayor Miller.

Ordinance No. 2011-12 adopted on first reading. Second reading and public hearing to be held on March 24, 2011.

CORRESPONDENCE

Per list of two (2) correspondence items, attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Motion by Committeeman Coles, second by Deputy Mayor Langert, and carried, to approve the above two (2) correspondence items.

PARKS AND EVENTS CORRESPONDENCE

Per schedule of eleven (11) picnic/event requests, attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Motion by Committeeman Coles, second by Deputy Mayor Langert, and carried, to approve the above correspondence items, with the removal of Item No. 10 on the Parks & Events Schedule, per the request of Committeeman Lichtenstein in order to allow him time to review the request.

MOTION TO APPROVE BILL LIST OF: 03/01/11

Motion by Committeeman Lichtenstein, second by Committeeman Coles, to approve the above Bill List.

On Roll Call – Affirmative: Committeeman Coles, Committeeman Lichtenstein, Deputy Mayor Langert and Mayor Miller.

Bill List approved.

COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Committeeman Lichtenstein asked that a press release be prepared with regard to the forthcoming Annual Spring Cleaning. The Department of Public Works has advised that although the Township at one point during the Spring allows for dumpsters for a forty-eight hour period to be open throughout town for people to dispose of trash, between now and then there are dates available for bulk pick-up so that people do not have to drag their trash all the way to Public Works. The dates are as follows: if your pick-up date is generally on Monday, then March 9th and April 13th are bulk pick-ups; if your pick-up date is generally on Tuesday, March 9th and April 13th are bulk pick-ups; if your pick-up is generally on Thursday, you can have a bulk pick-up on March 16th; and if your pick-up is generally on Friday, you can have a bulk pick-up on March 23rd. The way you can get a bulk pick-up is that at least the day before that date, you need to call the Department of Public Works at 732-905-3405 and request that pick-up.

Mayor Miller added that when bulk pick-up is put out, metal and trash needs to be separated, because it is done by two different trucks.

Committeeman Coles added that he would ask Mr. Burdge to put together a press release with all that information to be provided to Mrs. Kirschner.

Deputy Mayor Langert commented that he would also like to voice his support for the CDBG full funding Resolution that was adopted this evening. He thinks it is very important given the fact that Lakewood's population has grown so much in the past ten years, and it would mean that much more federal dollars for Lakewood. When it comes to the public service portion of those dollars, and they focus those dollars towards the soup kitchens, food pantries in town, to help those who are in need, it is a wonderful thing to be able to utilize those dollars, which are not local property tax dollars, but are granted from the federal government. He thinks it is important for the government to find a way to save those CDBG dollars that come to every municipality.

Deputy Mayor Langert also addressed the Fire Budget that was voted down. It is understandable to him, as a taxpayer, and as a voter, to see the voters take out their frustrations where they can. It is also understandable in New Jersey, the highest taxed State in the nation for the third year in a row, to see people take out their frustration on a Budget when they can. But there are certain things, while he appreciates the fact that both he and Committeeman Lichtenstein have been charged with sitting down with the Fire Commissioners to talk about their defeated Budget, he has to say that after last year when their Budget was defeated, he found them to be very professional, open and

realistic. They were able to find a \$50,000 savings which reduced their tax levy from an increase to a decrease. Which meant in Lakewood, in 2010, the Township Committee had no tax increase, the Fire Budget had a tax decrease, and the School Budget had a small tax levy increase. This year he believes that all three will come in flat or below. He has found that with the Fire Budget in Lakewood they are fortunate to have the type of fire force that they have. Lakewood is the seventh largest municipality in the State. He asked the Clerk to do some research for him, to find out the six municipalities that are larger than Lakewood, what kind of fire force they have. If people knew the numbers, they would be shocked to find out the kind of service Lakewood gets because of the volunteers in town. Lakewood is very lucky to have such a large dedicated volunteer force. To be very candid, if that means that they should spend \$100,000 more on a truck because they can keep one hundred volunteers, and not to have one hundred paid firemen, he thinks in the long run it pays to do it that way. So while he expects to be able to report back to the Committee with Committeeman Lichtenstein at the next meeting that they have met with the Fire Commissioners and have talked to them, please keep in mind that the Budget this year already had a decrease from last year.

Deputy Mayor Langert also welcomed Diane Ianarrone back to the meeting. The last time she was there, he had requested, because she is a taxi company operator, for her to put together a new taxi rate schedule. He advised he is still waiting for that information.

Diane Ianarrone advised she has already submitted that information.

Deputy Mayor Langert further welcomed Margaret Bonafide to Lakewood. She is a long-time Asbury Park Press reporter, and he has always found her articles to be fair and balanced.

Deputy Mayor Langert further commented on the matter of affordable housing. Some of the comments he heard this evening he feels were ugly, and have no place at this meeting, and have no basis in fact. In fact when people bring up what others say or do, or anonymous comments, he feels if you believe it, you buy into it, and you would think they are all part of one big conspiracy theory. Again, some of the comments were ugly, especially coming from some people who make deals and don't know how to keep their word.

Mayor Miller again thanked Joanne Bergin for being present this evening, and for working with the Township. Her work is greatly appreciated.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Deputy Mayor Langert, second by Committeeman Coles, and carried, to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 9:11 PM.