

**WORK SESSION/REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 7, 2010
MINUTES**

MEETING OPENED AT 7:30 P.M. BY MAYOR TIMOTHY J. BORSETTI.

ALL STOOD FOR THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE.

PUBLIC MEETINGS STATEMENT READ INTO RECORD BY MUNICIPAL CLERK DUGAN:

“IN COMPLIANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 10:4, OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT, NOTICE WAS GIVEN TO TWO NEWSPAPERS, AND POSTED, THAT A WORK SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL IS SCHEDULED FOR THE SEVENTH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2010, WITH THE WORK SESSION TO BEGIN AT THE HOUR OF 7:30 P.M. AND THE REGULAR MEETING TO BEGIN IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING AT THE LAKEHURST COMMUNITY CENTER, CORNER OF PINE AND CENTER STREETS, LAKEHURST, NEW JERSEY, AT WHICH TIME, THE BUSINESS OF THE BOROUGH WILL BE CONDUCTED.”

ROLL CALL:

JAMES DAVIS: PRESENT

GLENN MCCOMAS: PRESENT

PAT FORD: PRESENT

STEVEN OGLESBY: PRESENT

SIDNEY HOOPER: PRESENT

HARRY ROBBINS: ABSENT

MAYOR TIMOTHY J. BORSETTI: PRESENT

WORK SESSION:

REVIEW OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDA:

Municipal Clerk Dugan reviewed regular meeting agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:

Time opened: 7:32 p.m.

NO PUBLIC COMMENTS

Time closed: 7:32 p.m.

Councilman Oglesby stated that while walking along the 400 Block of Union Avenue, he noticed erosion that could undermine the sidewalk in the area.

Administrator MacLean will contact Public Works regarding the matter.

Councilman Oglesby also reported that the Borough received a donation of a piano and added that the donor has requested an appraisal of the item. Mr. Oglesby asked if he could provide the appraisal for tax purposes and suggested that a Certificate of Appreciation be forwarded to the donor along with the appraisal.

Administrator MacLean stated that due to Mr. Oglesby's expertise, he can best provide the appraisal of the property.

MAYOR COMMENTS:

Mayor Borsetti reported that the Ocean County Freeholders have announced several Hazardous Waste Material collection sites throughout the county with pre-registration required.

Mayor Borsetti also reported that at the last council meeting, several members of the audience questioned the Special Law Enforcement Officer I (SLEO I) policy. Mayor Borsetti added that special signage has been obtained to differentiate the SLEO Is from other officers and special training has been given to them. Mayor Borsetti further added that as a result, the SLEO I program has been reinstated as of today.

COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC:

Time opened: 7:39 p.m.

Mr. James Baranyay, 408 Cedar Street, stated that since the Borough is replacing two retiring Public Works personnel, "why can't it be done with Class II officers" due to the fact of Sergeant Lowe's retirement.

Mayor Borsetti replied that we are "still waiting for something from Civil Service" and added that it is "not that we don't want to have a full contingent of officers" but budgetary constraints do not allow for the hiring at this time.

Ms. Sue Barker, 409 Cedar Street, referred to the estimate for repair of the standpipe and water tank and asked if the revenue from the cellular antenna could be used for the repairs.

Administrator MacLean replied that the revenue from the cellular antenna "goes into the general fund." Mr. MacLean stated that surplus has been utilized to a great degree while formulating budgets.

Mayor Borsetti added that last year the Borough did not "have the income" in addition to the loss of revenue from state aid cuts and lack of receipt of tax money from delinquent taxpayers. Mayor Borsetti further added that the "2011 budget process starts now."

Ms. Barker asked if the governing body had thought of “asking cell phone companies to advertise on the water tower for a fee.”

Borough attorney Sean Gertner stated that not all people may like the idea of advertising on the water tower replacing the iconic blimp logo.

Mayor Borsetti stated that the Borough is “looking into” obtaining grants for the project.

Administrator MacLean described the long process of attempting to obtain funding for the conversion of the existing observation well to a production well.

Mayor Borsetti added that the Chief Financial Officer and auditor are “working” on funding estimates for the approximately \$750,000 project.

Mr. Ed Seaman, 5 Locust Street, stated that the companies performing maintenance on Borough vehicles appear to be “lax.” Mr. Seaman asked if vehicle repairs are “put out to bid?”

Administrator MacLean stated that Public Works Supervisor Winton obtains quotes for repairs.

Mayor Borsetti suggested that as Fire Chief, Mr. Seaman “come up with three vendors for 2011.”

Mr. Seaman stated that the bathrooms at the Emergency Services Complex were “dirty” and added that some toilets were “inoperable” during a recent RERP training course.

Mayor Borsetti stated that the Borough is in a “budget crunch” and suggested that maybe Mr. Seaman “could do some housekeeping” and “come up with solutions.”

Mr. Seaman stated that he observed some Public Works employees not performing duties.

Mayor Borsetti stated that Mr. Seaman should contact the Borough Administrator if he observes Borough personnel not performing their duties.

Time closed: 8:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by: Glenn McComas

Seconded by: James Davis

To adjourn meeting. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative. Time: 8:00 p.m.

Bernadette Dugan, RMC/CPM
Municipal Clerk

