

**BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 18, 2013
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 EIGHTEENTH DAY OF APRIL, 2013, 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:

REVIEW OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDA:

Municipal Clerk Dugan reviewed regular meeting agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:

Time opened: 7:35 p.m.

NO PUBLIC COMMENTS

Time closed: 7:35 p.m.

Councilman Davis requested that a resolution approving an agreement with the Lakehurst Board of Education and the Borough of Lakehurst for a school resource officer be placed on the consent agenda.

Mr. Davis announced that the Lakehurst Volunteer Fire Department is sponsoring a circus on June 17, 2013 and a 100th Anniversary celebration on August 24, 2013.

Councilman Lowe reported that the curb reveal on the north corner of Maple and Lake Streets is too high to allow for pedestrian access.

Mayor Robbins stated that Public Works Supervisor David Winton will check into the matter.

Councilman McComas reported that he had been asked why the First Aid Squad is not operating “under the same system as the Fire Department” with regard to the purchase order system. Mr. McComas stated that the First Aid Squad is “its own organization” and owns its own vehicles, while the Fire Department utilizes “a lot of Borough-owned property.”

Mr. McComas also reported that the initial research for credit card use for receipt of Borough payments may result in the Borough losing money.

Councilwoman Busch in response to Councilman McComas’ comments concerning acceptance of credit card payments, stated that the Borough “may be able to do it” with the customer paying a convenience fee.

Mayor Robbins requested that the Chief Financial Officer be directed to research the matter.

Councilman Lowe reported that the Public Works dump truck has been repaired and added that Police vehicle 1303 is at Lester Glen for transmission work.

Councilwoman Busch commented that the flowering trees “look great.”

MAYOR COMMENTS:

Mayor Robbins cautioned residents that as the weather “is nice” more children will be outdoors and urged that everyone “drive safely.”

Mayor Robbins also announced that the Spring Flower and Garden Expo is scheduled for Saturday, April 27, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC:

Time opened: 7:50 p.m.

Renee Hourigan, 517 Union Avenue, stated that she has been a Lakehurst resident since 1992 and added that she is starting a cheer program. Mrs. Hourigan stated that she “is not asking for any money” but requested the “backing of the town.” Mrs. Hourigan stated that the group will practice in the school and will “do community service.” Mrs. Hourigan further stated that presently there are twenty-three children in the group.

Mayor Robbins tasked Recreation Committee Chair Edward Seaman to meet with Mrs. Hourigan to discuss the matter.

Councilwoman Busch asked if the group has insurance coverage.

Mrs. Hourigan replied that the group has insurance coverage and is incorporated.

Ms. Heather Cramer, 2525 Steiner Road, Manchester, stated that she is a former resident of Lakehurst who is employed by McRoberts Protection Agency which is expanding services to include municipal events. Ms. Cramer requested a meeting with members of the Public Safety Committee to discuss the matter.

Mayor Robbins suggested that Ms. Cramer contact either Council President Oglesby or Councilman Davis to scheduled a meeting.

Sue Barker, 409 Cedar Street, asked the date for the hearing on the 2013 Municipal Budget.

Mayor Robbins replied that the budget hearing is scheduled for the meeting of May 16, 2013 during which the Chief Financial Officer and the Municipal Auditor will be present to answer questions.

Time closed: 7:56 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

