## BOROUGH OF L AKEHURST WORK SESSION/REGULAR MEETING DECEMBER 18, 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 EIGHTEENTH DAY OF DECEMBER, 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

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.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:

Time opened: 7:33 p.m.

## NO PUBLIC COMMENTS

Time closed: 7:33 p.m.

Council President Oglesby commented on the beautiful holiday light displays throughout the town.

#### ADJOURNMENT OF WORK SESSION:

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

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by: Steven Oglesby Seconded by: Glenn McComas To approve minutes of December 4, 2014 Work Session/Regular Meeting. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative with the exception of Councilman Davis who abstained due to his absence at the meeting of December 4<sup>th</sup>.

Motion by: Glenn McComas Seconded by: James Davis To approve/release executive session minutes of December 5, 2013. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

Motion by: James Davis Seconded by: Glenn McComas To approve/release executive session minutes of December 19, 2013. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative with the exception of Councilman Lowe who abstained due to his absence at the meeting of December 19, 2013.

Motion by: Glenn McComas Seconded by: Steven Oglesby To approve/release executive session minutes of January 16, 2014. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

Motion by: Edward Seaman Seconded by: Steven Oglesby To approve/release executive session minutes of February 6, 2014. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative with the exception of Councilman Davis and Councilman McComas who abstained due to their absence at the meeting of February 6<sup>th</sup>.

Motion by: Glenn McComas Seconded by: Gary Lowe To approve/release executive session minutes of February 20, 2014. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

Motion by: Steven Oglesby Seconded by: James Davis To approve/release executive session minutes of March 6, 2014. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

Motion by: James Davis Seconded by: Edward Seaman To approve/release executive session minutes of March 20, 2014. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative with the exception of Council President Oglesby who abstained due to his absence at the meeting of March 20<sup>th</sup>.

Motion by: Glenn McComas Seconded by: Steven Oglesby To approve/release executive session minutes of April 3, 2014. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

Motion by: James Davis Seconded by: Steven Oglesby To approve/release executive session minutes of April 17, 2014. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

Motion by: Steven Oglesby Seconded by: James Davis To approve/release executive session minutes of May 1, 2014. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

Motion by: Glenn McComas Seconded by: Gary Lowe To approve/release executive session minutes of May 15, 2014. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative with the exception of Council President Oglesby who abstained due to his absence at the meeting of May 15<sup>th</sup>.

Motion by: Glenn McComas Seconded by: James Davis To approve/release executive session minutes of June 5, 2014. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

Motion by: James Davis` Seconded by: Glenn McComas To approve/release executive session minutes of July 17, 2014. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

Motion by: Glenn McComas Seconded by: Steven Oglesby To approve/release executive session minutes of September 4, 2014. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

Motion by: James Davis Seconded by: Gary Lowe To approve/release executive session minutes of September 18, 2014. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative with the exception of Council President Oglesby and Councilman Seaman who abstained due to their absence at the meeting of September 18<sup>th</sup>.

Motion by: Steven Oglesby Seconded by: James Davis To approve/release executive session minutes of November 6, 2014. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative with the exception of Councilman Seaman who abstained due to his absence at the meeting of November  $6^{th}$ .

Motion by: Steven Oglesby Seconded by: Glenn McComas To approve/release executive session minutes of December 4, 2014. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative with the exception of Councilman Davis who abstained due to his absence at the meeting of December 4<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. #14-207: Resolution re: Payment of Bills
- 2. #14-208: Resolution re: Cancellation of Current Fund unexpended balances
- 3. #14-209: Resolution re: Cancellation of Utility Fund unexpended balances
- 4. #14-210: Resolution re: Extension of shared services agreement with Plumsted
  - Township to provide court services until February 28, 2015
- 5. #14-211: Resolution re: Correcting Tax Posting Error for Block 18; Lot 1.11
- 6. #14-212: Resolution re: Adjustment to Utility Account for Block 64; Lot 8
- 7. #14-213: Resolution re: Adjustment to Utility Account for Block 71; Lot 16
- 8. #14-214: Resolution re: Adjustment to Utility Account for Block 56; Lot 20

## **CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. Request to serve alcoholic beverages for private event at the Community Center on December 27, 2014

#### **RESIGNATIONS:**

1. Resignation of SLEO II Joseph DePasquale

Motion by: Glenn McComas Seconded by: Steven Oglesby To approve consent agenda. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative with the exception of Councilman Lowe who voted in the affirmative for all items with the exception of the correspondence concerning a private event from which he abstained from voting.

## ORDINANCES NOT ON CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion by: James Davis

Seconded by: Steven Oglesby
To approve on second reading and open the public hearing on Ordinance #2014-05
entitled: "AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST AMENDING
CHAPTER VII, SECTION 7-27 TURN PROHIBITIONS OF THE REVISED
GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST, COUNTY OF
OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY." Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

Time opened: 7:42 p.m.

#### NO PUBLIC COMMENTS

Time closed: 7:42 p.m.

Motion by: James Davis Seconded by: Gary Lowe To adopt Ordinance #2014-05. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

Motion by: Glenn McComas

Seconded by: Steven Oglesby
To approve on second reading and open the public hearing on Ordinance #2014-06
entitled: "AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST, COUNTY OF
OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING
CHAPTER IV, OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH
OF LAKEHURST, ENTITLED GENERAL LICENSING." Roll call vote held. All votes
affirmative.

Time opened: 7:43 p.m.

## NO PUBLIC COMMENTS

Time closed: 7:43 p.m.

Motion by: Steven Oglesby Seconded by: Gary Lowe To adopt Ordinance #2014-06. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

#### COMMITTEE/COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilman Davis wished everyone Happy Holidays and Merry Christmas.

Council President Oglesby reported that the personnel committee will be meeting with AFSCME representatives on Friday, December 19<sup>th</sup> for contract negotiations.

## MAYOR COMMENTS:

Mayor Robbins thanked Councilman Seaman for his time on the council.

Mayor Robbins announced that the holiday lighting contest judging will be held from December 20 through December 27.

#### COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC:

Time opened: 7:44 p.m.

Sue Barker, 409 Cedar Street, stated that she noticed the acceptance of a resignation of another police officer and added that she had asked in September if there was an exit interview policy. Mrs. Barker asked why are police leaving and if there is a hostile work environment.

Council President Oglesby responded that Office DePasquale was given a job in Edison with full time benefits. Mr. Oglesby added that the temporary officer position is a temporary appointment.

Mayor Robbins stated that the exit interview policy may be revisited.

Mrs. Barker suggested a panel of residents instead of the department head should conduct the exit interview so that employees will not feel intimidated.

Councilman Davis replied that initially it was hoped that Officer DePasquale would be hired as a provisional employee. Mr. Davis added that the Civil Service Commission rules would not permit the employment of a provisional police officer as there is an existing list for hire.

Danny Barker, 409 Cedar Street, addressed the council and stated that he had received a letter from Mayor Robbins indicating that he would not be reappointed as the Emergency Management Coordinator. Mr. Barker stated that he wanted to set the record straight and added that he had completed the basic course but was unable to locate the certificate which may be in the Police Department. Mr. Barker stated that Mayor Robbins could have contact me.

Mayor Robbins replied that he did contact Mr. Barker when it was learned that he did not complete all the required courses.

Janie Baranyay, 408 Cedar Street, asked if the meetings were recorded and expressed disapproval that the minutes of the October 2, 2014 meeting did not contain a statement made by Councilman Davis which included four sentences that she believed should have been included.

Municipal Clerk Dugan replied that the minutes are not a verbatim transcript and that the meetings are not recorded.

Mrs. Baranyay stated that she records the meetings and requested that the meetings be recorded. Mrs. Baranyay also voiced disapproval at the brief closed session minutes.

Time closed: 7:57 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: Steven Oglesby Seconded by: Edward Seaman To approve resolution to go into closed session. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

Time into closed session: 7:58 p.m.

Time out of closed session: 8:03 p.m.

Motion by: Edward Seaman Seconded by: Glenn McComas To end closed session. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

## ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by: Steven Oglesby Seconded by: Edward Seaman To adjourn meeting. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative. Time: 8:03 p.m.

Bernadette Dugan, RMC/CPM Municipal Clerk