

**WORK SESSION/REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 20, 2011
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 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 TWENTIETH DAY OF JANUARY, 2011, 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 (7:35 p.m.)
PAT FORD: PRESENT STEVEN OGLESBY: PRESENT
SIDNEY HOOPER: PRESENT HARRY ROBBINS: PRESENT
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 reported that he installed dollies on the Community Center piano for ease of moving.

Mayor Borsetti thanked Mr. Oglesby for his efforts.

FIRST PUBLIC HEARING FOR 2011 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDING:

Motion by: Sidney Hooper

Seconded by: James Davis

To open the first public hearing for 2011 Community Development Block Grant funding. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

Time opened: 7:35 p.m.

Council President Robbins stated that the Community Development Block Grant which is received every two years allows the Borough to choose a project in a Designated Target Neighborhood (DTN) which would otherwise be unable to be funded. Mr. Robbins added that the project must be chosen which can be completed with the receipt of \$50,000 in anticipated funding. Mr. Robbins also added that the project for consideration is curb, sidewalk and drainage improvements to the north side of Hibernia Avenue which would provide additional pedestrian access from the B-2 Highway Business zone to the B-1 Downtown Business zone.

Mr. Danny Barker, 409 Cedar Street, asked if road widening is planned for the project.

Council President Robbins replied that no road widening is planned.

Time closed: 7:38 p.m.

Motion by: Steven Oglesby

Seconded by: Glenn McComas

To close the first public hearing for 2011 Community Development Block Grant funding. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

COMMITTEE/COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilman Hooper, 2011 governing body liaison to the Board of Education, reported that at the recent Board meeting, a roof bid and upcoming teacher negotiations were discussed. Mr. Hooper also reported that the school conducted two fire drills in November and December with an additional "lock down" drill which resulted in the school being "locked down" with six minutes. Mr. Hooper added that Board member Kevin Oliver is donating security cameras to the school. Mr. Hooper further added that the school will be scheduling a community leadership meeting.

Councilman Davis urged the "public to be vigilant" and if they observe "anything out of place to notify authorities and look out for your neighbors."

Councilman Oglesby reported that at the OEM Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) meeting held on January 19, 2011, the tabletop exercise was again unable to be conducted but added that the meeting was "still productive."

Administrator MacLean stated that he had met with the new president of the fire company who was completing the paperwork for the burn permits which will be forwarded to the state to enable the scheduling of the actual drill.

Councilman Oglesby also requested that a representative from the Public Works Department attend the monthly LEPC meetings or at least quarterly. Mr. Oglesby stated that a moderate activation of the Emergency Management Center may occur during storms such as the December 26, 2010 snow storm.

Councilman Oglesby reported that one first aid ambulance is equipped with chains which should allow for travel during extremely inclement weather.

Mr. Oglesby also reported that during 2010, the Lakehurst First Aid Squad responded to 226 emergency calls, 26 non-emergency calls and drove 2,155 miles and volunteered 687 hours for emergency responses, non-inclusive of drills, meetings and training.

Council President Robbins commended the Public Works Department for “doing a bang up job” during snow removal during the extremely inclement winter weather this season and added that they are “ready for tonight.”

MAYOR COMMENTS:

Mayor Borsetti stated that “the tragedy in Lakewood involving the police officer in Lakewood who was shot dead” reiterates that “Councilman Davis was right—pay attention” to anything out of the ordinary and “call the authorities” as it is the “best defense against problems.”

Mayor Borsetti stated that the First Aid Squad “does a bang up job” and “should be applauded” for providing outstanding emergency response to the Borough of Lakehurst.

COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC:

Time opened: 7:50 p.m.

Mr. Danny Barker, 409 Cedar Street, commended the Public Works Department for their snow removal efforts but suggested that “some roads were not cut back enough” during the December storm.

Administrator MacLean replied that the matter will be addressed and added that the Borough “lost two seasoned employees” with the recent retirement of long-time employees Alfred Sloan and Joseph Steuber.

Mr. Edward Seaman, 5 Locust Street, stated that members of the fire company “did not call PEOSHA” concerning the recent inspection.

Mr. Seaman stated that the fire company “does house guys” during snow storms and added that Assistant Chief Morris has been utilizing the Ramcharger to respond to fires during the inclement winter weather. Council concurred with use of Ramcharger by Assistant Fire Chief Morris for fire response during inclement winter weather.

In response to a comment from Mr. Seaman concerning the repair of the seized compressor for the cascade system, Mayor Borsetti suggested that the fire company utilize the base’s cascade system for air bottle refilling as the repair cost for the fire company’s system is cost prohibitive.

Time closed: 7:59 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by: Harry Robbins

Seconded by: Glenn McComas

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

Bernadette Dugan, RMC/CPM
Municipal Clerk