

**BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST  
WORK SESSION/REGULAR MEETING  
JUNE 19, 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 NINETEENTH DAY OF JUNE, 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: ABSENT	GLENN MCCOMAS: PRESENT
JAMES DAVIS: PRESENT	STEVEN OGLESBY: PRESENT
GARY LOWE: ABSENT	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: 7:33 p.m.

Sue Barker, 409 Cedar Street, stated that she thought the biennial dog census was conducted by code enforcement.

Municipal Clerk Dugan replied that a canine enumerator was hired to conduct the census for many years.

Time closed: 7:33 p.m.





To open public hearing on 2014 Municipal Budget. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

Time opened: 7:37 p.m.

William Antonides, Borough fee accountant, stated that the budget was introduced at the council meeting of May 15, 2014 and has been reviewed by the State.

Councilman Davis commended Councilman McComas and Councilman Seaman for their work on the budget and added that it is a “tough job.”

Sue Barker, 409 Cedar Street, asked about the revenues for the school officer.

Chief Financial Officer Alan Murray replied that the school had prepaid for the officer last year and only the amount anticipated can be listed in the budget.

Mr. Antonides added that the school operates on a fiscal year budget as opposed to the Borough’s calendar year budget.

Mrs. Barker asked about employees being moved to different departments.

Mr. Murray replied that it is a budgetary practice to charge to different departments and added that no one received a large raise.

Mrs. Barker noticed a large increase in health insurance costs.

Mr. Murray replied that insurance costs rose in 2014.

When asked by Mrs. Barker about revenue from Northeast Housing, Council President Oglesby replied that the Borough must be “conservative” with revenue estimates.

Mrs. Barker asked about police college tuition costs.

Mr. Murray stated that police college tuition costs are paid from the police salaries line item.

Mrs. Barker asked about the increase in bond principal costs.

Mr. Murray replied that the Borough sold bonds in 2013 with some notes becoming due.

Mrs. Barker asked about audit services costs.

Mr. Murray replied that the audit service costs are paid from reserves.

Time closed: 7:53 p.m.

