WORK SESSION/REGULAR MEETING OCTOBER 6, 2011 MINUTES

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

ALL STOOD FOR 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 SIXTH DAY OF OCTOBER, 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: ABSENT
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.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:

Time opened: 7:32 p.m.

NO PUBLIC COMMENTS

Time closed: 7:32 p.m.

Councilman Oglesby reported that he, David Winton and Amy Lowe met with a Department of Environmental Protection representative concerning the Barnegat Bay Blitz scheduled for Wednesday, October 19 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. during which clean-ups will be conducted at several sites including Lake Horicon and Division Street near

Pinehurst Estates. Mr. Oglesby added that volunteers are being sought for the event with work gloves and garbage bags to be provided.

Council President Robbins reported that at the last meeting he had questioned the delay in distribution of water/sewer bills. Mr. Robbins added that he had been informed that adjustment to a new computer program was the cause for the delay. Mr. Robbins suggested that the water/sewer bills for the third quarter be distributed the second week in November to allow residents time to pay as the second quarter bill was only due the first week in October. Mr. Robbins stated that residents can contact the Borough Hall to request a payment schedule for their bills, if needed.

Mr. Robbins further reported that at the last meeting, the municipal clerk was directed to provide a Rice Notice to the Administrator. Mr. Robbins added that as the Administrator is ill the matter will be discussed at the next council meeting.

ADJOURNMENT OF WORK SESSION:

Motion by: James Davis Seconded by: Glenn McComas To adjourn work session. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by: Harry Robbins Seconded by: Glenn McComas To approve minutes of September 15, 2011 Work Session/Regular Meeting. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative with the exception of Councilman Oglesby who abstained due to his absence at the meeting of September 15th.

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. #11-147: Resolution re: Payment of Bills
- 2. #11-148: Resolution re: Interlocal agreement with Ocean County for Stewart Bill

966 grant purchases

- 3. #11-149: Resolution re: Raffle License for Lakehurst First Aid Squad
- 4. #11-150: Resolution re: Voiding of utility bill for Block 62; Lot 7
- 5. #11-151: Resolution re: Adjustment to utility bill for Block 11; Lot 6
- 6. #11-152: Resolution re: Adjustment to utility bill for Block 27; Lot 11

Motion by: Sidney Hooper Seconded by: James Davis

To approve consent agenda. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative with the exception of Councilman Oglesby who voted yes on all items with the exception of resolution #3 from which he abstained as he is a member of the First Aid Squad.

COMMITTEE/COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilman Hooper reported that he had attended the recent Tri-Base meeting at which installation of water and sewer for the base was discussed. Mr. Hooper also reported that the intersection of Route 70 and Route 547 is "on a list" for possible improvements.

Councilman Oglesby reported that the Public Safety committee met with Police Chief Higgins who is researching an e-ticketing service which would be cost efficient once initial costs have been met.

Mr. Oglesby also reported that RERP training has been scheduled for October 12, 2011 at 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. for emergency responders.

Mr. Oglesby further reported that Fire Chief Seaman has researched the price to activate the former first aid squad siren for a cost of \$2260 which will be distributed between the fire department, first aid squad, and office of emergency management. Mr. Oglesby added that the siren will provide an audible public alert system. Mr. Oglesby stated that the siren will be attached to an electric pole to be donated by JCP & L. Mr. Oglesby requested approval for the expenditure.

Discussion held on location of the siren pole. Location to be determined by the governing body.

Council President Robbins reported that the well shaft at the water treatment plant snapped twenty feet from the bottom on Sunday, September 25th. Mr. Robbins added that the repair was handled "extremely well" with water service restored on Monday, September 26th. Mr. Robbins also added that permission had been received from the Department of Environmental Protection to activate Well #16 if that should have been necessary.

MAYOR COMMENTS:

Mayor Borsetti commended the Public Works department for their efforts regarding the repair of the well shaft.

COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC:

Time opened: 7:47 p.m.

Danny Barker, 409 Cedar Street, asked about the delay in the distribution of the water bills.

Mayor Borsetti responded that a new computer system upgrade was installed which resulted in the delay in generating the second quarter bills.

Council President Robbins stated that the bills will be distributed on November 18th with the thirty day grace period for payment commencing from that date.

Bobbie Pratt, 703 Oak Street, stated that additional police are needed and related her experience during which police responded to an emergency call when her niece's baby had stopped breathing. Ms. Pratt commended Officer Emmons for his efforts on the call and added that the Borough needs more than one policeman "on the road." Ms. Pratt also stated that the "Police Chief should run the police department."

Mayor Borsetti responded that the Administrator "has his own work to do."

Sue Barker, 409 Cedar Street, asked who is the "appropriate authority" over the police."

Mayor Borsetti responded that Police Chief Higgins is the responsible for oversight of the police department.

Time closed: 8:03 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.

This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Motion by: James Davis Seconded by: Harry Robbins To approve resolution to go into closed session. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

Time into closed session: 8:04 p.m.

Time out of closed session: 8:38 p.m.

Motion by: James Davis Seconded by: Glenn McComas

To end closed session. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

RESOLUTION APPROVING POLICE CONTRACT:

Motion by: James Davis Seconded by: Steven Oglesby To approve Resolution #11-153 authorizing the Mayor and Administrator to execute the agreement between the Borough of Lakehurst and the Lakehurst Police Association after receipt of a Lakehurst Police Association executed contract. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by: Harry Robbins Seconded by: Glenn McComas

To adjourn meeting. Roll call vote. Time: 8:42 p.m.

Bernadette Dugan, RMC/CPM Municipal Clerk