## BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST WORK SESSION/REGULAR MEETING OCTOBER 2, 2014 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 SECOND DAY OF OCTOBER, 2014, 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

JAMES DAVIS: PRESENT

GARY LOWE: PRESENT

GUENN MCCOMAS: PRESENT

STEVEN OGLESBY: PRESENT

EDWARD SEAMAN: PRESENT

MAYOR HARRY ROBBINS: PRESENT

#### WORK SESSION:

REVIEW OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDA:

Municipal Clerk Dugan reviewed regular meeting agenda.

Mayor Robbins requested that the resolution concerning removal from employment be moved from the Consent Agenda to Resolutions Not on the Consent Agenda.

Municipal Attorney Sean Gertner announced that the resolution is "still on the agenda and involves pending potential litigation" and added that he has advised the Governing Body not to engage in discussion of the matter which is subject to additional litigation.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:

Time opened: 7:33 p.m.

Sue Barker, 409 Cedar Street, stated at the last meeting she asked the purpose of a resolution and was told that it was to memorialize a sequence of events. She added that she was "troubled by the sequence of events" concerning the resolution removing an employee. She further added that on July 31, 2014 a hearing was held with the decision being made by the hearing officer, hired by the Borough, a month later. Mrs. Barker further stated that on September 14, 2014, the employee's attorney was notified of the decision with a Final Notice of Disciplinary Action dated September 25, 2014 being received by the attorney on September 29, 2014. Mrs. Barker added that a Rice notice dated September 26, 2014 had been forwarded to the employee who returned the notice on October 2, 2014. Mrs. Barker further added that she does not understand the termination notice which was sent out before the Rice notice to discuss the matter. Mrs. Barker added that she has "complained about this in the past" with people being hired and not all council members being involved in the decisions.

Time closed: 7:37 p.m.

Council President Oglesby stated that the *Community Shopper* weekly newspaper is once again being delivered haphazardly littering the streets.

Mayor Robbins indicated that he will once again forward correspondence regarding this matter to the publisher of the *Asbury Park Press*, the parent company.

Councilwoman Busch asked if a tree located between the curb and sidewalk can be removed by residents.

## 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: Gary Lowe Seconded by: James Davis To approve minutes of September 18, 2014 Regular Meeting. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative with the exception of Council President Oglesby and Councilman Seaman who were absent at the meeting of September 18<sup>th</sup>.

#### 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. #14-179: Resolution re: Payment of Bills
- 2. #14-180: Resolution re: Best Practices Checklist
- 3. #14-181: Resolution re: NJ DOT Municipal Aid application for Lake Street
- 4. #14-182: Resolution re: NJ DOT Municipal Aid application for Poplar Street
- 5. #14-183: Resolution re: Refund of Tax Overpayment for Block 56; Lot 2
- 6. #14-184: Resolution re: Credit to Utility Account for Block 62; Lot 3

#### CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Review of Municipal Approval Certificate for Business License for operation of Lube XPress. Inc. at 200 Route 70 to perform NJ Motor vehicle inspections

Motion by: Glenn McComas Seconded by: James Davis To approve consent agenda. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

#### RESOLUTIONS NOT ON CONSENT AGENDA:

# RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING DECISION OF HEARING OFFICER AND APPOINTING AUTHORITY

Motion by: Glenn McComas Seconded by: Steven Oglesby To approve Resolution #14-185 memorializing decision of hearing officer and appointing authority. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative with the exception of Councilman Seaman who voted in the negative and indicated that he believed there is improprieties and political involvement in this case. Councilman Davis stated that he disagreed with Councilman Seaman.

#### COMMITTEE/COUNCIL REPORTS:

Council President Oglesby reported that the personnel committee is finalizing the exit interview policy.

Councilman McComas reported that there is a credit for health benefits costs.

Councilwoman Busch reported that the outdoor movie night was a success with over 100 attendees. Mrs. Busch added the Youth and Recreation Committee has scheduled a meeting on Monday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at the Community Center.

Mrs. Busch also reported that the Buildings and Grounds committee contacted an Extreme Cheer representative who informed her that the group is now practicing at Manchester High School on Thursday nights. Mrs. Busch added that she will be viewing a practice shortly.

Mrs. Busch congratulated the efforts of the Public Works Department for refurbishing the entrance to Borough Hall.

## **COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC:**

Time opened: 7:44 p.m.

James Malden, Board of Education liaison, stated that he was responding to Councilman McComas' comments at the last council meeting concerning hiring of administration personnel. Mr. Malden added that the Board did not re-appoint the principal, hired a part-time superintendent, paid a stipend to Dr. Barneman and to the vice principal for additional duties, saving \$70,000 in salaries and benefits.

Mayor Robbins reported that a committee of the Governing Body and the Board of Education will meet for quarterly meetings to discuss a variety of issues.

Shannon Gilby, 303 A Rose Street, asked if the Governing Body had made a decision concerning the request of the Xtreme Cheer group to utilize the Community Center for practice one evening per week.

Councilwoman Busch responded that she want to see a practice and will "get back to you."

Time closed: 7:50 p.m.

#### ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by: Steven Oglesby Seconded by: Glenn McComas To adjourn meeting. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative. Time: 7:50 p.m.

Bernadette Dugan, RMC/CPM Municipal Clerk