

**BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST
WORK SESSION/REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 15, 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 FIFTEENTH DAY OF MARCH, 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

GLENN MCCOMAS: PRESENT

JAMES DAVIS: PRESENT

STEVEN OGLESBY: PRESENT

GARY LOWE: PRESENT

EDWARD SEAMAN: PRESENT

MAYOR HARRY ROBBINS: 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.

Sue Barker, 409 Cedar Street, questioned the resolution concerning increasing the tax assessor's duties.

Municipal Attorney Sean Gertner replied that the resolution states that the Governing Body supports the passage of legislation which would expand the tax assessor's duties to include continuing maintenance to lessen the need for expensive reassessments.

Ms. Barker questioned the resolution regarding the hiring of an additional Public Works worker who had already been hired.

To approve minutes of March 1, 2012 Regular Meeting. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative with the exception of Councilwoman Robin Busch who abstained due to her absence at the meeting of March 1st.

CONSENT AGENDA:

All matters to be considered to be routine in nature and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If any discussion is desired by Council, that particular item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. #12-073: Resolution re: Payment of Bills
2. #12-074: Resolution re: Tonnage Grant
3. #12-075: Resolution re: Increase to Temporary Budget (Current Fund)
4. #12-076: Resolution re: Increase to Temporary Budget (Utility Fund)
5. #12-077: Resolution re: Appointment of Robert Seiden, II as SLEO II
6. #12-078: Resolution re: Increasing salary of SLEO II Stephen Gallo
7. #12-079: Resolution re: Increasing salary of SLEO II Raymond Vosseller
8. #12-080: Resolution re: Expanding role of tax assessor to permit ongoing property assessment maintenance
9. #12-081: Resolution re: Correction of tax posting error for Block 16; Lot 12
10. #12-082: Resolution re: Hiring of Jason Emme as Temporary Public Works Laborer
11. #12-083: Resolution re: Request for Qualifications and Proposal for Wireless Communications Antenna/Tower Siting and Management Consultant
12. #12-084: Resolution re: Appointment of Robert Laymon and Glenn McComas as members of the Lakehurst First Aid Squad

ORDINANCES APPROVED ON FIRST READING:

“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” (#2012-03)

RESIGNATIONS:

Acceptance of resignation of SLEO II Officer Jeffrey Johnson

Motion by: James Davis

Seconded by: Gary Lowe

To approve consent agenda. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative with the exception of Councilman Oglesby who abstained from Resolution #12 as he is a member of the Lakehurst First Aid Squad and Councilman McComas who abstained from voting on

Resolution #12 as he was the subject of the resolution concerning his membership in the First Aid Squad.

COMMITTEE/COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilman Seaman invited “everyone to come out” for the annual Easter Egg Hunt on March 31st and the St. Patrick’s Day dance on March 17th at 6:00 p.m.

Councilman Davis commended the members of the Lakehurst Fire Company for completing their controlled burning and urged everyone to attend the fire company sponsored St. Patrick’s Day dance.

Councilman Oglesby commended the Public Works Department “officially” for being awarded first place which included a plaque and check in the amount of \$1,000 from the Ocean Joint Insurance Fund for reducing lost time accidents in 2011.

Mr. Oglesby reported that the March meeting of the Local Emergency Planning Committee is scheduled for March 21, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at the Emergency Services Complex.

Councilman Lowe also commended the Public Works Department for the “outstanding job they did painting the basketball courts.

Mr. Lowe reported that he contacted a firm for additional information concerning a solar field.

Mr. Lowe also reported that he is “still working on” obtaining information concerning a gasoline pump and tank to be located at the Public Works Department and “how fast it could pay for itself.”

Councilman McComas reported that the water tower has been painted with the letters and blimp to be added shortly.

Mr. McComas also reported that preliminary budget figures are being obtained with budget meetings scheduled to begin next week.

MAYOR COMMENTS:

Mayor Robbins stated that letters to the citizen’s budget advisory committee should be sent out shortly scheduling budget meetings.

Mayor Robbins reported that although only seven business owners attended the recent meeting, discussion was held concerning the possibility of scheduling a downtown block party and a cruiser night at the Lakehurst shopping center.

Mayor Robbins invited everyone to attend the monthly chat meeting scheduled for March

20, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. at the Community Center.

Mayor Robbins also reported that he has had five positive responses regarding the creation of a summer farmers market at Lake Horicon.

Mayor Robbins added that the fire company is sponsoring its St. Patrick's Day dinner dance on Saturday, March 17th.

Mayor Robbins further added that the annual Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for Saturday, March 31, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. at Lake Horicon.

COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC:

Time opened: 8:00 p.m.

Bobbi Pratt, 703A Oak Street, stated that she had hoped that the governing body would "morally step-up" regarding her problem with her pension and added that "\$20,000 is a lot of money." Ms. Pratt added that she is "not bringing it up again" and added that she "appreciated that everyone listened."

Danny Barker, 409 Cedar Street, commended the efforts of the Public Works Department concerning decreasing of lost time injuries.

Time closed: 8:04 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Lakehurst, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, as follows:

The public shall be excluded from discussion of and action upon the hereinafter specified subject matter.

The general nature of the subject matters to be discussed is as follows:

PERSONNEL MATTERS

