

**LAKWOOD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
MINUTES
THURSDAY, APRIL 10, 2008**

The Lakewood Township Committee held a Meeting on Thursday, April 10, 2008 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..... Raymond Coles
- Deputy Mayor..... Meir Lichtenstein
- Committee Members..... Senator Robert Singer
Menashe Miller
- Absent..... Charles Cunliffe
- Municipal Manager..... Frank Edwards
- Municipal Attorney..... Steven Secare
- Municipal Clerk..... Bernadette Standowski

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Mr. Miller, second by Deputy Mayor Lichtenstein.
Resolution No. 2008-138 – 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 January 1, 2008 and published in the Asbury Park Press on January 8, 2008.

ROLL CALL

OPEN SESSION

Motion by Mr. Miller, second by Deputy Mayor Lichtenstein, and carried, to open the meeting.

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF: 04/03/08

Motion by Mr. Miller, second by Deputy Mayor Lichtenstein, and carried, to approve the above Minutes.

MOTION TO APPROVE CLOSED SESSION MINUTES: 04/03/08

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

PRESENTATIONS:

Proclamations for NAACP Brotherhood Essay Winners

Mayor Coles presented Certificates to the winners of the NAACP Brotherhood Essay Contest.

ORDINANCES FOR DISCUSSION: None

Mayor Coles reviewed quality of life items from the previous meeting.

Mr. Mignella reported that he recently spoke with County representatives, and they will be installing a “No Turn on Red” sign on Massachusetts Avenue, near the Fairways and Enclave.

He has not heard from the State on Route 9; he will follow up as to the pedestrian crossing signal at North Lake Drive. As to the paving for the Vine Avenue Extension project, the tentative schedule for completion is June.

Chief Lawson reported on the complaint from Ann Richardson with regard to her residence on Lanes Mill Road, and numerous traffic accidents that are affecting her quality of life. The Traffic Supervisor, Sgt. Frank Work, wrote to Ocean County Engineering and has asked them to look at the area. He feels that the accidents are caused by excessive speeding, and they will be doing selective enforcement on that road at that location.

Mr. Franklin reported that the small signs throughout town are being located and picked up. As to James Street, across from Bradco, the area has been cleaned up. As to Biltmore and Elmhurst Avenues, the areas have been cleaned up.

Comments from the Committee Members:

Senator Singer thanked Mr. Franklin for the clean up of the James Street area, across from Bradco.

Senator Singer commented that the Developer who is putting curbs on Cross Street had his front-end loader right on the street, with no flagmen. They were pouring cement today, with no flagmen. He feels this is a hazard on a major road, and they should have discussed this with the Engineering Department and Inspection Department, to make sure it is safe. The Contractor is disobeying all rules and regulations. If they had met with Engineering and Inspection, they would not have been permitted to do this.

Mr. Miller advised he received a letter from the organization who does their annual Walk-a-Thon at Pine Park. He forwarded the letter to Chief Lawson with regard to assistance with the traffic on that date.

Mr. Miller also commented with regard to the intersection of Martin Luther King Drive and Pine Street. At various times of the day, it is extremely congested; traffic backs up and there are school bus issues. He requested that Chief Lawson and Traffic & Safety look at

that intersection to see what can be done to alleviate the traffic.

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.

Michael Billig, 36 Monterey Circle – Thanked Ed Mack and the Inspection Department for addressing the absentee owner/landlord issues and overcrowded units.

Bill Hobday, 30 Schoolhouse Lane – Commented on the work being done along Massachusetts Avenue; they are doing a wonderful job. Also commented on the traffic signal at Route 9 and Locust Lane; it is a wonderful thing for safety in the town. Stated that New Hampshire Avenue is still difficult; he does not know what can be done to alleviate the traffic.

David Drukaroff, 1433 Laurelwood Avenue – Commented on the subjects of segregation and affirmative action.

Chaim Cohen, 415 Arlington Avenue – Asked what is the procedure for identifying Township roads that are in need of repaving. He advised that James Street is in poor condition, and he feels it is a hazard to drive from Route 9 towards Drake Road.

Mr. Mignella advised that James Street is a County Road, so he suggested that Mr. Cohen write to the Ocean County Engineer's Office, or he could contact his office, and he would write to them on his behalf. The County selectively paves a few roads each year. In Lakewood, they coordinate with the Department of Public Works as to what roads need to be repaved.

Mayor Coles advised Mr. Cohen that if he has some concerns, he could send a letter to the Mayor's Office or Engineer's Office and they will review his comments.

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

At this time, the professionals left the meeting.

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 Robert H. Hoover and Sons for the purchase of two 4 X 4 Trucks with Stainless Steel Mason Dump Bodies, Spreaders and Plows pursuant to and in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 Et. Seq., in the amount of \$173,586.00
Resolution No. 2008-139

2. Resolution authorizing Participation in the Safe and Secure Communities Program of the State of New Jersey, Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of Criminal Justice.
Resolution No. 2008-140
3. Resolution authorizing the execution of an Interlocal Service Agreement between the Township of Lakewood and the County of Ocean, in the amount of \$264,430.00
Resolution No. 2008-141
4. Resolution appointing members to the Lakewood Township Community Center Advisory Board (Simcha Greenwald, Rob Betesh, and Binyamin Greenspoon)
Resolution No. 2008-142
5. Resolution Authorizing submission of an amendment application to New Jersey Urban Enterprise Zone Authority for Enterprise Zone Assistance Funds for the year 2008, in the amount of \$22,000.00
Resolution No. 2008-143
6. Resolution releasing a Maintenance Bond posted by Parkview Homes, LLC in connection with Block 248, Lots 5-7, 9, 11-13, and 32, in the amount of \$40,609.00
Resolution No. 2008-144
7. Resolution awarding a contract to Rodio Tractor Sales, Inc., for the purchase of one 4-Wheel Drive Tractor with Rear Flail Mowers pursuant to and in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 Et. Seq., in the amount of \$76,985.00
Resolution No. 2008-145
8. Resolution awarding a contract to Robert H. Hoover and Sons for the purchase of Two Dump Trucks pursuant to and in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 Et. Seq., in the amount of \$180,880.00
Resolution No. 2008-146

Motion by Senator Singer, second by Mr. Miller, to approve Resolution Nos. 1 through 8 on the Consent Agenda.

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

Resolution Nos. 2008-139 through 2008-146 – Adopted.

ORDINANCE SECOND READING

• **An Ordinance of the Township of Lakewood, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, vacating all right, title and interest of and to a portion of Towers Street in the Township of Lakewood, pursuant to and in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:67-1, et seq (Towers St.)**
Read by title only for second reading.

Mayor Coles opened the meeting to the public. Seeing no one wishing to be heard, the hearing on this Ordinance was closed to the public.

The above Ordinance was offered by Senator Singer, second by Mr. Miller.

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

Ordinance No. 2008-18 adopted on second reading.

- **An Ordinance of the Township of Lakewood, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, vacating all right, title and interest of and to a portion of South Pershing Avenue in the Township of Lakewood, pursuant to and in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:67-1, et seq (South Pershing Ave.)**

Read by title only for second reading.

Mayor Coles opened the meeting to the public. Seeing no one wishing to be heard, the hearing on this Ordinance was closed to the public.

The above Ordinance was offered by Senator Singer, second by Mr. Miller.

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

Ordinance No. 2008-19 adopted on second reading.

- **An Ordinance of the Township of Lakewood, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey amending Ordinance No. 2007-23, establishing the annual salaries for the AFSCME Local 3790, Council 71, Township Employees (Senior Permit Clerk)**

Read by title only for second reading.

Mayor Coles opened the meeting to the public.

Michael Billig, 36 Monterey Circle – As the State and Township are in less than wonderful economic health, he asked if this is a necessary position; does it already exist; is it a direct replacement; it is hiking the salary; what is it going to do. This same question would pertain to the first Ordinance for first reading.

Mr. Edwards explained that this is a Civil Service title that is not contained in the union contract. There is an individual who has been a Permit Clerk for quite a while, and it was recommended by her Department Head, and the Union, that the Township promote her to Senior Permit Clerk. In order to do that, they need to have the title and the salary Ordinance. It will entail a promotion and an increase in salary.

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

The above Ordinance was offered by Deputy Mayor Lichtenstein, second by Mr. Miller.

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

Ordinance No. 2008-20 adopted on second reading.

- **An Ordinance amending the Code of the Township of Lakewood Chapter 18, Unified Development Ordinance, by revising and supplementing the regulations concerning flag lots (Section 18-805.G)**

Read by title only for second reading.

Mayor Coles opened the meeting to the public. Seeing no one wishing to be heard, the hearing on this Ordinance was closed to the public.

Mr. Edwards advised that the Planning Board did not have the opportunity to review or comment on this Ordinance at their last meeting. They have it on their Agenda for their meeting on April 15th. He suggested it be carried to the meeting of May 8th.

Motion by Senator Singer, second by Mr. Miller, that the above Ordinance be carried to May 8, 2008.

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

Second reading and public hearing on Ordinance No. 2008-21 carried to the meeting of May 8, 2008.

ORDINANCE FIRST READING (Second reading and Public Hearing 05/08/08)

- **An Ordinance of the Township of Lakewood, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, establishing the salaries and positions of persons employed by the Township of Lakewood in the County of Ocean and State of New Jersey for certain employees of the Lakewood Township IBT Local #469 Teamsters Union**

Read by title only for first reading.

The above Ordinance was offered by Deputy Mayor Lichtenstein, second by Senator Singer.

Senator Singer advised this is a negotiated contract with this Union.

Mr. Edwards added that this is a ten member unit. They have been without a Contract since the end of 2006. It went to mediation and the Committee has already voted to approve the Contract. This is the salary Ordinance based on the mediator's recommendations to settle it.

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

Ordinance No. 2008-22 adopted on first reading. Second reading and public hearing to be held on May 8, 2008.

- **An Ordinance of the Township of Lakewood, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, authorizing the acquisition of Block 536, Lot 177 for youth related educational/recreational activities as shown the tax map of the Township of Lakewood, pursuant to and in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:12-1, et seq.**
Read by title only for first reading.

The above Ordinance was offered by Senator Singer, second by Deputy Mayor Lichtenstein.

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

Ordinance No. 2008-23 adopted on first reading. Second reading and public hearing to be held on May 8, 2008.

- **An Ordinance amending the Code of the Township of Lakewood, Chapter 18, Unified Development Ordinance, by revising and supplementing the regulations concerning the exemption of off-street parking in the central business zone (B-2) for non-residential uses and provisions regarding off-premises parking in the Township of Lakewood, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey**
Read by title only for first reading.

The above Ordinance was offered by Senator Singer, second by Deputy Mayor Lichtenstein.

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

Ordinance No. 2008-24 adopted on first reading. Second reading and public hearing to be held on May 8, 2008.

CORRESPONDENCE

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

Motion by Deputy Mayor Lichtenstein, second by Mr. Miller, to approve the above correspondence items, together with the following picnic requests.

Senator Singer asked if this Motion included the request concerning the Little League Field.

Deputy Mayor Lichtenstein answered yes.

Mr. Edwards advised that Mr. Franklin provided a memo with regard to this matter.

Deputy Mayor Lichtenstein acknowledged receipt.

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

PARKS AND EVENTS CORRESPONDENCE

Per schedule of seven (7) items, attached hereto and made a part hereof.

MOTION TO APPROVE BILL LIST OF: 04/08/08

Motion by Deputy Mayor Lichtenstein, second by Mr. Miller, to approve the above Bill List.

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

Bill List approved.

COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Senator Singer welcomed a visitor this evening, the former President of the Criminal Bar of Queens, an attorney, his brother, Steven Singer.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Deputy Mayor Lichtenstein, second by Mr. Miller, and carried, to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.