

**LAKWOOD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING  
MINUTES  
APRIL 14, 2005**

The Lakewood Township Committee held a Meeting on Thursday, April 14, 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 . . . . .	Charles Cunliffe
Deputy Mayor . . . . .	Meir Lichtenstein
Committee Members . . . . .	Menashe Miller
Absent . . . . .	Senator Robert Singer
	Raymond Coles
Municipal Manager . . . . .	Frank Edwards
Municipal Attorney . . . . .	Steven Secare
Municipal Clerk . . . . .	Bernadette Standowski

**CLOSED SESSION**

Motion by Mr. Coles, second by Mr. Miller.  
Resolution No. 2005-184 – 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: 4/6/05**

Motion by Mr. Coles, second by Deputy Mayor Lichtenstein, to approve the above Minutes.  
On Roll Call – Affirmative: Mr. Miller, Mr. Coles, Deputy Mayor Lichtenstein and Mayor Cunliffe.

Minutes approved.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

- MOM Rally  
Bernard Gindoff, Chairman of the Transportation Board, gave a brief presentation with regard to the MOM Rally to be held on May 22, 2005 at 1:00 PM in Town Square.

- AcculImage – Jim D’Andrea  
A presentation was given with regard to the new Township Website.

**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.

Mayor Cunliffe opened the meeting to the public.

Rich Orne, Vine Street – Commented with regard to Airport issues.

David Rochove, 817 Princeton Avenue – Commented with regard to the Squankum Road improvement project. Stated neighbors did not know anything about this project. They were present to voice their reservations about the project, and petitions against the project were submitted.

Mayor Cunliffe advised there were three public hearings on this project spanning over the last few years.

Mr. Coles advised that the plan for this project goes back to 2002. When it was first proposed, there were quite a few people from the neighborhood present at the meetings.

Mr. Rochove stated that he has lived in the neighborhood since 2000, and they did not know about this project.

Mr. Miller and Deputy Mayor Lichtenstein asked if anything could be done to put a stop to the project at this time.

Mr. Secare advised he has had the opportunity to review the minutes of the public meetings, the bid documents for the project, and the petitions. It would be illegal for the Committee not to go ahead with the project, because the contract has been awarded according to the bids. In addition, the illegality would be such that if it was not continued, they would be the possible subject of an investigation. Also, failure to go ahead with this project would jeopardize any future DOT analysis and grants to the Township. It is his opinion after looking at all the documents, the minutes, and speaking with the officials, it would be improper and illegal to stop the project. The Committee is very sensitive to the concerns of the neighborhood, but it would be improper, and it is his strong legal opinion that the Committee not follow through with Mr. Lichtenstein’s request to stop the project.

Deputy Mayor Lichtenstein advised he has explored all alternatives to the problem, and it appears they have to allow this contract to go through, but he has also asked that the Engineer look at safety issues in surrounding streets to make it a little easier to get around the construction work.

Mr. Coles offered to have the Township Engineer set up a meeting to go over the plans with the neighborhood, and hear the concerns and input of the residents.

Motion by Deputy Mayor Lichtenstein, second by Mr. Coles, and carried, that Mr. Coles and Deputy Mayor Lichtenstein will serve on a sub-committee and plan a presentation to the neighborhood on this project.

Vincent Corsaro, 28 Autumn Tide Drive – Commented with regard to school board issues, and the construction of sidewalks to eliminate busing.

Mr. Coles advised they are looking into available CDBG funding to construct sidewalks throughout the town where needed.

David Drukaroff, 1433 Laurelwood Avenue – Read from a newspaper article regarding traffic.

Mr. Levy, 14 East 8th Street - Commented with regard to the Squankum Road improvement project.

Yachov Burman, 33 East 8th Street - Commented with regard to the Squankum Road improvement project.

James Waters, 1275 Old County Line Road – Thanked the Committee for the improved lighting on Old County Line Road in the Raintree area. Complained about the changing of the polling place in his voting district.

Yachov Elizary, 31 East 8th Street – Commented with regard to the Squankum Road improvement project.

Seeing no one else wishing to be heard, Mayor Cunliffe 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: Congregation Ahavat Shalom, Caregiver Volunteers of Central Jersey.  
Resolution No. 2005-185
2. Resolution authorizing a Leave of Absence Without Pay to Rose Nelson.  
Resolution No. 2005-186

Motion by Mr. Coles, second by Deputy Mayor Lichtenstein, to approve Resolutions 1 and 2 on the Consent Agenda.

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

Resolution Nos. 2005-185 and 2005-186 – Adopted.

## **RESOLUTIONS NOT INCLUDED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA - None**

### **MOTION TO APPROVE BILL LIST OF: 4/13/05**

Motion by Mr. Coles, second by Mr. Miller.

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

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

Letter from Cornerstone Calvary Chapel requesting to use Town Square on April 9, 16, 23 and 30, 2005, from 12:00 Noon until 5:00 PM, to pass out food and clothing.

Motion by Mr. Coles, second by Deputy Mayor Lichtenstein, to approve the above request.

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

Letter from Bethel Spanish Pentecostal Church requesting to use Town Square on May 4, 11, 18, 25, 2005, and June 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29, 2005, to hold worship services.

Motion by Mr. Coles, second by Deputy Mayor Lichtenstein, to approve the above request for thirty days in advance only.

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

## **PARKS & EVENTS CORRESPONDENCE**

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

Motion by Mr. Coles, second by Deputy Mayor Lichtenstein, to approve the above Parks and Events requests.

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

## **COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Mr. Miller announced that the Memorial Day Parade will be held on May 30th at 10:00 AM. Also advised that Mr. McGilloway resigned from the Veterans Advisory Committee.

Deputy Mayor Lichtenstein advised he had a very successful meeting with JCP&L. They moved very quickly on the requested repairs.

Mayor Cunliffe thanked Acculmage and everyone involved for the presentation this evening with regard to the new Township Website.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Deputy Mayor Lichtenstein, second by Mr. Miller, and carried, to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 9:05 P.M.