

**BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST  
WORK SESSION/REGULAR MEETING  
MARCH 17, 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:

“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 SEVENTEENTH DAY OF MARCH, 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
PAT FORD: PRESENT (via telephone)	STEVEN OGLESBY: PRESENT
SIDNEY HOOPER: PRESENT	HARRY ROBBINS: PRESENT
MAYOR TIMOTHY J. BORSETTI: PRESENT	

WORK SESSION:

REVIEW OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDA:

Municipal Clerk Bernadette Dugan reviewed regular meeting agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:

Time opened: 7:32 p.m.

Ed Seaman, 5 Locust Street, asked about the policy concerning use of Borough vehicles and if the policy pertains to the use of the Administrator's vehicle. Mr. Seaman questioned the timing of the policy.

Mayor Borsetti replied that the existing policy is being forwarded to department heads to “reiterate” the policy.





Red Bank rail line would be the “easiest” rail line to the “western” part of Ocean County and “is ready to go with minor improvements.”

**MAYOR COMMENTS:**

Mayor Borsetti thanked the members of the Finance Committee for their efforts and added that \$18,000 was cut from the budget. Mayor Borsetti further added that items such as the Reserve for Uncollected Taxes greatly impact the Borough’s budget.

**COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC:**

Time opened: 7:47 p.m.

Joann Septor, 308 Maple Street, suggested that the Administrator position be “cut” to a part-time position to “alleviate taxes.” Mrs. Septor then suggested that the Borough share Administrator services with Manchester.

Ed Seaman, 5 Locust Street, suggested ways to save money—such as the fire company did by changing to ERS for fleet service of fire trucks which saves “\$200-\$300 per truck.”

Mr. Seaman stated that he researched the job description for the position of Administrator and added that the Administrator was “playing cop” regarding allegedly informing the Police Chief that Mr. Seaman’s personal vehicle was parked on the street without required license plates. Mr. Seaman asked “who was monitoring” the Administrator.

Bobbie Pratt, 703A Oak Street, stated that she “is not willing to give anything to Manchester” and added that she “likes Lakehurst the way it is.” Mrs. Pratt further added that she “doesn’t begrudge” the salaries provided to Borough employees. Mrs. Pratt also commented that “in the 70’s the town was a dump” and stated that “she is against regionalization and that sharing is just the beginning.”

April Chillemi, 415 Manapaqua Avenue, asked “who writes the grants” for the Borough.

Mayor Borsetti added that the Administrator, Police Chief and Fire Chief write grants for the Borough.

Time closed: 7:57 p.m.

**CLOSED SESSION:**

Clerk Dugan reads resolution to go into closed session:

**RESOLUTION**

