

**LAKWOOD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
RE-ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
MINUTES
JANUARY 1, 2008**

The Lakewood Township Committee held their annual Re-Organizational Meeting on Tuesday, January 1, 2008, at 12:00 Noon in the Lakewood Municipal Building, with the following present:

- Committee Members..... Raymond Coles
Charles Cunliffe
Meir Lichtenstein
Menashe Miller
Senator Robert Singer
- Municipal Manager..... Frank Edwards
- Municipal Clerk..... Bernadette Standowski
- Deputy Clerk..... MaryAnn Del Mastro

SALUTE TO THE FLAG.....LED BY THE MUNICIPAL CLERK

INVOCATION – CHAPLAIN, CAPTAIN RAPHAEL BERDUGO, US AIR FORCE

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**OATH OF OFFICE...TOWNSHIP COMMITTEEMAN – SENATOR ROBERT SINGER
ADMINISTERED BY: HONORABLE ARNOLD GOLDMAN**

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION OF MAYOR

Motion by Mr. Lichtenstein, second by Mr. Miller, nominating Raymond Coles as Mayor for 2008.

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

OATH OF OFFICE TO MAYOR

ADMINISTERED BY: HONORABLE ARNOLD GOLDMAN

NOMINATIONS & ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

Motion by Mr. Miller, second by Senator Singer, nominating Meir Lichtenstein as Deputy Mayor for 2008.

On Roll Call – Senator Singer, Mr. Miller, Mr. Cunliffe and Mayor Coles.

OATH OF OFFICE TO DEPUTY MAYOR

ADMINISTERED BY: HONORABLE ARNOLD GOLDMAN

RESOLUTION APPOINTING TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY – STEVEN SECARE, ESQ.

Motion by Deputy Mayor Lichtenstein, second by Mr. Miller.

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

Abstain: Senator Singer

Resolution No. 2008-1 – Adopted

Mayor Coles thanked the Honorable Arnold Goldman.

Mr. Edwards presented the ceremonial gavel to Mayor Coles as outgoing Mayor for the year 2007. On behalf of the employees, he thanked Mayor Coles for a good year, for his leadership qualities, and making a good example for Lakewood Township.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 1) RESOLUTION SETTING DAY AND HOUR OF TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETINGS
Resolution No. 2008-2
- 2) RESOLUTION SETTING TEMPORARY BUDGET FOR 2008
Resolution No. 2008-3
- 3) RESOLUTION DESIGNATING OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS
Resolution No. 2008-4
- 4) RESOLUTION APPOINTING TOWNSHIP AUDITOR – FALLON & LARSON
Resolution No. 2008-5
- 5) RESOLUTION APPOINTING TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL PROSECUTORS –
VALTER MUST, ESQ., AND ROBERT ROTHSTEIN, ESQ.
Resolution No. 2008-6
- 6) RESOLUTION APPOINTING TOWNSHIP TAX APPEAL ATTORNEY –
STEVEN SECARE, ESQ.
Resolution No. 2008-7
- 7) RESOLUTION APPOINTING TOWNSHIP FORECLOSURE ATTORNEY –
STEVEN SECARE, ESQ.
Resolution No. 2008-8
- 8) RESOLUTION APPOINTING BOND COUNSEL – GLUCK WALRATH, LLP
Resolution No. 2008-9

- 9) RESOLUTION SETTING INTEREST RATES ON TAX DELINQUENCIES AND DESIGNATING PATRICIA TOMASSINI AS OFFICIAL TAX SEARCHER
Resolution No. 2008-10
- 10) RESOLUTION IMPOSING YEAR END PENALTIES ON TAX ARREARAGES
Resolution No. 2008-11
- 11) RESOLUTION APPOINTING ELSIE BARNEY AS ACTING ASSISTANT TO TAX COLLECTOR
Resolution No. 2008-12
- 12) RESOLUTION APPOINTING BERNADETTE STANDOWSKI AS LIQUOR LICENSE ADMINISTRATOR
Resolution No. 2008-13
- 13) RESOLUTION APPOINTING BERNADETTE STANDOWSKI AS LIABILITY ASSESSMENT SEARCH OFFICER
Resolution No. 2008-14
- 14) RESOLUTION DESIGNATING BANKS AS DEPOSITORIES FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF LAKEWOOD
Resolution NO. 2008-15
- 15) RESOLUTION APPOINTING INSURANCE FUND COMMISSIONER – ROBERT W. SINGER
Resolution No. 2008-16
- 16) RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF LAKEWOOD.
Resolution No. 2008-17
- 17) RESOLUTION APPOINTING TOWNSHIP ENGINEER – BIRDSALL ENGINEERING
Resolution No. 2008-18
- 18) RESOLUTION APPOINTING DEPUTY COORDINATORS TO THE LAKEWOOD TOWNSHIP EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SERVICES – KENNETH DIX, MOSHE EHRMAN, YISROEL SCHENKOLEWSKI, DEPUTY CHIEF CHARLES SMITH , SGT. FRANK WORK
Resolution No. 2008-19
- 19) RESOLUTION APPOINTING CONFLICT MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE – PHILIP M. MILLER, ESQ.
Resolution No. 2008-20
- 20) RESOLUTION APPOINTING SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR MEDIATION - MICHAEL BATEMAN, ESQ.
Resolution No. 2008-21

- 21) RESOLUTION APPOINTING CONFLICT PUBLIC DEFENDERS –
HAROLD HENSEL, ESQ.
Resolution No. 2008-22
- 22) RESOLUTION APPOINTING ALTERNATE PROSECUTORS –
CHARLES BAUER, ESQ. AND JOHN G. DUCEY, ESQ.
Resolution No. 2008-23
- 23) RESOLUTION APPOINTING CONFLICT PROSECUTOR – JOSEPH GRISANTI, ESQ.
Resolution No. 2008-24
- 24) RESOLUTION APPOINTING ATTORNEY FOR THE BOARD OF HEALTH –
MICHAEL BATEMAN, ESQ.
Resolution No. 2008-25
- 25) RESOLUTION APPOINTING ALTERNATE TAX APPEAL ATTORNEY –
MICHAEL J. CACCAVELLI, ESQ.
Resolution No. 2008-26
- 26) RESOLUTION APPOINTING TOWNSHIP PLANNER – T & M ASSOCIATES
Resolution No. 2008-27
- 27) RESOLUTION APPOINTING A REPRESENTATIVE TO THE COUNTY HOUSING
ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT
COMMITTEE FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF LAKEWOOD – ERVIN OROSS
Resolution No. 2008-28
- 28) RESOLUTION APPOINTING A MEMBER TO THE LAKEWOOD TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL
UTILITIES AUTHORITY - JEROME GREENBERG
Resolution No. 2008-29
- 29) RESOLUTION APPOINTING OEM C.E.R.T. COORDINATOR – BERNARD ROTHENBERG
Resolution No. 2008-30
- 30) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT FOR
APPRAISAL SERVICES - GAGLIANO APPRAISAL, LLC
Resolution No. 2008-31
- 31) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TAX ASSESSOR TO ACT AS AGENT OF THE
TOWNSHIP FOR TAX APPEALS
Resolution No. 2008-32

**Motion by Deputy Mayor Lichtenstein, second by Senator Singer, to approve
Resolution Nos. 1 through 31 on the Consent Agenda.**

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

Deputy Mayor Lichtenstein abstained on Resolution No. 5.

Resolution Nos. 2008-1 through 2008-32 – Adopted.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

- **ADA Compliance Committee and Disabilities Commission:** (Liaison - Charles Cunliffe)

Mr. Cunliffe offered the following appointments: Thomas Barry, Philip Charrow, Michael D'Elia, John Franklin, Jean Hannon, Hannah Havens, Hindy Langer, Sheila Nagelberg, and Pastor Gary Stiegler.

- **CDBG Selection Committee:** (Liaison - Ray Coles)

Mayor Coles offered the following appointments: Raymond Coles, Esther Coven, Ceil DeMaria, Simcha Greenwald, Marta Harrison, Aaron Hoberman, Miriam Medina, Michael Sernotti, Rev. Gary Stiegler, Bernard Williams, and Eric B. Willroth.

- **Civil Rights Commission:** (Liaison – Robert W. Singer)

Senator Singer offered the following appointments: Enrique Percal and James Waters, and further advised there is a vacant seat available.

- **Community Center Advisory Board:** (Liaison - Robert Singer)

Senator Singer offered the following appointments: John Brown, John Craddox, John Marshall, Sr., and Dr. J. Michael Rush.

- **Emergency Planning Council:** (Liaison – Meir Lichtenstein)

Deputy Mayor Lichtenstein offered the following appointments: Scott Carter, Robert Chitren, Michael D'Elia, Ken Dix, Anita Doyle, John J. Franklin, Neil Bryant, Chief Robert Lawson, Meir Lichtenstein, Edward Mack, Ranato Madarang, Ruth Molnar, Yisroel Schenkolewski, Mordechai Senderovits, Deputy Chief Charles Smith, Sgt. Frank Work, and Asst. Fire Chief Rodney Youmans.

- **Environmental Commission:** (Liaison – Menashe Miller)

Mr. Miller offered the following appointments: Joe Atlas (1st Alt.), Alvin Burdige, and Mario Palmieri.

- **Heritage Commission:** (Liaison - Ray Coles)

Mayor Coles offered the following appointments: Roberta Chester, Harvey Kranz, Jane Lee, Rita Michel, Sister Helen Neder (Alt.), Steve Wexler, Dr. Claribel Young (Alt.).

- **Housing Authority:** (Liaison – Ray Coles)

Mayor Coles offered the following appointment: Elliot Zaks.

- **Industrial Commission:** (Liaison - Charles Cunliffe)

Mr. Cunliffe offered the following appointments: Justin Flancbaum and Charles Silberberg.

- **Lakewood Development Corporation:** (Liaisons – Ray Coles and Robert Singer)

Mayor Coles offered the following appointments: Ray Coles, Mitch Dolobowsky, Stanley Federowicz, Moshe Feinroth, Ada Gonzalez, Abraham Muller, and Robert Singer

- **Municipal Alliance:** (Liaison - Robert Singer)

Senator Singer offered the following appointments: Hannah Havens, Kevin McAllister, Irene Miccio, Deloris Nicholas, Toni Ponti, and further advised there are eight (8) Vacant Seats available.

- **Parks & Recreation Advisory Board/ Special Events:** (Liaison – Charles Cunliffe)

Mr. Cunliffe offered the following appointments: Eileen D’Esposito, Ken Dix, Joseph Kirsch, Cathy Lee (PALS Liaison), Toni Ponti (PALS Liaison), Fred Ponti, David Quinn, Jorge Ramos, and Sgt. Frank Work.

- **Planning Board** (Liaison – Menashe Miller)

Mr. Miller offered the following appointments: Stanley Banas, Class IV; Carl Fink, Class IV; Yechiel Herzl, Class IV; and Joshua Schmuckler, Alt. 1.

- **Public Agency Compliance Officer:** (Liaison - Charles Cunliffe)

Mr. Cunliffe offered the following appointment: Bernadette Standowski.

- **Rent Control Board:** (Liaison - Menashe Miller)

Mr. Miller offered the following appointments: David Farkas (Alternate No. 2), David Garfield (Non Landlord Member), Jonathan Rubin (Landlord Member), William Schlameuss (Non Landlord Member), Lisa Skinner (Landlord Member), Nathaniel Small, Sr. (Tenant Member), Yitzchok Szmidt (Alt. 1), and further advised that Vacant Seat for a Tenant Member and a Vacant Seat for a Non-Landlord Member are available.

- **Shade Tree Commission:** (Liaison – Menashe Miller)

Mr. Miller offered the following appointment: Scott Siegelman.

- **Transportation Board:** (Liaison – Charles Cunliffe)

Mr. Cunliffe offered the following appointments: Bernard Gindoff, David Hibberson, John Kovak, Yakov Ort, Roseanne Work, and Morton Gudel.

- **Zoning Board of Adjustment:** (Liaison - Meir Lichtenstein)

Deputy Mayor Lichtenstein offered the following appointments: Obed Gonzalez, Moshe Lankry (Alt. 1), Larry Lazzaro, and Avraham Naftali.

MAYOR'S ADVISORY COMMITTEES

- **Senior Advisory Committee:**
Claire Alessi, Robert Cartwright, Eileen D'Esposito, Larry Dowell, Joyce Glotzer, Sonia Harrison, Mary Koshuta, David Hibberson, Najriran Holland, Connie Kirsch, Joseph Kirsch, Dick Leiberman, James Lithgow, Audrey Lobbato, Cis Mayer, John Mellie, David Quinn, Ed Rosenthal
- **Tourism Advisory Committee:**
Betty Aptekar, Stanley Banas, Michael Billig, Mary Cranwell, Ceil DeMaria, Lorraine Franklin, David Quinn, Ruth Schreiner, Al Steinman, Sheldon Wolpin
- **Veterans Advisory Committee:**
John Z. Balla, William Doyle, Vito Imperiale, Bill Keating, Bernie Lesiak, Thomas Lorenc, Joan Ordino, Richard Orne, Joseph Qualiano, Sr., Joe Rangell, Jeff Shapiro, and Sheldon Wolpin

MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS

- Planning Board Mayor's Designee Appointment (Class 1)
Class I Appointment Ray Coles (one year term)
Class II Appointment John Franklin (one year term)
Class III Appointment Menashe Miller (one year term)

2008 MAYOR'S LIAISON APPOINTMENTS

- **RAY COLES**
C.D.B.G
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
HERITAGE COMMISSION
HOUSING AUTHORITY
INSPECTION DEPARTMENT
LAKEWOOD DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
LEGAL DEPARTMENT
TAX ASSESSOR
- **CHARLES CUNLIFFE**
ADA COMPLIANCE & DISABILITIES
ADVERTISING AND CIVIC DISPLAY
ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

FINANCE DEPARTMENT
INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION
PARKS AND RECREATION
TOWNSHIP CLERK
TRANSPORTATION

- **MEIR LICHTENSTEIN**
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
FIRST AID & EMT
MUNICIPAL COURT
POLICE COMMISSIONER
REGISTRAR
STREET LIGHTING
ZONING BOARD
- **MENASHE MILLER**
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
PLANNING BOARD
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
RENT CONTROL BOARD
SENIOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE
SHADE TREE COMMISSION
VETERANS ADVISORY COMMISSION
- **ROBERT SINGER**
AIRPORT AUTHORITY
CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION
COMMUNITY CENTER ADVISORY BOARD
FIRE DEPARTMENT
LAKEWOOD DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE
TAX COLLECTOR
TOURISM ADVISORY BOARD

Mayor Coles asked all Committee Members to consider helping, not with a single Liaison to the Board of Education, but to work together as needed, to see if they can help them this year to get over some of the problems that seem to be plaguing them repeatedly.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC WILL BE HEARD. EACH SPEAKER WILL HAVE A FOUR (4) MINUTE TIME LIMIT AT THE PODIUM.

Mayor Coles opened the meeting to the public.

Alice Kelsey, 295B Malvern Court East – Asked if there will be a Housing Advisory Committee appointed this year.

Mayor Coles answered yes, probably some time in January. He would like to talk to the members first to make sure they have a clear goal, and to try to bring in some other people as well.

Maurice E. Novoseller, Retired – Recently moved to Lakewood from Pennsylvania, where he was active in Township, County and State activities.

Lynn Celli, Patriots Way – Wished everyone good health and happiness. As a member of the Human Relations Commission, she requested financial assistance from the Committee with regard to a project which deals with stopping the spread of hate.

Jerry Little, Ocean County Freeholder – Congratulated Mayor Coles on his reappointment as Mayor, and the Township Committee for their hard work all year long, and offered well wishes to everyone.

Mr. Miller thanked Freeholder Little for the County's road improvement projects throughout Lakewood.

Mike McNeil, 201 Lincoln Street – Thanked the Committee for their support in the affordable housing initiative. Wished everyone a good year.

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

COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Senator Singer thanked the Committee and the people of Lakewood. He is starting his 28th year on the Township Committee. During the campaign this year, the gentlemen who ran against him for Senate, was constantly condemning him for all he does for Lakewood. He always thought that was a positive thing, not a negative, and he thanked the people of Lakewood for their support. He thanked his family and friends for their support. He thanked the employees and professionals, and his fellow Committeemen, for their help and support, and hard work during the year. He then offered his goal list for 2008: First, to produce a budget with no increase, which will be a tough goal this year. They have a four percent cap by the State, and he is hoping they can do that. Second, he wants to work on a housing inspection plan that is workable. The one they saw with ten thousand units to be inspected in one year was not workable. Third, he wants to hire an Assistant Administrator in preparation of Mr. Edwards' retirement. He feels when you bring in an assistant, when the transition happens, it is a smooth transition; otherwise it is bedlam. Fourth, he feels they have to rethink the downtown day worker problem. They have tried, but they need to bring in better minds, and need to rethink it. They are failing, and there has got to be a better way to handle it. Fifth, they need to work with the State to complete the town center designation. He knows that Deputy Mayor Lichtenstein is working on it. They have to come to grips with it this year as they want to see it happen. Sixth, they need to work on a program for a community watch, for safer street and safer schools in Lakewood, and that should be a goal for everyone this year, working with the Police and different groups to accomplish this. He sees many problems in the streets with petty crimes and serious crimes, and in the schools. This has become a moral obligation; they

must work on this together. He saw the parents come out to a Committee Meeting to talk about this but has not seen them since. There are vacancies on various boards and people need to get involved. Seventh, they need to work on a safe driver program for Lakewood, including key intersections, where there are serious intersections. They have got to make these areas safer. Eighth, they need to work on a census plan now. If necessary, they need to bring in a consulting firm in to make sure everyone in Lakewood is counted. This is dollars and cents to the community. If they live in Lakewood, whether or not they are a citizen, they must be counted. Ninth, they need to replace the position of Senior Coordinator. It is an important position as it coordinates items with the senior communities. And the last thing, is to deal with the homeless problem in a more effective manner. If there are people living in tents in our community and there are people going hungry in our community, it becomes a moral obligation for all of us to work on it better.

Mr. Miller and Mayor Coles presented a Proclamation to Captain Chaplain Raphael Berdugo in recognition of his service in the United States Air Force.

Mr. Miller thanked everyone for coming, and thanked all the residents of Lakewood who put their trust and support in making him being there a reality. He congratulated Mayor Coles on his reappointment as Mayor, and thanked the members of the Committee for their guidance and support. He thanked his family and friends also for their support. He is committed to serving each and every Lakewood resident with fairness and integrity and he hopes that as they serve and walk among the community, they lead by example so that others may choose and serve in whatever capacity to help the Township of Lakewood. He is honored and humbled to serve with the Township Committee, working together for all of Lakewood. He wished all a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

Mr. Cunliffe wished everyone a Happy New Year. He congratulated the Mayor and Deputy Mayor on their reappointments, and wished them much success in 2008. He congratulated Senator Singer on his eighth term and thanked him for everything he does for Lakewood, and in Trenton, for the people of Lakewood. He commended and thanked his fellow Committeemen for their service on the Committee. He thanked the people of Lakewood for allowing him the privilege to serve on the Committee. Wished everyone a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

Deputy Mayor Lichtenstein – Wished everyone a Happy New Year. He thanked his family for their support. He thanked his office and the employees and professional staff in the Municipal Building for their hard work. He hopes they are able to get cooperation from the State in the Plan Endorsement process which has been a long, hard, tedious process. With regard to the Ordinance for inspection of rental properties, he agrees and is committed to bringing it back to the Committee in a form that they can all vote on and agree on. It is something that is sorely needed in this town. And finally, with the Mayor giving him the responsibility of Liaison to the Police Department, it will be his job to communicate through Mr. Edwards and the Police Chief, and bring reports back to the Committee. He hopes to bring a solid numbers based system that they can use to help them to make the streets of Lakewood safe, to help them patrol the streets, to help bring down gang violence, to help in the downtown area; it will not be a perfect solution, and he will not give up. As long as he sits on the Committee, and has the honor and the privilege of serving the people of Lakewood, they are going to make the streets safer, to make the

downtown safer, and they are going to do what they can to obliterate the gangs. People should not be afraid to walk in the streets, and children should not have to worry about going to school. This will not be the Lakewood of the future, if he has it his way, and he thinks he speaks for everyone on the Committee. He plans to put a lot of time and effort this year into making sure they are able to address that problem. He thanked everyone for joining him, and thanked those who were politically supportive, and thanked his fellow Committeemen for their guidance and support. Wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Mayor Coles thanked his family for their support. Wished Sam Christopher a speedy recovery. Thanked everyone who has served the Committee in the past. He thanked his fellow Committeemen and Mr. Secare for their hard work and commitment. He announced that a reception will be held at the Strand after the meeting, and invited everyone to attend.

BENEDICTION – FATHER MICHAEL O’CONNOR

“GOD BLESS AMERICA” – CANTOR AVRUMI FLAM

ADJOURNMENT

**Motion by Mr. Cunliffe, second by Mr. Miller, to adjourn the meeting.
Meeting adjourned at 1:00 PM.**