BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST WORK SESSION/REGULAR MEETING FEBRUARY 5, 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 FIFTH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 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: PRESENT GARY LOWE: PRESENT

JAMES DAVIS: PRESENT

PATRICIA HODGES: PRESENT

GLENN MCCOMAS: PRESENT

STEVEN OGLESBY: ABSENT

MAYOR HARRY ROBBINS: PRESENT

WORK SESSION:

Robert Chilton of Gabel Associates, Inc. presented information concerning energy aggregation. Mr. Chilton explained that New Jersey statutes as well as the Board of Public Utilities allow municipalities to bid for energy services for all their residents. Mr. Chilton further explained that residents have the opportunity to "opt out" of any change in their electrical providers. Mr. Chilton also stated that Stafford Township will be the lead agency and added that any additional municipalities which will enter the cooperative agreement could result in a more advantageous bid offer. Mr. Chilton reported that the average savings are between nine and eighteen percent.

Mr. Chilton answered questions from the Governing Body and Municipal Clerk.

REVIEW OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDA:

Municipal Clerk Dugan reviewed the regular meeting agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:

Time opened: 7:55 p.m.

NO PUBLIC COMMENTS

Time closed: 7:55 p.m.

Mayor Robbins stated that the ordinance regarding energy aggregation does not "lock in" the Borough.

Councilman Davis thanked everyone for their well wishes during his recent illness.

Councilman Lowe stated that the First Aid Squad would like to install a plaque for retired and life members at the Emergency Services Complex. All Governing Body members agreed with the proposal.

Councilwoman Busch asked if water conservation flyers could be added to the annual calendar distribution.

Councilman Lowe suggested printing flyers for youth and recreation events as the younger students still receive a Wednesday folder.

Municipal Clerk Dugan suggested that the Winter Movie Night be advertised on the electronic sign.

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: Glenn McComas Seconded by: Gary Lowe To approve minutes of December 18, 2014 Executive/Closed Minutes. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative with the exception of Councilwoman Bush who abstained due to her absence at the meeting of December 18, 2014 and Councilwoman Hodges who abstained as she was not a member of the Governing Body on December 18, 2014.

Motion by: Gary Lowe Seconded by: Robin Busch To approve minutes of January 15, 2015 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 January 15th.

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. #15-055: Resolution re: Payment of Bills
- 2. #15-056: Resolution re: Appointment of Scott Devecka as temporary police officer
- 3. #15-057: Resolution re: Appointment of Ryan Cahill as temporary police officer
- 4. #15-059: Resolution re: Appointment of Police Chief Higgins as agent to procure
 - surplus items from the Law Enforcement Support Office
 - Program (LESO)
- 5. #15-060: Resolution re: Salary increase for Housing Inspector
- 6. #15-061: Resolution re: Raffle License for PTSO Performing Arts Academy
- 7. #15-062: Resolution re: Raffle License for Caregiver Volunteers of Central Jersey
- 8. #15-063: Resolution re: Adjustment to utility account for Block 58; Lot 7

ORDINANCES APPROVED ON FIRST READING:

"AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING CHAPTER XIII OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ENTITLED HOUSING/PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE" (#15-01)

"AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH TO BECOME AN ENERGY AGGREGATOR" (#15-02)

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

NEW BUSINESS:

SECOND PUBLIC HEARING FOR 2015 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDING:

Motion by: Glenn McComas Seconded by: Robin Busch To open the second public hearing for 2015 Community Development Block Grant funding. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

Time opened: 8:03 p.m.

Municipal Clerk Dugan stated that the Borough of Lakehurst had received Community Development Block grant funding in 2013 for curb and sidewalk installation on the west side of Orchard Street between Pine and Cedar Streets and is now applying for the for curb and sidewalk installation on the east side.

Sidney Hooper, 514 Pine Street, stated that children don't usually walk there.

Clerk Dugan replied that there is pedestrian traffic on that block.

Time closed: 8:04 p.m.

Motion by: James Davis Seconded by: Glenn McComas To close the second public hearing for 2015 Community Development Block Grant funding. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

RESOLUTION REGARDING 2015 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION:

Motion by: Glenn McComas Seconded by: Robin Busch To approve resolution #15-064 regarding 2015 Community Development Block Grant application. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

COMMITTEE/COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilman Davis reported that Police Chief Higgins informed him that the Ocean Gate Police Department has received accreditation. Mr. Davis added accreditation involves a lengthy process and reduces liability.

Municipal Attorney Sean Gertner stated that he thought Chief Higgins was going to plan for accreditation in his budget request.

Councilwoman Busch announced that a Winter Movie Night is scheduled for Saturday, February 28th at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Center and added that Goonies will be shown.

Councilwoman Hodges reported that she, Mayor Robbins and Councilwoman Busch met with Public Works Supervisor/Department Head David Winton and Public Works Supervisor Bryan LeVance and discussed generator maintenance contractors. Mrs. Hodges stated that Mr. Winton has requested to use a previous contractor as the present contractor does not provide adequate service.

Mrs. Hodges also reported that there is an unexplained depletion of water and the Public Works department has exhausted there ability to locate the problem. Mrs. Hodges added that Mr. Winton has contacted a contractor, Northeast Water Technology, who will monitor water lines and look for leaks for \$4,100.

Mayor Robbins added that normal water usage is 250,000 gallons per day while presently we are losing 100,000 gallons a day. Mayor Robbins stated that only a certain percentage of loss is permitted by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and stressed the importance of solving the problem.

Consensus reached to authorize Mr. Winton hire Northeast Water Technology to monitor water lines and look for leaks.

MAYOR COMMENTS:

Mayor Robbins reported that residents are reminded to keep sidewalks clear of snow and ice.

Mayor Robbins reported that the Code Enforcement Officer will be out for approximately four weeks due to health issues.

COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC:

Time opened: 8:21 p.m.

NO PUBLIC COMMENTS

Time closed: 8:21 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: James Davis Seconded by: Glenn McComas To approve resolution to go into closed session. Roll call vote held. All votes

affirmative.

Time into closed session: 8:22 p.m.

Time out of closed session: 8:49 p.m.

Motion by: Glenn McComas Seconded by: Patricia Hodges

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

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by: Patricia Hodges Seconded by: Glenn McComas

To adjourn meeting. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative. Time: 8:49 p.m.

Bernadette Dugan, RMC/CPM

Municipal Clerk