

**BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST
WORK SESSION/REGULAR MEETING
MAY 15, 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 FIFTEENTH DAY OF MAY, 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: PRESENT

MAYOR HARRY ROBBINS: PRESENT

WORK SESSION:

REVIEW OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDA:

Municipal Clerk Dugan reviewed regular meeting agenda.

Councilman Lowe stated that there is a large pothole on Orchard Street between Cedar Street and Route 70 which is in need of repair.

Municipal Clerk Dugan was directed to contact Public Works Supervisor David Winton regarding the matter.

Municipal Attorney Gertner reported that Governor Christie has appointed the Lieutenant Governor as liaison to focus on the base realignment committee.

Mr. Gertner also reported that there have been very few tax appeals.

Mrs. Busch added that the annual town wide yard sale is scheduled for Saturday, May 17, 2014 from 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC:

Time opened: 7:42 p.m.

Helen Cleveland, 407 Poplar Street, expressed concern over notification provided for recent water discontinuance to her residence. Ms. Cleveland added that she had received a copy of Ordinance #12-07 regarding water service discontinuance but stated that she believed that the ordinance was contrary to Board of Public Utility requirements for notification before shut-off. Ms. Cleveland also stated that she thought the \$50 turn-on/turn-off charge was excessive.

Mayor Robbins explained that the shut off fee is comparable to other municipalities and involves Public Works personnel leaving their regular duties to discontinue service to those residents who have not paid their utility bill. Mayor Robbins added that a more uniform policy for shut-off notices will be implemented.

George Frame, representative of the National Council on Aging, distributed a brochure and described a program where seniors can be employed by municipalities with the cost borne by his organization.

Time closed: 8:02 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:

