

**BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST
WORK SESSION/REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 5, 2015
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 FIFTH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2015, 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	GARY LOWE: PRESENT
JAMES DAVIS: PRESENT	GLENN MCCOMAS: PRESENT
PATRICIA HODGES: PRESENT	STEVEN OGLESBY: ABSENT
MAYOR HARRY ROBBINS: PRESENT	

WORK SESSION:

Robert Chilton of Gabel Associates, Inc. presented information concerning energy aggregation. Mr. Chilton explained that New Jersey statutes as well as the Board of Public Utilities allow municipalities to bid for energy services for all their residents. Mr. Chilton further explained that residents have the opportunity to “opt out” of any change in their electrical providers. Mr. Chilton also stated that Stafford Township will be the lead agency and added that any additional municipalities which will enter the cooperative agreement could result in a more advantageous bid offer. Mr. Chilton reported that the average savings are between nine and eighteen percent.

Mr. Chilton answered questions from the Governing Body and Municipal Clerk.

REVIEW OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDA:

Municipal Clerk Dugan reviewed the regular meeting agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:

Consensus reached to authorize Mr. Winton hire Northeast Water Technology to monitor water lines and look for leaks.

MAYOR COMMENTS:

Mayor Robbins reported that residents are reminded to keep sidewalks clear of snow and ice.

Mayor Robbins reported that the Code Enforcement Officer will be out for approximately four weeks due to health issues.

COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC:

Time opened: 8:21 p.m.

NO PUBLIC COMMENTS

Time closed: 8:21 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
CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS**

It is anticipated at this time that the above stated subject matter will be made public.

