BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST WORK SESSION/REGULAR MEETING SEPTEMBER 15, 2011 MINUTES

MEETING OPENED AT 7:30 P.M. BY MAYOR TIMOTHY J. BORSETTI.

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 SEPTEMBER, 2011, 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, CORNER OF PINE AND CENTER STREETS, LAKEHURST, NEW JERSEY, AT WHICH TIME, THE BUSINESS OF THE BOROUGH WILL BE CONDUCTED."

ROLL CALL:

JAMES DAVIS: PRESENT
PAT FORD: PRESENT
SIDNEY HOOPER: PRESENT
HARRY ROBBINS: PRESENT

MAYOR TIMOTHY J. BORSETTI: PRESENT

WORK SESSION:

REVIEW OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDA:

Municipal Clerk Dugan reviewed regular meeting agenda.

REQUEST FROM BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST HISTORICAL SOCIETY TO UTILIZE STORAGE AREA IN FORMER FIRE TRUCK BAYS: REVIEW OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDA:

Discussion held on request. Municipal Clerk Dugan was directed to coordinate the storage of items in the Community Center and former fire truck bays with the members of the Historical Society.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:

Time opened: 7:32 p.m.

NO PUBLIC COMMENTS

Time closed: 7:32 p.m.

Council President Robbins directed Municipal Clerk Dugan to provide a RICE notice to Administrator MacLean concerning his title and position for discussion at the next council meeting scheduled for October 6, 2011 with a consensus being reached.

Council President Robbins asked about "going paperless."

Administrator MacLean stated that a computer software program would be required for bills list. Municipal Clerk Dugan stated that approximately 80% of council agenda items can be submitted electronically.

Council President Robbins asked about the delay in distributing the water/sewer bills for the second quarter.

Administrator MacLean replied that a new computer software system was installed in the tax/utility office which required additional training which resulted in the delay of billing.

Borough Attorney Sean Gertner reported that he attended a hearing at the Ocean County Construction Board of Appeals concerning a property which was adjourned as the matter concerns an appeal of the zoning officer which is the purview of the Land Use Board.

Attorney Gertner also reported that at the last council meeting, the municipal clerk was directed to review a petition submitted by Edward Seaman. Mr. Gertner added that the clerk verified the required ten percent of signatures, with 147 signatures required and 149 valid signatures provided. Mr. Gertner further added that the municipal clerk listed several deficiencies with the petition including the lack of affidavit of a circulator, the form of the petition question, and the fact that the deadline for filing a ballot question with the County Clerk was September 2nd. As such, Mr. Gertner stated that it is beyond the Borough's purview to expand the date for filing and it is his recommendation that the clerk not forward the petition to the County Clerk as only a superior court judge can expand the date for filing of a ballot question. Mr. Gertner also added that the matter is an "appeal able action."

ADJOURNMENT OF WORK SESSION:

Motion by: James Davis

Seconded by: Pat Ford
To adjourn work session. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by: James Davis Seconded by: Harry Robbins To approve minutes of September 1, 2011 Work Session/Regular Meeting. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

CONSENT AGENDA:

All matters to be considered to be routine in nature and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If any discussion is desired by Council, that particular item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. #11-143: Resolution re: Payment of Bills

 #11-144: Resolution re: Membership in Lakehurst First Aid Squad for Tina Matsil
 #11-145: Resolution re: Raffle License for Men's Club at Four Seasons at South Knolls

4. #11-146: Resolution re: Awarding of contract for water tower refurbishment to Allied Painting

Motion by: Harry Robbins Seconded by: Pat Ford To approve consent agenda. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

COMMITTEE/COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilman Davis reported that he met with Police Chief Higgins and discussed the process how police officers will refer possible code enforcement violations to the code enforcement officer.

Mr. Davis also reported that he met with Fire Chief Seaman concerning community center hall rental fees and suggested that Council members Hooper and McComas met to discuss the possible lowering of the fees to enable the rental of the community center to provide additional funding to the fire department.

Mayor Borsetti directed Council members Hooper and McComas to meet to discuss hall rental fees.

Councilwoman Ford reported that as there will be no Haunted House event this year, she suggested that a masquerade youth bingo be held possibly on Saturday, October 29th, the date of the Halloween parade. Municipal Clerk Dugan was directed to check the community center calendar for availability on that date.

Councilman McComas reported that the fire department had experienced an electrical breaker "tripping" and was only able to gain access to the emergency services complex mechanical room by calling Public Works Supervisor Bryan LeVance to gain access. Mr. McComas suggested providing additional access to the mechanical room by the emergency services agencies without incurring overtime by "calling out" public works personnel.

Mayor Borsetti stated that the Borough may need to limit access to the mechanical room.

MAYOR COMMENTS:

Mayor Borsetti reported that the governing body had received correspondence from Jeffrey Purpuro concerning a joint sewer line on Pine Street and Union Avenue with six houses being serviced by one sewer main, located on Union Avenue. Mayor Borsetti stated that the Borough is willing to waive sewer connection fees if the property owner will install the sewer line.

COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC:

Time opened: 7:49 p.m.

Mr. Jeff Purpuro, 27 Seward Avenue, Toms River, stated that he must "snake" the sewer line for his rental property located at 416-418 Pine Street as there are six residential units serviced by the one sewer main located on Union Avenue. Mr. Purpuro added that "if the main is the Borough's responsibility, public works should be authorized to install sewer laterals on Pine Street" to service the residences.

Council President Robbins replied that he works for Lakewood Municipal Utilities Authority and added that its standard procedure that the municipality will not work on private property. Mr. Robbins added that it is the property owner's responsibility to install sewer lines to their property. Mr. Robbins further added that the Borough would be willing to install two clean-outs.

Administrator MacLean stated that when the duplexes in question were constructed, they were constructed up to code at that time.

Mayor Borsetti stated again that the Borough would waive sewer connection fees if the property owner will install the sewer line.

Mr. Purpuro stated that he "appreciated the concern" of the members of the governing body.

Time closed: 8:10 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by: Pat Ford Seconded by: Glenn McComas To adjourn meeting. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative. Time: 8:10 p.m.

Bernadette Dugan, RMC/CPM Municipal Clerk