

**BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST
WORK SESSION/REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 3, 2011
MINUTES**

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

ALL STOOD FOR 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 THIRD DAY OF NOVEMBER, 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: ABSENT	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 the regular meeting agenda.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF WINNERS OF HALLOWEEN DECORATING CONTEST:

Mayor Borsetti announced the winners of the annual Halloween Decorating Contest:

First Prize: \$100	Charles Brooks 226 Church Street
Second Prize: \$50	Timothy and Misty Sinkewitz 407 Cedar Street
Third Prize: \$25	Jeffrey and Janice Gilby 512 Oak Street

RESOLUTIONS:

1. #11-161: Resolution re: Payment of Bills
2. #11-162: Resolution re: Transfer for Current Fund
3. #11-163: Resolution re: Raffle License for VFW Post 10061
4. #11-164: Resolution re: Adjustment to Utility Account for Block 64; Lot 10
5. #11-165: Resolution re: Hiring of Arthur Leuck, Jr. as a temporary Public Works Laborer
6. #11-166: Resolution re: Authorizing contract with ADP to provide flexible savings accounts
7. #11-167: Resolution re: Membership in Lakehurst Volunteer Fire Company for Ken Sloan and Edward Hawley, Jr.
8. #11-168: Resolution re: Redemption of Tax Sale Certificate #11-00001

CORRESPONDENCE:

Request from Michael Valinoti to serve alcoholic beverages at event at Community Center on November 12, 2011

CERTIFICATE OF DETERMINATION AND AWARD

Total Principal Amount: \$500,000

Dated: November 1, 2011

Maturity: April 5, 2012

Interest Rate: 3.75% payable at maturity

Purchaser: Oppenheimer & Co., Inc., Philadelphia, PA

ORDINANCES APPROVED ON FIRST READING:

“AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST AMENDING CHAPTER II, SECTION 2-19, POLICE DEPARTMENT, OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ENTITLED ADMINISTRATION” (#11-07)

“AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST AMENDING CHAPTER II, SECTION 2-5, HIRING PREFERENCES AND PROCEDURES, OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ENTITLED ADMINISTRATION” (#11-08)

Motion by: James Davis

Seconded by: Sidney Hooper

To approve consent agenda. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

ORDINANCES NOT ON CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion by: James Davis

Seconded by: Sidney Hooper

To approve on second reading and open the public hearing on Ordinance #2011-05 entitled: "AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, FIXING AND DETERMINING THE AMOUNT OF SALARIES AND WAGES FOR CERTAIN EMPLOYEES AND OFFICIALS IN THE BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST, IN THE COUNTY OF OCEAN, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY." Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

Time opened: 7:42 p.m.

Sue Barker, 409 Cedar Street, requested that previous salaries be listed for comparison with proposed salaries.

Administrator MacLean explained that the salary resolution contains the salaries for employees while the salary ordinance establishes salary ranges for positions. Mr. MacLean added the salary resolution, which was approved at the meeting of October 20th, provided a 3 ½ % raise for non-contractual employees, the same as contractual employees received.

Mrs. Barker asked if all employees received a raise.

Borough Attorney Gertner stated that there are so few non-contractual employees who can be judged on their merit. Mr. Gertner explained statutory employees.

Administrator MacLean stated that the only way to withhold a raise would be to bring disciplinary charges against an employee. Mr. MacLean added that employees have ninety days to correct any deficiencies in their work performance. Mr. MacLean further added that Lakehurst is governed by N.J.A.C. 4A (Civil Service) as well as N.J.S.A. 40A.

Time closed: 7:48 p.m.

Motion by: Harry Robbins

Seconded by: Glenn McComas

To adopt Ordinance #2011-05. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

Motion by: James Davis

Seconded by: Steven Oglesby

To approve on second reading and open the public hearing on Ordinance #2011-06 entitled: "AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST, COUNTY OF OCEAN, FIXING AND DETERMINING THE AMOUNT OF SALARIES AND WAGES FOR CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE LAKEHURST POLICE ASSOCIATION IN THE BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST, IN THE COUNTY OF OCEAN, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY." Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

Time opened: 7:49 p.m.

NO PUBLIC COMMENTS

Time closed: 7:49 p.m.

Motion by: Steven Oglesby

Seconded by: James Davis

To adopt Ordinance #2011-06. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

COMMITTEE/COUNCIL REPORTS:

Mayor Borsetti reported that the Halloween parade scheduled for October 29th was canceled due to inclement weather.

Mayor Borsetti also reported that Councilwoman Ford is “on travel” and unable to attend the meeting via telephone as she is ill.

Councilman Oglesby reported that there will be no monthly Local Emergency Planning Committee/Emergency Management meetings for November and December and added the next meeting is scheduled for the third Wednesday in January.

Mr. Oglesby also reported that the First Aid Squad has scheduled a silent auction for Friday, November 11, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. at the Community Center. Mr. Oglesby added admission is \$5 which includes a sheet of twenty-five tickets with many nice prizes offered, including a Wii, flat screen television, and Yankee tickets.

MAYOR COMMENTS:

Mayor Borsetti reported that the annual rabies clinic is scheduled for Saturday, November 5, 2011 at the former fire truck bays adjacent to the Community Center.

Mayor Borsetti urged residents to vote on Election Day, Tuesday, November 8, 2011.

Mayor Borsetti also reported that VFW Post 10061 is sponsoring the Veterans’ Day service at Lake Horicon on Friday, November 11, 2011 at 11:00 a.m.

COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC:

Time opened: 7:55 p.m.

Sue Barker, 409 Cedar Street, asked that the salary resolution contain the previous years’ salaries along with the proposed salaries for comparison. Mrs. Barker asked about the upcoming negotiations for the AFSCME employee contract.

Mayor Borsetti replied that all aspects of the contract will be discussed including raises. Mayor Borsetti added “we are not spending willy nilly” with the actions of the governing body being “very transparent.”

Administrator MacLean stated that the current AFSCME contract along with the police contract were signed in 2008 and added that it has been the policy of the governing body for the last fifteen to twenty years to give the same raises to non-contractual employees as

have been received by contractual employees. Mr. MacLean also stated that there have been lawsuits in the past when employees were not given raises.

Mrs. Barker asked if 3 ½% raises will be given next year.

Administrator MacLean responded that “no one knows what raise will be given in the AFSCME contract” due to the economic downturn.

Councilman Davis stated that “the new contract must reflect the economic realities.”

Mrs. Barker stated that the 2011 budget exceeded the 2% cap.

Administrator MacLean stated that the budget did stay within the 2% cap but added that debt service is excluded from the budget cap calculation.

Mayor Borsetti explained that some items are excluded from the cap calculation including the aforementioned debt service, insurance and pension costs.

Janie Baranyay, 408 Cedar Street, stated that the audience asks questions because they “don’t fully understand the proceedings” and added that she asks a question because she “wants to understand our local government.”

Councilman Davis stated that he would like to “see the rapport continue” with residents and added that the Borough did not exceed the budget cap. Mr. Davis further stated that when an explanation of raises is received, he would like to see the information disseminated to “dispel rumors and myths.”

Karl Maurer, 404 Manapaqua Avenue, thanked the governing body for their efforts in assisting with the designation of no parking areas on Manapaqua Avenue. Mr. Maurer then described a recent incident during which a congregant of the nearby church abruptly utilized his driveway to turn around, almost hitting him. Mr. Maurer requested that a letter be forwarded by the governing body to the pastor of the church asking that the congregants exercise caution when leaving the church.

Mayor Borsetti asked Mr. Maurer to speak directly with the pastor of the church.

Administrator MacLean suggested that Mr. Maurer first contact the pastor and if there is no response, Police Chief Higgins will discuss the matter with the pastor, as citizen complaints garner more action, as evidenced by the County response to the no parking on Manapaqua Avenue request.

Time closed: 8:17 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION:

Clerk Dugan reads resolution to go into closed session:

