

**BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST  
WORK SESSION/REGULAR MEETING  
JANUARY 19, 2012  
MINUTES**

MEETING OPENED AT 7:30 P.M. BY MAYOR HARRY ROBBINS.

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 NINETEENTH DAY OF JANUARY, 2012, 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:

ROBIN BUSCH: PRESENT

STEVEN OGLESBY: PRESENT

JAMES DAVIS: PRESENT

EDWARD SEAMAN: PRESENT

GLENN MCCOMAS: PRESENT

MAYOR HARRY ROBBINS: PRESENT

Municipal Clerk Dugan stated that a letter was presented from Republican Committee Chairwoman Eileen Robbins at the reorganization meeting on January 1, 2012 concerning the vacancy on the governing body created by the election of Councilman Robbins as Mayor. Mayor Robbins read correspondence which listed suggested candidates (Gary Lowe, Stephen Childers, and Joan Childers) for appointment to the governing body to fill the council seat for the remaining unexpired term.

Motion by: James Davis

Seconded by: Glenn McComas

To nominate Gary Lowe to fill vacant council seat and place matter on regular meeting agenda. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

WORK SESSION:

REVIEW OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDA:

Municipal Clerk Dugan reviewed regular meeting agenda.





Ms. Barker requested that a comparison of previous wage amounts be listed along with increased wage amounts.

Time closed: 7:46 p.m.

Motion by: Edward Seaman

Seconded by: James Davis

To adopt Ordinance #2012-01. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

#### COMMITTEE/COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilman Seaman reported that he had attended the recent meeting of the Board of Education as liaison which “went well.”

Mayor Robbins indicated that he had received a call from Board of Education president Kevin Oliver and suggested that he and Councilman Seaman meet with Mr. Oliver.

Council President Davis reported that the police department may be losing a SLEO II officer who is on a list to be hired by another municipality.

Councilman Oglesby reported that the Local Emergency Planning Committee met on January 18, 2012. Mr. Oglesby added that the siren located at the Community Center is working and is “only programmed for fire calls with four blast of the siren” with first aid squad signals to be inputted. Mr. Oglesby further added that “we will need an electrician” to assist in installing a timer which will permit programming so that the siren will not disturb Community Center functions such as court and council meetings.

Mr. Oglesby also added that the police department will be required to purchase eleven new radios before January 1, 2013 when Ocean County dispatch will be utilizing a new radio communications band.

Mr. Oglesby announced that the deadline for Stewart Bill 966 funding grants is scheduled for April 15, 2012 at which time the police department will “hopefully” be awarded a few radios, which should defray the cost to the Borough.

Councilwoman Busch reported that she had met with Public Works Supervisor/Department Head David Winton who “brought her up to speed” regarding Borough projects.

Councilman McComas reported that he had spoken to Mr. Winton who informed him that there are two leaks in the water tower which will be caulked when the tank is emptied in the spring before the exterior painting of the tank is started. Mr. McComas added that Mr. Winton is awaiting the testing results for the newly filled tank.

Mr. McComas further reported that he had spoken to Police Chief Higgins to discuss the possibility of retiring the police vehicle #07 and giving it to the First Aid Squad for emergency personnel responses.

## MAYOR COMMENTS:

Mayor Robbins reported that correspondence from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection has been received indicating that the permit for the utilization of Well #16 as a backup will be approved after a site map for the wells is received along with the installation of a electronic disconnect to prohibit the wells from operating simultaneously.

## COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC:

Time opened: 7:54 p.m.

Richard Peer, 15 Lakeshore, stated that he received five summonses in the mail concerning the conditions of his property. Mr. Peer added that he has “lived in Lakehurst for over thirty years” and “is a good citizen.” Mr. Peer further added that he felt that he was being “kicked while he is down” as his residence had recently been damaged in a house fire. He added that he has spoken with Police Chief Higgins regarding the summonses who indicated that the Borough will agree to court costs for the violations. Mr. Peer also expressed concern with the police department performing code enforcement duties and taking photographs of his property as he felt that it gives “too much power” to the officers.

Mayor Robbins stated to Mr. Peer that he “was glad to see the Chief willing to work with you.”

Karen McPartlin, 17 Lakeshore, requested that the Borough “waive the tire” disposal fee to assist Mr. Peer with the clean-up of his property which was damaged in the fire.

Municipal Attorney suggested that Ms. McPartlin provide a written request for the fee waiver which will be considered by the governing body at the next meeting.

Time closed: 8:00 p.m.

## CLOSED SESSION:

Clerk Dugan reads resolution to go into closed session:

### **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P. L. 1975, permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances, **and**

**WHEREAS**, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist.

