

**BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST  
WORK SESSION/REGULAR MEETING  
AUGUST 16, 2012  
MINUTES**

MEETING OPENED AT 7:30 P.M. BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT JAMES DAVIS.

MUNICIPAL CLERK DUGAN ANNOUNCED THAT MAYOR ROBBINS WILL NOT BE PRESIDING AT THE MEETING DUE TO AN EMERGENT WORK SITUATION.

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 SIXTEENTH DAY OF AUGUST, 2012, 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	GLENN MCCOMAS: PRESENT
JAMES DAVIS: PRESENT	STEVEN OGLESBY: PRESENT
GARY LOWE: ABSENT	EDWARD SEAMAN: PRESENT
MAYOR HARRY ROBBINS: ABSENT	

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.

Council President Davis announced that suggestions are needed for two Eagle Scout projects. Mr. Davis added that past projects included the construction of picnic tables, construction of a bridge between the islands at Lake Horicon, and refurbishment of old St. John's exterior. Mr. Davis appointed Councilman Seaman as the "point person" for ideas for the project.

Attorney Sean Gertner reported that as the governing body has had some issues with the water tower repainting project a discussion with the engineer, clerk, chief financial officer, Mayor Robbins, Councilman McComas along with himself was held. Mr. Gertner added that it was determined that the amount of payment would comply with the thirty day timely payment statute as well as leave an additional amount for retainage and inspection after a one-year period. Mr. Gertner further added that the contractor agreed to pay back charges for overtime and the installation of a pressure relief valve.

Motion by: Edward Seaman  
To place a resolution authorizing payment to Allied Painting, Inc. on the consent agenda.  
Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

Seconded by: Steven Oglesby

Councilwoman Busch reported that Governor Christie has approved a bill which would permit the utilization of browns field properties to be utilized for solar fields.

Council President Davis reported that the members of the Public Safety committee met with members of the Lakehurst Police Association to discuss the possibility of constructing a firing range on a portion of the former landfill site. Mr. Davis stated that construction of our own range could result in a cost savings and added that the "pros and cons" of the project are being researched.

Councilman Oglesby stated that assuming the project is given the "green light" possible shared services agreement could be developed with other small police departments which could make the range "self-sufficient" or "generate income."

#### ADJOURNMENT OF WORK SESSION:

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

Seconded by: Steven Oglesby

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by: Robin Busch  
To approve minutes of July 19, 2012 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 July 19<sup>th</sup>.

Seconded by: Glenn McComas

#### 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. #2012-149: Resolution re: Payment of Bills
2. #2012-150: Resolution re: Fixed Asset Inventory
3. #2012-151: Resolution re: *Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over 2012 Statewide Crackdown*
4. #2012-152: Resolution re: Adjustment to utility account for Block 53; Lot 11
5. #2012-153: Resolution re: Appointment of Jeffrey Cardillo to Laborer II
6. #2012-154: Resolution re: Renewing liquor license for Joseph Albero & Frank D'Apolito
7. #2012-155: Resolution re: Assigning police car to First Aid Squad
8. #2012-156: Resolution re: Adjustment to utility account for Block 45, Lot 4.01
9. #2012-157: Resolution re: Payment to Allied Painting for Water Tower Repainting Project

#### ORDINANCES APPROVED ON FIRST READING:

“BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS AND APPROPRIATING \$400,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$380,000 BONDS AND NOTES TO FINANCE A PORTION OF THE COSTS THEREOF, AUTHORIZED IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST, IN THE COUNTY OF OCEAN, NEW JERSEY” (#12-08)

Motion by: Glenn McComas

Seconded by: Steven Oglesby

To approve consent agenda. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative with the exception of Councilman Seaman who voted no on Ordinance #12-08 and voted yes on remaining items and Councilman McComas and Councilman Oglesby who abstained on the resolution assigning the police car to the First Aid Squad as they are both members of the squad and voted yes on remaining items.

#### COMMITTEE/COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilman Seaman announced that the fire company is sponsoring a luau/pig roast on Saturday, August 18<sup>th</sup> from 6-11 p.m. at the Community Center with tickets \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door.

Mr. Seaman reported that two new tot ride-on toys have been installed at Lake Horicon park.

Mr. Seaman also reported that he attended the recent meeting of the Lakehurst Board of Education at which a feasibility study proposing to send Lakehurst high school students to Jackson Liberty high school. Mr. Seaman added that the Board is awaiting plans for

the vacation of Lake Street.

Councilman Oglesby reported that the Borough is attempting to get the remaining antennas installed on the water tower.

Mr. Oglesby added that the 500,000 gallon ground water storage tank will be repainted shortly with “zero impact to the residents.”

Council President Davis reported that he attended the recent meeting of the Local Emergency Planning Committee during which a repair to the motor of the fire department’s extrication equipment was discussed. Mr. Davis stated that the cost for the repair of the motor is \$625. Mr. Davis added that a company has lent extrication equipment to the fire department at no cost for six months.

Councilman Oglesby stated that it was his impression during the discussion to repair the motor at the LEPC meeting was that both the assistant fire chief and the fire chief did not want to repair the motor.

Consensus reached that the motor to the Hurst extrication equipment will not be repaired.

Councilwoman Busch reported that a new water fountain, new bench, and the two tot ride-on toys have been installed by the Public Works department and commended the department as they “did a great job.”

Councilman McComas stated that paperwork has been finalized for the water tower repainting project.

#### COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC:

Time opened: 7:53 p.m.

Maria Sessa, Area Manager for JCP & L, reported on a grant available to local students.

Rob Clifton, Director of Government Affairs for Comcast, reported that the Borough is nearing the end of its fifteen year agreement for cable television services and added that Comcast will be seeking to exercise its automatic ten-year renewal clause.

Mr. Clifton also reported that NBC/Universal will provide “internet essentials” to students receiving free or reduced lunches for \$9.95 per month from kindergarten to grade 12.

Russell Howarth, 412 Cedar Street, asked about repairing the extrication motor.

Council President Davis replied that the fire company felt the repair “was not adequate” and preferred to utilize the borrowed equipment until new equipment is purchased.

Danielle Earley, 415 Cedar Street, asked why not buy the equipment?

Council President Davis stated that new extrication equipment would cost approximately \$20,000 which is not available.

Assistant Fire Chief Greg Morris, 217 Cedar Street, stated that the fire department felt that the repair was unnecessary as the tools for the equipment are “too old.”

Ms. Donna Sinton, 501 Rose Street asked if the purchase of new extrication equipment could be added to the bond ordinance which was introduced tonight.

Councilman McComas stated that department bond ordinance requests were prioritized and included in the ordinance including the purchase of a garbage truck, used jet vacuum truck to clean sewers, police department computer server and radios.

Council President Davis stated that every department put in their “wish lists” for capital projects and added that the requests were “weighed” by the finance committee. Mr. Davis added that the Borough is attempting to obtain a bond rating to refinance existing debt.

Borough attorney Sean Gertner stated that the Borough has difficulty in getting financial institutions to bid on its bonds and increasing the debt too much “could have placed the bond rating in jeopardy” and added that “it is not as easy as amending the ordinance” to include the purchase of extrication equipment.

Michael Sinton, 501 Rose Street, stated that extrication equipment has been requested in the past but was not approved.

Mr. Gertner stated that the issue is that government is “not like the private sector” and added that the bond ordinance “was based on other factors.” Mr. Gertner also stated that the “key is trying to globally set a capital improvement plan on a very tight budget.”

Mr. Sinton asked if funds can be reallocated.

Council President Davis replied that “I promise you I understand the importance of this” and added that perhaps transfers can be made and further added that he is “aware of the need.”

Ms. Sinton, asked what if costs are less than anticipated?

Councilman Oglesby stated that the bond ordinance is a proposal to spend and added that the equipment will not be purchased immediately.

Councilman McComas stated that a garbage truck is used every day in addition to snow plowing during the winter months.

Ms. Sinton stated that it is “hard to imagine” not to look to purchase “life saving equipment.”

Mr. Gertner stated that the “priorities are set by the council.”

Kevin Ford, 16 Pine Street, asked if the Borough now has a sewer truck.

Mr. McComas replied that the present sewer truck does not perform vacuuming functions.

Ms. Sinton asked Comcast representative Rob Clifton if the rate for other customers could be reduced.

Mr. Gertner stated that the reduced rate for children receiving free or reduced lunches was a “deal cut with the FCC and NBC/Universal to avoid an anti-trust suit after Comcast was purchased.

Ms. Sinton asked about plans for Lakehurst high school students to attend Jackson Liberty high school.

Councilman Seaman replied that the school board is the venue for her question but added that he will report on the Board of Education meeting at the next council meeting.

Time closed: 8:25 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION:

Municipal 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**

