BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST WORK SESSION/REGULAR MEETING JUNE 16, 2016 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 SIXTEENTH DAY OF JUNE, 2016, 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: ABSENT STEVEN OGLESBY: PRESENT

MAYOR HARRY ROBBINS: PRESENT

WORK SESSION:

REVIEW OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDA:

Municipal Clerk Bernadette Dugan reviewed the regular meeting agenda.

Council President Steven Oglesby discussed a recent article in the *Asbury Park Press* about an Eagle Scout candidate whose project consisted of waste bags for dog refuse.

Mr. Oglesby stated the apron in front of the former fire house truck bay doors is in need of a more permanent repair.

1. Representative from Fincredit, Inc. to discuss property tax reward program:

Carmine DeFalco of Fincredit, Inc. was present to discuss a program which was started four years ago and provides tax credits for property owners who patronize participating merchants. Mr. DeFalco stated there are seventeen towns presently participating. Mr. DeFalco added a percentage of each sale is credited to the property owners who shop

participating businesses each June. Mr. DeFalco would like Manchester and Lakehurst to combine their efforts in order to enroll more businesses willing to participate.

Councilwoman Hodges asked the percentage for each transaction. Mr. DeFalco replied the percentage is dependent on the merchant.

Mayor Robbins stated Manchester Mayor Kenneth Palmer is willing to be the first business to enroll in the program.

2. Representative from Emex to discuss reverse auctions for electricity for Borough buildings:

John Smith of Emex was present to discuss the reverse energy auction for electricity for Borough buildings. Mr. Smith stated his company is licensed by the Department of Community Affairs and has 150 government clients. Mr. Smith further stated the live auction takes place in five minutes and is BPU approved with no need for an RFP.

Mr. Gertner suggested a cooperative with Manchester Township. Mr. Smith stated it is often difficult to arrange for a cooperative.

Consensus reached to add resolution participating in the program to the consent agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:

Time opened: 8:06 p.m.

Dona Sinton, 501 Rose Street, asked if the fall would be a better time to participate in the reverse energy auction.

Mr. Smith of Emex replied the market for electricity fluctuates.

Ms. Sinton asked why is Emex being utilized.

Mayor Robbins replied Lakewood MUA utilizes the program and has successfully saved on electrical costs.

Mr. Gertner added the company has been vetted and approved and there is prior experience with the broker.

Time closed: 8:13 p.m.

Fire Chief Ed Seaman asked about capital projects for public works and police vehicle purchases and stated the fire company is spending ten thousand dollars a year repairing apparatus.

Councilman Lowe asked if the fire company would be applying for a grant for a new fire truck.

Chief Seaman responded the fire company can apply next year.

Chief Seaman added 75% for the fire company's calls are for motor vehicle accidents with a 1980 truck used 75% of the time to respond to these calls. Chief Seaman stated a Ford F550 would be better able to respond to the motor vehicle calls.

Councilwoman Hodges stated a substantial amount of money is received by the fire company and added an OPRA request had been submitted to the fire company and none of the requested documentation has been received. Mrs. Hodges added "until we have some accountability" she is "not receptive to spend other money." Mrs. Hodges further added that a casual request for financial documentation was not fulfilled which was followed by the OPRA request. Mrs. Hodges stated she is "not open to discussion" until requested documentation is received.

Chief Seaman stated the fire company is comprised of volunteers who do not have the time to gather the volume of requested documents. Chief Seaman added the Public Safety Committee does not meet with the fire company and added they are trying to work with everyone.

Council President Oglesby stated in 2000 the Borough paid for a budget audit which was incomplete and added a complete audit has never been provided by the fire company with no complete financial accounting for over ten years.

Fire Company President Michael Sinton stated an audit was provided last year by the Borough's auditing firm.

Fire Chief Seaman stated he sent numerous emails to the finance committee requesting meetings.

Councilwoman Hodges stated she has not been called or received any emails.

President Sinton asked why Public Safety Committee meetings weren't scheduled.

Mayor Robbins suggested scheduling a meeting with fire company officers and members of the Public Safety Committee along with himself.

ADJOURNMENT OF WORK SESSION:

Motion by: Patricia Hodges Seconded by: Stephen Childers To adjourn work session. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by: Patricia Hodges Seconded by: Stephen Childers To approve minutes of June 2, 2016 Regular Meeting. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

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. #16-106: Resolution re: Payment of Bills
- 2. #16-107: Resolution re: Renewal of liquor license for Italy's Best Pizzeria
- 3. #16-108: Resolution re: Renewal of liquor license for Circle Landmark Associates
- 4. #16-109: Resolution re: Renewal of liquor license for Carlo & Sons, LLC
- 5. #16-110: Resolution re: Renewal of liquor license for Boemio's Market
- 6. #16-111: Resolution re: Hiring Daniel Hourigan as lifeguard
- 7. #16-112: Resolution re: Release of Performance Bond and acceptance of

maintenance bond for water treatment plant generator

project

- 8. #16-113: Resolution re: Chapter 159 for Click It or Ticket grant
- 9. #16-114: Resolution re: Adjustment to utility bill for Block 56; Lot 20
- 10. #16-115: Resolution re: Mayor's Award for academic excellence
- 11. #16-116: Resolution re: Authorizing participation in Emex reverse electric auction

ORDINANCES APPROVED ON FIRST READING:

"AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING CHAPTER IV OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY" (#16-07)

Motion by: Steven Oglesby Seconded by: Gary Lowe To approve consent agenda. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

COMMITTEE/COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilman Childers stated quotes have been received for cameras, paving, and fencing for the proposed impound yard at the Public Works Department.

Councilman Lowe stated he is awaiting information from Police Chief Higgins concerning fees for the lot.

Councilman Lowe commended the efforts of the Public Works Department in planting in front of the Harold J. Fuccile Memorial Sports Complex flag area.

Mr. Lowe reported annual certifications of fire truck pumps will be conducted in August as opposed to October.

Councilwoman Busch reported an outdoor movie night has been scheduled for July 22 at Lake Horicon with Big Hero 6 being shown.

COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC:

Time opened: 8:34 p.m.

Michael Sinton, 501 Rose Street, stated he had an email which was sent in April and was acknowledged by Municipal Clerk Dugan.

Time closed: 8:35 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: Stephen Childers Seconded by: Steven Oglesby To approve resolution to go into closed session. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

Time into closed session: 8:36 p.m.

Time out of closed session: 9:00 p.m.

Motion by: Stephen Childers Seconded by: Patricia Hodges

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

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by: Steven Oglesby Seconded by: Stephen Childers To adjourn meeting. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative. Time: 9:01 p.m.

Bernadette Dugan, RMC/CPM Municipal Clerk