

**TOWNSHIP OF LACEY**  
**TOWNSHIP MEETING MINUTES**  
**December 22, 2005**

**STATEMENT:** Adequate notice of this meeting has been given in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, pursuant to Public Laws, 1975. Said notice was advertised in the Times-Observer and Times-Beacon and was posted on the bulletin board showing the time and place of the meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 PM by Mayor Gary Quinn with a salute to the flag and a moment of silence. Committee members present were Messrs. Dykoff, Parker, Reid and Mrs. Dela Cruz.

Mayor Quinn presented Mrs. Dela Cruz with a plaque and each Township Committee member thanked Mrs. Dela Cruz for her service and dedication to the Township. He stated that Mrs. Dela Cruz is a true lady and always votes for what is best for Lacey Township.

Mrs. Dela Cruz spoke about her service to the Township of Lacey and what a pleasure it has been, stating that she has been very fortunate in that she and the committee could always work together despite differing opinions. Mrs. Dela Cruz said that it has been a pleasure working with all of her colleagues including counsel, administration, the municipal clerk and department heads so that she was able to make an informed decision with regard to the township. She stated it has been a pleasure to serve as Liaison to the Senior Advisory and Municipal Alliance. Mrs. Dela Cruz wished everyone the best and asked that God Bless and that the committee would do what is best for Lacey in the future.

A proclamation was read for Lacey Lightning U11 Baseball Travel Team. Mayor Quinn presented the young men with their proclamations.

**Ordinance #05-83:** Second reading authorizing the acquisition of Block 2124, Lots 43, 44, 45 and 46 from William J. J. Phillips in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:12-5(a)(1).

The floor was opened for public comment. There being none the floor was closed on a motion by Mr. Reid, seconded by Mr. Dykoff. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Reid, seconded by Mr. Parker to adopt the ordinance on second reading. Motion carried.

**Ordinance #05-84:** Second reading authorizing the acquisition of Block 2167, Lots 33 and 34 from John C. Maute and Barbara Castiglione in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:12-5(a)(1).

The floor was opened for public comment. There being none the floor was closed on a motion by Mr. Dykoff, seconded by Mr. Parker. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Dykoff, seconded by Mr. Parker to adopt the ordinance on second reading. Motion carried.

**Ordinance #05-85:** Second reading authorizing the acquisition of Block 2186, Lots 43 and 44 from Thomas L. Sanders and Barbara A. Sanders in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:12-5(a)(1).

The floor was opened for public comment. There being none the floor was closed on a motion by Mr. Dykoff, seconded by Mr. Parker. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Dykoff, seconded by Mr. Parker to adopt the ordinance on second reading. Motion carried.

**Ordinance #05-86:** Second reading authorizing the acquisition of Block 2191, Lot 48 from Claire Will Faulhaber in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:12-5(a)(1).

The floor was opened for public comment. There being none the floor was closed on a motion by Mr. Reid, seconded by Mr. Parker. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Reid, seconded by Mr. Parker to adopt the ordinance on second reading. Motion carried.

**Ordinance #05-87:** Second reading authorizing the acquisition of Block 2254, Lots 7 and 8 from John C. Maute and Barbara Castiglione in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:12-5(a)(1).

The floor was opened for public comment. There being none the floor was closed on a motion by Mr. Reid, seconded by Mr. Parker. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Reid, seconded by Mr. Parker to adopt the ordinance on second reading. Motion carried.

**Ordinance #05-88:** Second reading authorizing the acquisition of Block 2294, Lots 1 and 2 from John C. Maute and Barbara Castiglione in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:12-5(a)(1).

The floor was opened for public comment. There being none the floor was closed on a motion by Mr. Reid, seconded by Mr. Parker. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Reid, seconded by Mr. Parker to adopt the ordinance on second reading. Motion carried.

**Ordinance #05-89:** Second reading authorizing the acquisition of Block 2203, Lots 3 and 4 from Joseph Dodd in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:12-5(a)(1).

The floor was opened for public comment. There being none the floor was closed on a motion by Mr. Reid, seconded by Mr. Parker. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Reid, seconded by Mr. Parker to adopt the ordinance on second reading. Motion carried.

**Ordinance #05-90:** Second reading authorizing the acquisition of Block 2204, Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4 from Cornelia M. Ryerson in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:12-5(a)(1).

The floor was opened for public comment. There being none the floor was closed on a motion by Mr. Reid, seconded by Mr. Parker. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Reid, seconded by Mr. Parker to adopt the ordinance on second reading. Motion carried.

**Ordinance #05-91:** Second reading authorizing the acquisition of Block 2258, Lots 8 and 9 from William G. Ivans in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:12-5(a)(1).

The floor was opened for public comment. There being none the floor was closed on a motion by Mrs. Dela Cruz, seconded by Mr. Reid. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Dykoff, seconded by Mrs. Dela Cruz to adopt the ordinance on second reading. Motion carried.

**Ordinance #05-92:** Second reading amending Ordinance No. 05-40 of the Township finally adopted May 12, 2005, providing for the construction of a Vehicle Wash Down Garage for the Township of Lacey and appropriating \$370,000 therefore, and providing for the issuance of \$352,000 in bonds or notes of the Township of Lacey to finance the same

The floor was opened for public comment. There being none the floor was closed on a motion by Mrs. Dela Cruz, seconded by Mr. Reid. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Reid, seconded by Mrs. Dela Cruz to adopt the ordinance on second reading. Motion carried.

**Resolution #05-363:** A resolution awarding a contract for removal of excess compost material to

Country View Inc. was passed on a motion by Mrs. Dela Cruz, seconded by Mr. Reid. Motion carried.

**Resolution #05-364:** A resolution authorizing the donation of various miscellaneous equipment to the Board of Education was passed on a motion by Mr. Parker, seconded by Mrs. Dela Cruz. Motion carried.

**Resolution #05-365:** A resolution authorizing the cancellation of old outstanding clearing account checks was passed on a motion by Mr. Reid, seconded by Mrs. Dela Cruz. Motion carried.

**Resolution #05-366:** A resolution authorizing the cancellation of old outstanding payroll account checks was passed on a motion by Mrs. Dela Cruz, seconded by Mr. Parker. Motion carried.

**Resolution #05-367:** A resolution canceling certain tax credits under five dollars was passed on a motion by Mr. Parker, seconded by Mrs. Dela Cruz. Motion carried.

**Resolution #05-368:** A resolution canceling certain minimal tax debit balances under five dollars was passed on a motion by Mr. Parker, seconded by Mrs. Dela Cruz. Motion carried.

**Resolution #05-369:** A resolution providing for the cancellation of unexpired current fund budget appropriations was passed on a motion by Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Reid. Motion carried.

**Resolution #05-370:** A resolution authorizing a transfer of appropriations in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A.40A:4-58 was passed on a motion by Mr. Parker, seconded by Mrs. Dela Cruz. Motion carried.

**Resolution #05-371:** A resolution authorizing the release of deposit monies held for the use of municipal facilities was passed on a motion by Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Reid. Motion carried.

**Resolution #05-372:** A resolution authorizing the payment of Township Bills was passed on a motion by Mr. Reid, seconded by Mrs. Dela Cruz. Roll call showed the following votes: Mrs. Dela Cruz, yes; Mr. Dykoff, yes; Mr. Reid, yes; Mr. Parker yes, but abstained on B-5485 and P-501; and Mayor Quinn, yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Dykoff, seconded by Mr. Parker to approve the Township Meeting Minutes of December 8, 2005. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Parker, seconded by Mrs. Dela Cruz to approve the Caucus Meeting Minutes of December 8, 2005. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Reid to approve membership in the Bamber Lake Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary for Karen Johnson. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Reid to approve a Raffle License for the Lacey Township Boosters Association. Motion carried.

Mrs. Dela Cruz congratulated the Lacey Lightning Baseball Team. She spoke about serving the Township of Lacey, stating that the best part of her committee work was being able to serve the people. She stated she leaves the committee with no bitterness and wished to thank one of her mentors, Mrs. Madensky. She stated there have been many other mentors throughout her years on the committee and also wished to thank them all. She spoke of the Senior Advisory and all their work and thanked John Montanelli, Ziggy Zwierchowski, Olga Sajczuk, Mary Camburn, Eleanor Ditton, Alma Blair, Dorothy Mehler, Marie Krieger, Mary Jensen, Betty Miller, Grace De Siervo and Marge Bentsen. She also spoke of the Municipal Alliance and all the great things they do for Lacey's youth and senior citizens. She thanked Barry Bendar, her fellow democratic committee members and also thanked her supporters, Democrats, Independents and Republicans alike as well as those who may not have supported her. She thanked her family for their support, Dr. Dela Cruz, Erik her son, Gina her daughter, her son-in-law Mark and her two grandchildren.

Mr. Reid congratulated Lacey Lightning and commended Mrs. Dela Cruz for her dedication and thanked her for her time. He wished Happy Holidays to all.

Mr. Parker wished all a Happy Holiday season and a Happy New Year. He read an excerpt about Silver Cloud Marina, recognizing an award they received from the state as being one of the cleanest marinas. He spoke of Mrs. Dela Cruz and thanked her for her service to the Township, stating that she is a compassionate lady. He spoke of Dick Ritchie who has served on the Planning Board for 12 years and who is very active in the community as well as the Rotary Club. Mr. Parker stated Mr. Ritchie has decided not to seek reappointment to the Planning Board in order to spend more time in Florida. Mr. Parker also thanked Rod Sterling for his three years on the Planning Board.

Mr. Dykoff congratulated Mrs. Dela Cruz and wished her the best in the future. He stated she has served the committee well. He congratulated the Lacey Lightning Baseball Team. He welcomed Tom Lytle as our new cameraman. He wished everyone a Happy Holiday.

Mayor Quinn spoke of the Department of Public Works staff who decorated for the Holiday season. He spoke of the garbage schedule for the Holiday season, the 2006 Recycling calendar that residents will receive through the mail and the wealth of information the calendar provides. He spoke of the new Ocean County Library in Toms River, adding that they are holding a ribbon cutting ceremony on January 28<sup>th</sup>. He thanked the Lacey Library for their hospitality during this year at his "Meet the Mayor" meetings. He stated the Tax Collector would like to remind you to pay your taxes prior to December 30<sup>th</sup> to avoid the tax sale. He read a letter from Mary Jensen indicating that the Environmental Commission is upset that the Lacey Rail Trail Environmental Committee has not removed the word "Environmental" from their title, stating that people seem to confuse the two entities. He thanked Mrs. Dela Cruz for everything she has done and that she is the type of individual who is always willing to discuss the issues and wished her the best for 2006.

Mayor Quinn stated that it has been a tremendous honor to serve as Mayor of the Township Committee and thanked his fellow committee members, Mr. Adams, Ms. Laureigh, and the staff of the Township, stating that everyone goes above and beyond. He thanked his supporters, the residents of the community. He stated that it is an honor to be involved with the committee and being able to speak before all these groups. He thanked his wife Linda, his son Matthew and his daughter Aimee, stating that they have been fabulous. He wished Happy Holidays and Merry Christmas to all. He asked that the residents of Lacey try and remember our troops and the men and women who fight for our freedom.

Barry Bendar of 122 Bay Avenue and Howard Schwartz of 803 Bowline Drive presented Mrs. Dela Cruz with a plaque and gift. Mr. Bendar commended Mrs. Dela Cruz for her tireless service to the Township of Lacey, stating that she has been true to the people of Lacey Township and true to herself. He stated they look forward to continued support.

Marie Krieger of 514 Beach Blvd. thanked Mrs. Dela Cruz for her support with the Senior Coffee Club and other Senior activities.

Mrs. Dela Cruz thanked the Senior Advisory Committee for their gift.

Debra Madensky of 317 Hemlock Drive spoke of Mrs. Dela Cruz and their friendship. She stated that Mrs. Dela Cruz could not support something that she did not believe in. She stated Mrs. Dela Cruz's legacy for this town would be the things each of the committee members said about her – dialogue and having heart and compassion.

Regina Discenza of 233 Sunset Drive thanked Mrs. Dela Cruz for her six years of public service. She questioned the For Sale sign posted at the gas station on the corner of Lacey and Route 9. She stated she thought that the property would be used for the intersection widening.

Mayor Quinn responded that the Township Committee knows no more than she with regard to that issue, stating that the committee also was of the understanding that the state had the money to purchase the property.

Ms. Discenza spoke of the Fieldcrest Commons Plaza and highlighted the approved site plan. She spoke of a new developer at the corner of Haines Street and Route 9. She questioned if the new CVS had a scheduled opening date.

Mayor Quinn responded that he heard April as a possible opening date and that they are awaiting DOT permits.

Ms. Discenza spoke of Wal-Mart and the fact that it will not be a Super Wal-Mart and will not have perishables. She spoke with regard to the Lacey Rail Trail group, stating it has not been a plaintiff on any lawsuit.

Mayor Quinn stated that the Lacey Rail Trail did contact Rutgers Law Division and started the ball rolling. He also spoke of his phone conversation with the Assistant Commissioner of the DEP with regard to the Home Depot site and stated that he was informed that Helen Henderson was the one who called the DEP.

Barbara Lanuto of 1738 Edgewood Road stated that as the Republican Municipal Chair in Lacey Township she also wanted to thank Mrs. Dela Cruz for all her hard work in Lacey Township. She stated Mrs. Dela Cruz has always been very dedicated and knows that she will still remain active in the community.

Rod Sterling of 408 Brentwood Place spoke of his plan to reduce taxes through the employee benefits program. He spoke of his proposed plan. Mr. Sterling presented a motion: Move to form an ad-hoc committee made up of members of the Township Committee, the Board of Education and the Municipal Utilities Authority, such formation to be contingent upon all three bodies being in agreement to such formation, such committee to study the viability and possible application of the health benefits plan attached hereto.

Mayor Quinn stated they would consider this next year.

Mr. Sterling stated he is concerned with things moving on with regard to contracts being renewed and having to wait an additional 3 to 4 years. He spoke of the township dropping the State Health Benefit Plan and forming a township insurance pool. He stated he would like the Township Committee to consider an ad-hoc committee.

George Gilmore suggested we reach out to the MUA and Board of Education to see if they are receptive to a committee being formed.

Mayor Quinn stated he would defer this to Mark Dykoff to reach out to the schools.

Mr. Sterling wished Helen the best. He wished all a Happy Holiday.

Jim Schmidling of 715 Sunrise Boulevard spoke of the pending lawsuits against the businesses that would create ratables for the township and the stoppage of these projects by the "NIMBYS."

Lorraine Sansone of 1156 Laurel Boulevard presented a map depicting the area in question on the initial plan endorsement. She again questioned the Well Head Protection Ordinance stating that she was upset that the ordinance had not yet been presented for consideration. She stated she felt there was a deliberate attempt being made to hold off prior to the Town Center being approved and "shame on all of you" if that was the case. She stated if there is not clean healthy drinking water than forget about everything else.

Mayor Quinn stated that safe drinking water is an important issue to him and that the committee would not put something out there that was not thoroughly reviewed.

Tom Palczewski of 123 Fox Hollow Drive spoke of escalating health care costs. He stated in the private sector the increased costs are passed on to the employee. He stated we need cost containment and that Mr. Sterling's plan should be considered. He stated his plan would be to have the employee pay for a portion of their health care. He stated it would be a shame if this was not looked into and hopes the

Township Committee would work on this during 2006.

Mr. Sterling stated that he does not doubt that his idea has to be fine-tuned; however, they should sit down and discuss the idea. He spoke of the standards that are in place to protect our water.

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The meeting was adjourned at 9:49 PM on a motion by Mr. Reid, seconded by Mr. Dykoff. Motion carried.

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