

**BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST
WORK SESSION/REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 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 DECEMBER, 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: 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: 7:33 p.m.

NO PUBLIC COMMENTS

Time closed: 7:33 p.m.

Council President Oglesby commented on the beautiful holiday light displays throughout the town.

Mrs. Barker suggested a panel of residents instead of the department head should conduct the exit interview so that employees will not feel intimidated.

Councilman Davis replied that initially it was hoped that Officer DePasquale would be hired as a provisional employee. Mr. Davis added that the Civil Service Commission rules would not permit the employment of a provisional police officer as there is an existing list for hire.

Danny Barker, 409 Cedar Street, addressed the council and stated that he had received a letter from Mayor Robbins indicating that he would not be reappointed as the Emergency Management Coordinator. Mr. Barker stated that he wanted to set the record straight and added that he had completed the basic course but was unable to locate the certificate which may be in the Police Department. Mr. Barker stated that Mayor Robbins could have contact me.

Mayor Robbins replied that he did contact Mr. Barker when it was learned that he did not complete all the required courses.

Janie Baranyay, 408 Cedar Street, asked if the meetings were recorded and expressed disapproval that the minutes of the October 2, 2014 meeting did not contain a statement made by Councilman Davis which included four sentences that she believed should have been included.

Municipal Clerk Dugan replied that the minutes are not a verbatim transcript and that the meetings are not recorded.

Mrs. Baranyay stated that she records the meetings and requested that the meetings be recorded. Mrs. Baranyay also voiced disapproval at the brief closed session minutes.

Time closed: 7:57 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:

