

**BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST  
WORK SESSION/REGULAR MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 18, 2014  
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 SEPTEMBER, 2014, 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	GLENN MCCOMAS: PRESENT
JAMES DAVIS: PRESENT	STEVEN OGLESBY: ABSENT
GARY LOWE: PRESENT	EDWARD SEAMAN: ABSENT
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: 7:31 p.m.

Sue Barker, 409 Cedar Street, asked about the extension of the professional services contract for legal services and how it is bid.

Borough Attorney Sean Gertner replied that legal services are professional services and the Borough utilizes the non-fair and open process to award professional services contracts. Mr. Gertner added that the labor counsel is “on the list” of Joint Insurance Fund attorneys.



Motion by: Glenn McComas

Seconded by: Gary Lowe

To approve consent agenda. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

#### COMMITTEE/COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilman Lowe reported that the cedar posts at the rear of Lake Horicon have been replaced.

Mr. Lowe added that quotes have been received for the oil to gas conversion of the boiler at the Community Center.

Mr. Lowe further added that gauges and valves had to be replaced on the jet vac truck.

Mr. Lowe also reported that water plant gauge maintenance will be completed shortly.

Councilman McComas thanked the Public Works department for installing the first aid squad sign at the emergency services complex.

Mr. McComas reported that night crews are working to finish improvements at the elementary school. Mr. McComas added that the school employs a superintendent, assistant superintendent and assistant principal.

Councilwoman Busch reported that an outdoor Movie Night is scheduled for Friday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at Lake Horicon.

Mrs. Busch further reported that residents can bring up to five bags or boxes of paper for shredding at the Public Works department on Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

Mrs. Busch added that Public Works has one more pit meter to install.

#### MAYOR COMMENTS:

Mayor Robbins urged motorists to exercise caution as “school is open.”

Mayor Robbins announced that the Lakehurst Revitalization Association which was founded by Sue Barker and Janie Baranyay has received its 501C charitable organization designation.

#### COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC:

Time opened: 7:44 p.m.

Sue Barker, 409 Cedar Street, stated that she reviewed the number of Public Works employees from 2011 through 2014.

Mrs. Barker added that there are 14 employees in the Police department and there are more employees in the Borough Hall than in the past and expressed concern over health insurance costs.

Mrs. Barker asked about appointing employees before resolution approval by the council.

Mr. Gertner replied that a resolution memorializes that action of the Governing Body and if the appointing resolution failed to achieve a majority vote, the employee would be terminated.

Renee Hourigan, 517 Union Avenue, requested use of the Community Center for one night per week for cheerleading practice. Upon questioning by Councilman Davis concerning tossing of members in the Community Center, Mrs. Hourigan replied that her cheerleading group does not toss members and asked that the Governing Body consider her request as the group is unable to utilize the school gym due to floor warranty issues.

Mayor Robbins asked the Buildings and Grounds committee members to look into the matter.

Danny Barker, 409 Cedar Street, reported that the parking spaces have been painted at the Emergency Services Complex.

Time closed: 7:55 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

