

**BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST  
WORK SESSION/REGULAR MEETING  
FEBRUARY 16, 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 SIXTEENTH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 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: ABSENT	GLENN MCCOMAS: PRESENT (via telephone)
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.

NO PUBLIC COMMENTS

Time closed: 7:32 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT OF WORK SESSION:

Motion by: James Davis	Seconded by: Gary Lowe
To adjourn work session. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative	

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by: Gary Lowe

Seconded by: Edward Seaman

To approve minutes of February 2, 2012 Regular Meeting. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative with the exception of Council President Davis who abstained due to his absence at the meeting of February 2<sup>nd</sup>.

#### 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. #12-062: Resolution re: Payment of Bills
2. #12-063: Resolution re: Moving School Election to November General Election
3. #12-064: Resolution re: Municipal Service Fee for Pinehurst Estates
4. #12-065: Resolution re: In Rem Foreclosures
5. #12-064: Resolution re: Correction of Utility Bill for Block 8; Lot 12
6. #12-065: Resolution re: Membership in Lakehurst First Aid Squad for Jennifer Laymon

#### ORDINANCES APPROVED ON FIRST READING:

“AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING CHAPTER II ADMINISTRATION SECTION 2-51 FEES FOR COPY RECORDS” (#2012-02)

Motion by: James Davis

Seconded by: Steven Oglesby

To approve consent agenda. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative with the exception of Councilman Oglesby who voted no for the resolution regarding membership in the Lakehurst First Aid Squad for Jennifer Laymon (#12-065) as he is a member of the squad.

#### COMMITTEE/COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilman Seaman reported that he had “touched base with the school board” who were in favor of moving the school board election to November.

Councilman Davis reported that the County Engineer had forwarded correspondence to the interim superintendent of Lakehurst Elementary school stating that the county cannot recommend the vacation of the one hundred block of Lake Street which was proposed by the school board.

Councilman Davis added that he had spoken with Police Chief Higgins who indicated that a SLEO II candidate had been sent for a required psychiatric testing. Mr. Davis further added that Chief Higgins had also indicated that background investigations were being conducted on three candidates for the police officer position. Mr. Davis stated that the best candidate would be chosen after a careful deliberation process.

Councilman Oglesby stated that it is not uncommon for an officer to “do field training” before attending the police academy.

Mr. Oglesby stated that a personnel matter would be discussed in executive session.

Mr. Oglesby reported that he met with Public Works Supervisor/Department Head David Winton and Councilman McComas and added that he “is looking forward” to Mr. Winton “continuing his good work” with the Public Works Department.

Mr. Oglesby reminded everyone that the second “Barnegat Bay Blitz” is scheduled for May 9, 2012.

Councilman Lowe reported that he and Councilwoman Busch had met concerning code enforcement efforts and added that they will be scheduling a meeting with Police Chief Higgins, Zoning Officer Danny Barker, and Housing Inspector Timothy Borsetti to further discuss code enforcement within the Borough.

Mr. Lowe added that he and Mrs. Busch had also conducted extensive research concerning hall rentals in other municipalities and added that the effort is almost complete.

Mr. Lowe further added that he has also conducted research on the feasibility of the Borough installing its own gasoline storage tank and pump and added that he is waiting for additional quotes. Mr. Lowe stated that preliminary estimates should allow the Borough to recoup its costs within approximately two years.

Mr. Lowe also stated that Councilwoman Busch is conducting research on the feasibility of installing solar panels on the emergency services complex.

Councilman McComas reported that the financial aid statement has been almost completed by the auditor and capital plans have been supplied by department heads. Mr. McComas added that the next step in the budget process is to put together the figures which should be completed by the end of the month.

#### MAYOR COMMENTS:

Mayor Robbins reported that his first Mayor’s chat meeting was held on February 15<sup>th</sup> and was well attended with “a lot of great input.” He added that he and a council member (who will change on a rotating basis) will attend this monthly event scheduled

on the third Tuesday of the month.

Mayor Robbins announced that the Fire Company has scheduled a St. Patrick's Dance on Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup> with the admission price of \$15.

COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC:

Time opened: 7:47 p.m.

Greg Kyriakakis, of the Manchester Patch, asked why the governing body moved the school election to November.

Mayor Robbins stated that there "would be a better turnout" for the school election if it is held in November.

Councilman Seaman stated that the "school is in favor of it."

Time closed: 7:48 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**

It is anticipated at this time that the above stated subject matter will be made public.

This resolution shall take effect immediately.

