BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST WORK SESSION/REGULAR MEETING MARCH 6, 2014 MINUTES

MEETING OPENED AT 7:30 P.M. BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT STEVEN OGLESBY.

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 SIXTH DAY OF MARCH, 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: ABSENT

JAMES DAVIS: PRESENT

GARY LOWE: PRESENT

GLENN MCCOMAS: PRESENT

STEVEN OGLESBY: PRESENT

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: 7:31 p.m.

NO PUBLIC COMMENTS

Time closed: 7:31 p.m.

Councilman Seaman asked if the Buildings and Grounds committee knew about the scheduling of a college course at the Emergency Services Complex.

Councilman Lowe stated that the Mayor approved the scheduling and added that some Borough officers are attending the class.

Councilman Seaman asked if the officers are attending on their own time.

Council President Oglesby stated that a discussion was held with Police Chief Higgins concerning future courses and a fee to be paid by Farleigh Dickinson University for use of the facility.

Councilman Lowe suggested a calendar be set up for use of the facility.

Councilman Seaman asked if there is a written agreement for use of the complex.

Councilman Lowe replied "not at the present time."

Council President Oglesby stated that a Certificate of Insurance and Hold Harmless Agreement have been received.

Councilman Davis commended the Public Works Department for "a job well done" with respect to recent snow removal operations.

Councilman Davis addressed Assembly Bill A-2006 regarding the reduction of firearm magazine capacity from 20 to 10 as "ill conceived" legislation which would make illegal older firearms with the larger capacity and urged residents to contact Assemblyman McGuckin to vote against the bill.

Council President Oglesby reported that he met with the new owners of Burger King who are interested in putting an additional business on the site and will be applying to the Land Use Board. Mr. Oglesby added that the Burger King will remain and any proposed use is permitted in the B-2 Highway zone.

Council President Oglesby also reported that he met with Deputy Chief Financial Officer Christine Thorne who suggested the purchase of a barcode scanner for utility and tax collection payments.

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 February 20, 2014 Regular Meeting. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative with the exception of Councilman Seaman who abstained due to his absence at the meeting of February 20th.

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. #14-052: Resolution re: Payment of Bills
- 2. #14-053: Resolution re: Tonnage Grant application
- 3. #14-054: Resolution re: Adjustment to utility account for Block 70; Lot 10
- 4. #14-055: Resolution re: Adjustment to utility account for Block 35; Lot 1 Account #325-25
- 5. #14-056: Resolution re: Adjustment to utility account for Block 68; Lot 12
- 6. #14-057: Resolution re: Adjustment to utility accounts due to meter changes
- 7. #14-058: Resolution re: Appointment of Patricia Megill as Court Administrator

(provisional)

ORDINANCES APPROVED ON FIRST READING:

"AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST, FIXING AND DETERMININING THE AMOUNT OF SALARIES AND WAGES FOR CERTAIN EMPLOYEES AND OFFICIALS IN THE BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST, IN THE COUNTY OF OCEAN, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY" (#14-02)

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

COMMITTEE/COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilman Seaman reported that at the Tri-Base meeting on February 20th, the results of a three year study were discussed which included suggestions for revising the construction code for sound in areas of concern. Mr. Seaman added that there will be a decrease in the proposed number of flights.

Councilman Lowe reported that he is "working on a different way to track fuel use for vehicles."

Councilman McComas reported that the water meter project is "ongoing" with approximately 290 property owners not responding to meter change notifications. Mr. McComas added that multiple properties are owned by individual owners who will be contacted to ensure compliance with the project. Mr. McComas further added that bank owned properties for which access may not be possible will be identified and the installation price for those meters will be deducted from cost of the installation contract.

Council President Oglesby reported that the Borough's labor counsel forwarded a request for a response to the Lakehurst Police Association representative but has yet to receive a response. Mr. Oglesby added that he hopes for hear a response shortly.

Mr. Oglesby also reported that Tax Assessor Daniel Gatti is "hard a work" in his new position and welcomed Court Administrator Patricia Megill home to the Borough of Lakehurst.

Mr. Oglesby added that a meeting was held with Deputy Chief Financial Officer Christine Thorne which will be discussed in executive session.

COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC:

Time opened: 7:50 p.m.

Sue Barker, 409 Cedar Street, stated that she thought mileage logs were being kept for vehicle use.

Councilman Lowe responded that fuel mileage is being listed by Hall's Gulf on gasoline receipts for better tracking.

Mrs. Barker asked if police officers attending the course at the Emergency Services Complex were not charged for tuition.

Council President Oglesby replied that he thought that the officers were being given free tuition but stated that is not correct and added that there may be a potential in the future. Mr. Oglesby added that he knew nothing about the current course.

Danny Barker, 409 Cedar Street, stated "everyone should know about the use of the Emergency Services Complex."

Mrs. Barker stated that the response has been "reactive not proactive" regarding the use of the complex.

Council President Oglesby stated that he "will find out the details for the next meeting."

Janie Baranyay, 408 Cedar Street, stated "it is very disturbing that you don't know" regarding the scheduling of use of the Emergency Services Complex" and added that decisions should be made in a "group." Mrs. Baranyay further added that the Governing Body members are "caretakers not owners."

Time closed: 8:05 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: Edward Seaman Seconded by: Glenn McComas To approve resolution to go into closed session. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

Time into closed session: 8:02 p.m.

Time out of closed session: 8:40 p.m.

Motion by: James Davis Seconded by: Glenn McComas

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

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by: Edward Seaman Seconded by: Glenn McComas To adjourn meeting. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative. Time: 8:40 p.m.

Bernadette Dugan, RMC/CPM Municipal Clerk