

**BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST
WORK SESSION/REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 6, 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 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 SIXTH DAY OF DECEMBER, 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, 207 CENTER STREET, LAKEHURST, NEW JERSEY, AT WHICH TIME, THE BUSINESS OF THE BOROUGH WILL BE CONDUCTED.”

ROLL CALL:

ROBIN BUSCH: PRESENT
JAMES DAVIS: PRESENT
GARY LOWE: PRESENT

GLENN MCCOMAS: PRESENT
STEVEN OGLESBY: PRESENT
EDWARD SEAMAN: PRESENT

MAYOR HARRY ROBBINS: PRESENT

WORK SESSION:

PRESENTATION OF 2012 CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARD TO DANNY BARKER:

Mayor Robbins presented 2012 Citizen of the Year plaque to Danny Barker.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON HUNTING CLUB ISSUE:

Time opened: 7:32 p.m.

Janie Baranyay, 408 Cedar Street, stated that discussions have opened with the hunting club participants and added they “are behaving much more respectfully.” Ms. Baranyay further added that she still thinks there should be an ordinance requiring a social permit for gatherings for more than two successive days.

Danielle Earley, 415 Cedar Street, stated that the conduct of the hunting club members has not changed for the last five years and added that she is “not the only one who has

functions.” Ms. Earley further stated that she “feels that she is being discriminated against.”

Danny Barker, 409 Cedar Street, stated that the hunting club is now “hanging deer in the rear yard” which “is better.” Mr. Barker added that he feels that it is “inappropriate to have a hunting club in a residential neighborhood.

Ms. Baranyay stated that “no one is discriminating” against Ms. Earley and added that she brought the matter “before the council” and added that the behavior of the members of the hunting club “is dramatically different than last year.”

Time closed: 7:32 p.m.

DISCUSSION OF HUNTING CLUB ISSUE:

Councilman Lowe stated that he “personally doesn’t see a problem” with the hunting club.

Councilwoman Busch stated that the club and deer display “did not seem out of control.”

Council President Davis stated his “point of view is that the homeowner is responsible” for the behavior of their guests and added that there are “ordinances on the books to address inappropriate behavior.” Mr. Davis further added that it is not appropriate to “single out” an activity” and further stated that this is a “neighborhood dispute” which should be settled with a conversation between neighbors.

Councilman Oglesby stated that singling out a specific activity can become a “slippery slope” and added that when he first came to Lakehurst, there were funerals which lasted three days which caused major parking issues and more recently a new eatery has caused parking issues. Mr. Oglesby added that he was “glad to hear” that the behavior of the hunting club “was better than it was.” Mr. Oglesby further added that he would “like to keep government out” of the issue and stated that if participants are not following the law—there are ordinances to prohibit the behaviors. Mr. Oglesby also stated that he is hesitant to see “the government telling people what they can and cannot do.”

Councilman Seaman stated that he belongs to a sportsmen’s club and feels that a hunting club does not belong in a residential zone and added that he “would not bring” his club to his house. Mr. Seaman added that “as a hunter” he does not feel that “it is an ethical thing” for the hunting club to congregate in a residential neighborhood.

Councilman McComas stated that he was glad to see “efforts made to work together” and added that he would “rather see that track followed than legislation.”

Borough Attorney Sean Gertner stated that there are two issues regarding the hunting club—one being a neighborhood dispute. Mr. Gertner added that if such a case came before a judge, the judge would send the matter to mediation.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. #12-195: Resolution re: Payment of Bills
2. #12-196: Resolution re: Appointing Trustees of the Lakehurst Revitalization Association
3. #12-197: Resolution re: Canceling unexpended grant fund balances
4. #12-198: Resolution re: Emergency Appropriation for Hurricane Sandy expenditure
5. #12-199: Resolution re: Extending grace period for payment of 2012 fourth quarter property taxes
6. #12-200: Resolution re: Appointment of Stevie Ray Butler to Lakehurst Volunteer Fire Company
7. #12-201: Resolution re: Adjustment to utility account for Block 47; Lot 16.02
8. #12-202: Resolution re: Adjustment to utility account for Block 61; Lot 11

CORRESPONDENCE:

Certificate of Determination and Award for Bond Anticipation Notes in the amount of \$2,120,890, Numbers 2012-1; Dated December 4, 2012; Due March 4, 2013; Interest Rate per annum: 3.00%

Motion by: Glenn McComas

Seconded by: Edward Seaman

To approve consent agenda. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative with the exception of Councilman Seaman who abstained from voting on the resolution appointing a member of the Lakehurst Volunteer Fire Company as he is a member of the organization but voted in the affirmative for all other matters.

COMMITTEE/COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilman Seaman reported that the Board of Education, after reviewing the results of its feasibility study, will continue to send Lakehurst high school students to Manchester Township High School.

Mr. Seaman also reported that the annual Holiday Tree Lighting is scheduled for Friday, December 14, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Center.

Councilwoman Busch reported that the trees funded by the Community Development Block Grant have been planted. Ms. Busch asked if there had been any impact on water/sewer from Hurricane Sandy.

Mayor Robbins stated that there was no impact on water service from the storm but added that sewer rates could be affected by damage to the Ocean County Utilities Authority which provides sewer service to the Borough.

MAYOR COMMENTS:

