## BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST WORK SESSION/REGULAR MEETING JANUARY 15, 2015 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 FIFTEENTH DAY OF JANUARY, 2015, 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: PRESENTGARY LOWE: PRESENTJAMES DAVIS: ABSENTGLENN MCCOMAS: PRESENTCOUNCILWOMAN HODGESSTEVEN OGLESBY: PRESENTMAYOR HARRY ROBBINS: PRESENT

WORK SESSION:

REVIEW OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDA:

Municipal Clerk Dugan reviewed regular meeting agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:

Time opened: 7:32 p.m.

# NO PUBLIC COMMENTS

Time closed: 7:32 p.m.

Council President Oglesby reported that the police department is considering an upgrade to its computer system and would like to utilize \$3,000 remaining in their budget from 2014 toward purchase of the Enforsys system.

Mayor Robbins stated that a resolution for the purchase of the computer upgrade will be placed on the agenda for the February 5<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Council President Oglesby also reported that he and Mayor Robbins met with Manchester Mayor Palmer and Manchester Council President Brendan Wiener for a "nice discussion."

Mr. Oglesby added that at the meeting, a discussion was held on a way for Lakehurst to "piggyback" onto an energy cooperative for the purchase of electrical service. Mr. Oglesby added that Stafford Township is the lead agency for the cooperative.

Borough attorney Sean Gertner stated that the program would require all electrical customers to become part of the cooperative and that if a resident did not want to participate, they would be required to "opt out."

Mayor Robbins added that he is trying to schedule a presentation before the governing body, but added that the Borough is on the tail end of the process and an ordinance is needed to begin the process.

Council President Oglesby stated that Police Chief Higgins will be attending a class and will arrange his schedule accordingly.

Councilwoman Busch stated that she had received information concerning a next door network for the neighborhood to advertise social events.

# ADJOURNMENT OF WORK SESSION:

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

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by: Glenn McComas Seconded by: Gary Lowe To approve minutes of December 18, 2014 Work Session/Regular Meeting. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative with the exception of Councilwoman Busch who abstained due to her absence at the meeting of December 18<sup>th</sup> and Councilwoman Hodges who abstained as she was not a member of the governing body at the time.

Motion by: Patricia Hodges Seconded by: Steven Oglesby To approve minutes of January 1, 2015 Reorganization Meeting. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative with the exception of Councilman McComas who abstained due to his absence at the meeting of January 1<sup>st</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.	#15-044:	Resolution re:	Redemption of Tax Sale Certificate #14-00005
2.	#15-045:	Resolution re:	Adjustment to utility account for Block 8; Lot 21
3.	#15-046:	Resolution re:	Adjustment to utility account for Block 59; Lot 6
4.	#15-047:	Resolution re:	Adjustment to utility account for Block 38; Lot 2
5.	#15-048:	Resolution re:	Appointment of Timothy Regan as Code Enforcement Officer
6.	#15-049:	Resolution re:	Appointment of Kenneth Palmer, Esquire as Public
			Defender
7.	#15-050:	Resolution re:	Appointment of Jason Guide as temporary police officer
8.	#15-051:	Resolution re:	Appointment of Patrick Nurthen as temporary police officer
9.	#15-052:	Resolution re:	Appointment of John Prudhomme as temporary police
			officer
10.	#15-053:	Resolution re:	Authorizing shared services agreement for Prosecutor's
			Program FY2015
11.	#15-054:	Resolution re:	Promotion of Police Officer Matthew Kline as sergeant

Motion by: Glenn McComasSeconded by: Patricia HodgesTo approve consent agenda. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

### NEW BUSINESS:

# FIRST PUBLIC HEARING FOR 2015 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDING:

Motion by: Steven Oglesby Seconded by: Gary Lowe To open the first public hearing for 2015 Community Development Block Grant funding. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

Time opened: 7:49 p.m.

Municipal Clerk Dugan stated that the Borough of Lakehurst receives approximately \$37,000 in Community Development Block Grant funding every two years. Ms. Dugan added that in 2013 curb and sidewalk was installed on the west side of Orchard Street between Cedar and Pine Streets.

Time closed: 7:50 p.m.

Seconded by: Steven Oglesby

Motion by: Gary Lowe

To close the first public hearing for 2015 Community Development Block Grant funding. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

## COMMITTEE/COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilman McComas reported that he and Councilman Lowe met with Chief Financial Officer Alan Murray to discuss the 2015 municipal budget. Mr. McComas added that departmental budget requests were reviewed and that he is awaiting a draft budget.

Council President Oglesby reported that the details of the AFSCME contract and meeting with school board officials will be discussed in executive/closed session.

Councilwoman Busch reported a Winter Bingo has been scheduled for Friday, January 30<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Community Center for children in grades K through 8.

Mrs. Busch added that a meeting of the Revitalization committee was held on January 12<sup>th</sup> with the committee seeking additional volunteers.

Mrs. Busch also reported that a new pump has been ordered for the sewer lift station.

Mrs. Busch further reported that the Borough has received correspondence of the awarding of a Hazard Mitigation grant for \$144,000 for a generator for the water treatment plant with the Borough's share being \$7,000.

Mrs. Busch also stated that the other expenses for Public Works are "good" due to the lack of snow removal costs and further stated that training will be scheduled for the employees.

Councilwoman Hodges reported that she attended the recent meeting of the Board of Education and added that James Malden is now the president of the Board. Mrs. Hodges added that the Board of Education meetings are scheduled on the third Tuesday of each month.

MAYOR COMMENTS:

Mayor Robbins reported that he is glad there has been a lack of snow this winter.

COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC:

Time opened: 7:57 p.m.

Kathy Abrahamsen, 212 Church Street, stated that she is the committee chair for the annual Souper Bowl of Chili contest sponsored by the Borough of Lakehurst Historical Society and asked if there were volunteer judges.

Mayor Robbins volunteered to be a judge along with Councilwoman Hodges. Sid Hooper, who was sitting in the audience, also volunteered to be a judge.

Time closed: 8:00 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 POSSIBLE LITIGATION

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: Steven Oglesby To approve resolution to go into closed session. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

Time into closed session: 8:01 p.m.

Time out of closed session: 9:41 p.m.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by: Glenn McComasSeconded by: Steven OglesbyTo adjourn meeting. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative. Time: 9:42 p.m.

Bernadette Dugan, RMC/CPM Municipal Clerk