

**LAKWOOD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
MINUTES
APRIL 3, 2008**

The Lakewood Township Committee held a Meeting on Thursday, April 3, 2008 in the Lakewood Municipal Building, at 3:00 PM for the Executive Session and 4:00 PM for the Public Meeting, with the following present:

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

CLOSED SESSION

**Motion by Deputy Mayor Lichtenstein, second by Senator Singer.
Resolution No. 2008-130 – Adopted.**

SALUTE TO THE FLAG AND PRAYER

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 March 13, 2008 and published in the Asbury Park Press on March 12, 2008.

ROLL CALL

OPEN SESSION

Motion by Deputy Mayor Lichtenstein, second by Senator Singer, and carried, to open the meeting.

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF: 03/27/08

Motion by Deputy Mayor Lichtenstein, second by Senator Singer, and carried, to approve the above Minutes.

MOTION TO APPROVE CLOSED SESSION MINUTES: 03/27/08

Motion by Deputy Mayor Lichtenstein, second by Senator Singer, 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 (1) hour. Each speaker will have four (4) minutes and shall be limited to one time at the podium.

Mayor Coles opened the meeting to the public.

Carol Suckno, 59 Foxwood Road – Commented with regard to the new cell phone law. She questioned the thirty day educational period, rather than enforcement and issuance of tickets for violations. Feels it is an excessive amount of time to be given on a law that has been passed, in order to educate the public. Also commented on the condition of the building located at the northeast corner of Madison Avenue and Ninth Street; when was the building last inspected for safety.

Mayor Coles advised he was not sure if the building has to inspected on a regular basis once a CO is issued, and it is being used for the same purpose. He advised he would speak with the administrator of the school, to look it over for any safety issues that may occur. The school does plan to locate to a new facility, and at that time, the entire building will be renovated.

Mayor Coles further advised that it is not a Township Committee decision as to whether or not the Police Department requests its officers to enforce or not enforce any particular law. The Chief had said it would be in the public interest to use this time as an educational period, to issue warnings, but that did not preclude the officers from issuing tickets. The Township Committee has no jurisdiction over that. He had agreed with the Chief's suggestion that officers to use this time for education as a means of enforcement, rather than a violation issue, if that solves the problem. The Chief had said if it does not solve the problem, as of April 1st, the discretion is out the window, and he will inform the officers to issue tickets. That being said, the police officers still have it within their discretion whether or not to issue a ticket for a violation. This Committee can not tell the Chief to enforce or not enforce any particular law.

Seeing no one else wishing to be heard, Mayor Coles 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 Proclaiming April 7, through April 13, 2008 as National Public Health Week Resolution No. 2008-131

2. Resolution Proclaiming April 27, through May 3, 2008 as National Volunteer Week
Resolution No. 2008-132
3. Resolution appointing members to the Lakewood Township Heritage Commission
(Howard Butensky, Esq. and Norman D. Smith, Esq.)
Resolution No. 2008-133
4. Resolution Accepting a 2008 Recycling Mini-Grant from the County of Ocean, in the
amount \$8,134.00
Resolution No. 2008-134
5. Resolution Appointing a Municipal Housing Liaison/RCA Administrator in Lakewood
Township/Ocean County (Russell Corby)
Resolution No. 2008-135
6. Resolution Approving Operating Manuals for the Administration of Rehabilitation and
For Sale units in Lakewood Township/Ocean County
Resolution No. 2008-136
7. Resolution Authorizing Mayor to Execute Two RCA Escrow Agreements
(Escrow Agreement for RCA Trust Fund – Toms River Rehabilitation RCA:
Escrow Agreement for RCA Trust Fund – Lakewood Commons I)
Resolution No. 2008-137

Motion by Deputy Mayor Lichtenstein, second by Mr. Miller, to approve Resolutions 1 through 7 on the Consent Agenda.

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

Resolution Nos. 2008-131 through 2008-137 – Adopted.

ORDINANCE SECOND READING - None

ORDINANCE FIRST READING - None

CORRESPONDENCE

Per list of four (4) correspondence items, attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Motion Deputy Mayor Lichtenstein, second by Mr. Miller, and carried, that the subject correspondence is received and filed, and approved subject to the laws that apply to the parks, together with the approval of the following picnic requests.

PARKS AND EVENTS CORRESPONDENCE

Per schedule of four (4) items, attached hereto and made a part hereof.

MOTION TO APPROVE BILL LIST OF: None

COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mr. Miller advised he met with the residents of Westgate and the builder to discuss the fence issue. The Attorney will be providing the Committee with a letter with regard to the results of the meeting.

Mayor Coles asked Mr. Oross to announce the lottery schedule for next week for the first seventy-two affordable units.

Mr. Oross advised next Wednesday evening, at 7:00 PM to 11:00 PM, a lottery will be held for the NJ Hand Development. Seventy-two units will be selected, and they will run through about six hundred applications, the lottery balls for three-bedroom units, and about eight hundred lottery balls for the four-bedroom units.

ADJOURNMENT

**Motion by Senator Singer, second by Mr. Miller, and carried, to adjourn the meeting.
Meeting adjourned at 4:15 PM.**