BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST WORK SESSION/REGULAR MEETING DECEMBER 3, 2015 MINUTES

MEETING OPENED AT 7:30 P.M. BY MAYOR HARRY ROBBINS.

ALL STOOD FOR THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE. MAYOR ROBBINS ASKED THAT TAX COLLECTOR MARIE BELL BE REMEMBERED ON HER RECENT PASSING.

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 THIRD DAY OF DECEMBER, 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 PATRICIA HODGES: PRESENT

STEPHEN CHILDERS: PRESENT GARY LOWE: PRESENT

JAMES DAVIS: PRESENT STEVEN OGLESBY: PRESENT

MAYOR HARRY ROBBINS: PRESENT

WORK SESSION:

Municipal Clerk Dugan read statement of the determination of the Board of County Canvassers certifying the results of the election wherein Stephen Childers was elected to the unexpired one year term left vacant upon the resignation of Councilman Glenn McComas.

OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED TO STEPHEN CHILDERS:

Municipal Attorney Gertner to administer oath of office to Stephen Childers for unexpired one year term.

REVIEW OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDA:

Municipal Clerk Dugan reviewed regular meeting agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:

Time opened: 7:34 p.m.

NO PUBLIC COMMENTS

Time closed: 7:34 p.m.

Councilman Davis suggested that Marie Bell be honored with the Citizen of the Year award posthumously. All concurred with the suggestion.

ADJOURNMENT OF WORK SESSION:

Motion by: James Davis

Seconded by: Gary Lowe
To adjourn work session. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by: Stephen Childers Seconded by: James Davis To approve minutes of November 5, 2015 Regular Meeting. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative with the exception of Council President Oglesby who abstained due to his absence at the meeting of November 5th.

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. #15-189: Resolution re: Payment of Bills
- 2. #15-190: Resolution re: Refund of sewage fees for fire suppression system
- 3. #15-191: Resolution re: Refund of tax overpayment for Block 60; Lot 9
- 4. #15-192: Resolution re: Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Year End Crackdown

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Request to serve alcoholic beverages at private event at the Community Center

ORDINANCES APPROVED ON FIRST READING:

"AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST AMENDING CHAPTER XVI, SECTION 16-2.8 OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY" (#15-06)

Motion by: James Davis Seconded by: Robin Busch

To approve consent agenda. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

COMMITTEE/COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilman Lowe reported fire trucks 6201 and 6211 have been completely repaired with parts being expected to arrive shortly for fire truck 6223. Mr. Lowe added \$10,000 had been "earmarked" for vehicle repairs for the fire company with the actual amount \$1,200 over the initial estimate.

Mr. Lowe further added the engine for the police vehicle is expected shortly.

Mr. Lowe also added a police vehicle was involved in a minor accident today.

Councilwoman Busch reported the generator for the water treatment facility is expected to be delivered next week.

Mrs. Busch added the Lake Horicon dam project should also begin next week.

MAYOR COMMENTS:

Mayor Robbins announced arrangements for Tax Collector Marie Bell who passed away on December 2, 2015 after thirty-seven years of service to the Borough of Lakehurst.

COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC:

Time opened: 7:40 p.m.

Joseph Whalen, Commander of VFW Post 10061, expressed concern over parking issues on Fays Lane. Commander Whalen stated cars have been parking along the narrow road causing issues with deliveries and guests ingress and egress and suggested a fifteen or twenty foot parking prohibition.

Councilman Childers suggested a "No Parking" ordinance.

Mayor Robbins stated the Borough Engineer will research the matter.

Willie Koczynski, 512 Chestnut Street, commended the Public Works Department for their efforts in managing residents bringing materials to the Public Works yard.

Time closed: 7:51 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:

CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS PERSONNEL MATTERS

It is anticipated at this time that the above stated subject matter will be made public.

This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Motion by: Stephen Childers Seconded by: James Davis

To approve resolution to go into closed session. Roll call vote held.

Time into closed session: 7:52 p.m.

Time out of closed session: 9:18 p.m.

Motion by: Steven Oglesby Seconded by: James Davis

To end closed session. Roll call vote held.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by: James Davis Seconded by: Steven Oglesby To adjourn meeting. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative. Time: 9:18 p.m.

Bernadette Dugan, RMC/CPM

Municipal Clerk