BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST WORK SESSION/REGULAR MEETING MAY 1, 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 FIRST DAY OF MAY, 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: PRESENTGLENN MCCOMAS: PRESENTJAMES DAVIS: PRESENTSTEVEN OGLESBY: PRESENTGARY LOWE: PRESENTEDWARD SEAMAN: PRESENTMAYOR HARRY ROBBINS: PRESENT

WORK SESSION:

PROCLAMATION REGARDING ANNUAL "BUDDY POPPY" SALES BY VFW POST 10061 AND VISIT BY POPPY PRINCESS:

VFW Post 10061 Commander Joseph Whalen presented the "Buddy Poppy" proclamation and introduced Poppy Princess Kascia Hetzel who kicked off the annual "Buddy Poppy" campaign.

REVIEW OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDA:

Municipal Clerk Dugan reviewed regular meeting agenda.

Michael Meriney of Excel Environmental Resources, Inc. described the brown fields funding program which is funded by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and allows a means to investigate contaminated properties to evaluate and eventually market the properties. Municipal Attorney Sean Gertner stated that previously a private developer had shown interest in the property but until the site is investigated it will be difficult to place the property on the tax rolls.

Mr. Meriney stated that the property must be redeveloped within three years after remediation and added that funding had lagged during the economic downturn and the fund is "now viable again" with the Borough's application already in the queue.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:

Time opened: 7:46 p.m.

Patricia Hodges, Cedar Street, asked about the preliminary investigation process.

Mr. Meriney replied that the preliminary investigation process is a "non-invasive" phased process which is a thorough site inspection to identify potential areas of concerns. Mr. Meriney stated that Phase I of the project has determined that there is mostly "household waste" on the site and Phase II will include test borings and ground water monitoring.

Time closed: 7:52 p.m.

Mr. Meriney added that his firm had previously prepared a preliminary assessment with the grant paying for 100% of investigation costs.

Council President Oglesby reported that the Barnegat Bay Blitz was held on Friday, April 25th with approximately ten New Jersey Department of Environment Protection employees and two residents participating.

Councilwoman Busch reported that ten bags of recyclables and two bags of trash were removed from Division Street and Lake Horicon.

ADJOURNMENT OF WORK SESSION:

Motion by: Glenn McComasSeconded by: Steven OglesbyTo adjourn work session. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by: Steven Oglesby Seconded by: Robin Busch To approve minutes of April 17, 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 April 17th.

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. #14-087: Resolution re: Payment of Bills
- 2. #14-088: Resolution re: Refund of escrow funds for ADMER Properties, LLC
- 3. #14-089: Resolution re: Municipal Service fee for mobile home parks
- 4. #14-090: Resolution re: Redemption of Tax Sale Certificate #12-00005
- 5. #14-091: Resolution re: Refund of tax overpayment for disabled veteran
- 6. #14-092: Resolution re: Safe Streets to School NJ DOT application

Motion by: James DavisSeconded by: Glenn McComasTo approve consent agenda. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

COMMITTEE/COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilman McComas reported that the finance committee has worked on the proposed 2014 budget with last years' budget: \$3,700,000 and the 2014 budget: \$3,800,000 which represents a \$.11 increase. Mr. McComas added that the revaluation has resulted in a decrease of assessed valuations. Mr. McComas further added that revaluations costs, salary and benefit costs, refunding of previous of bond ordinance and debt service contributed to the increase. Mr. McComas stated that he anticipates that the budget will be introduced at the council meeting of May 15th. Council President Oglesby suggested researching insurance costs.

Councilwoman Busch reported that the recently acquired bucket truck is "waiting to get certified" before being put into use by the Public Works Department. Mrs. Busch added that Public Works Supervisor David Winton will schedule certification of Public Works employees for use of the truck by Ocean County personnel.

Mrs. Busch announced that a Cinco de Mayo dance is scheduled for sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students on Friday, May 2nd from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the Community Center.

MAYOR COMMENTS:

Mayor Robbins stated urged motorists to be alert for children playing now that the warmer weather is here.

COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC:

Time opened: 8:06 p.m.

NO PUBLIC COMMENTS

Time closed: 8:06 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: Glenn McComas Seconded by: Gary Lowe To approve resolution to go into closed session. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

Time into closed session:8:06 p.m.Time out of closed session:9:05 p.m.

Motion by: Glenn McComasSeconded by: Gary LoweTo end closed session. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by: Glenn McComasSeconded by: Edward SeamanTo adjourn meeting. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative. Time: 9:05 p.m.

Bernadette Dugan, RMC/CPM Municipal Clerk