

**BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST
WORK SESSION/REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 4, 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 BERNADETTE 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 FOURTH DAY OF JUNE, 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: PRESENT

MAYOR HARRY ROBBINS:

WORK SESSION:

REVIEW OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDA:

Municipal Clerk Dugan reviewed regular meeting agenda.

Council President Oglesby asked if certifications for operation of the fire company forklift were received. Clerk Dugan replied that she is awaiting copies of the certifications. Mr. Oglesby asked if the Joint Insurance Fund permitted the operation of a forklift by members of the fire company and if there could be any insurance liability. Clerk Dugan was directed to contact a representative from the Joint Insurance Fund regarding the matter.

Mr. Oglesby added that the fire company has procured a Humvee and wondered if the Borough would be supplying gasoline for its use. Mr. Oglesby further added that it “seems like” the fire company is “getting further from firefighting” and is acquiring equipment which may not be essential for the Borough of Lakehurst firefighting needs.

Councilman Lowe stated that budget funds are used to repair vehicles and added that he received a request to repair a brush truck with Borough funds. Mr. Lowe added that the fire company should use their own funds to repair the brush truck.

Council President Oglesby stressed that he does not want the fire company to be “short changed” for essential operations but added he is concerned that expenditures are not prioritized.

Councilwoman Hodges asked who determines what is essential for firefighting.

Councilman Davis stated the vehicles are prioritized for repairs and added that “everything should be in working order.”

Mr. Gertner stated the question should be “what equipment relates to their core mission.”

Councilwoman Hodges stated that a policy should be developed to repair essential equipment.

Councilman Davis added that NFPA standards are “industry-driven.”

Councilman McComas stated “let the fire company pay for repairs of essential equipment.”

Councilman Davis suggested scheduling a meeting with the fire company’s administration to discuss the matter.

Council President Oglesby stated a fire truck will need to be purchased shortly and “limited funds must be conserved.”

Mr. Oglesby added a camper was parked at the Emergency Services complex with an extension cord plugged into the building and no one was made aware of who owned the vehicle. Mr. Oglesby requested that a letter be sent to the fire company requiring governing body permission before non-member vehicles are parked at the ESC.

Councilwoman Hodges requested the resolution authorizing fire company membership be removed from the consent agenda and considered separately.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:

Time opened: 7:47 p.m.

NO PUBLIC COMMENTS

Time closed: 7:47 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT OF WORK SESSION:

recycling were removed from Lake Street and Division Street. Mr. Oglesby added thankfully no hazardous materials were encountered.

Councilwoman Busch reported the annual Bicycle Rodeo is scheduled for Saturday, June 20th.

MAYOR COMMENTS:

Mayor Robbins announced the fire company is sponsoring a circus scheduled for Saturday, June 6th with shows at 2:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.

COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC:

Time opened: 8:00 p.m.

Donna Sinton, 501 Rose Street, asked what is being constructed on Route 70.

Mayor Robbins replied that a gasoline station with a Dunkin Donuts is being constructed.

Time closed: 8:02 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by: Glenn McComas

Seconded by: James Davis

To adjourn meeting. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative. Time: 8:02 p.m.

Bernadette Dugan, RMC/CPM
Municipal Clerk