

**WORK SESSION/REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 2, 2010
MINUTES**

MEETING OPENED AT 7:30 P.M. BY MAYOR TIMOTHY J. BORSETTI.

ALL STOOD FOR THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE.

PUBLIC MEETINGS STATEMENT READ INTO RECORD:

“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 SECOND DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2010, 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, CORNER OF PINE AND CENTER STREETS, LAKEHURST, NEW JERSEY, AT WHICH TIME, THE BUSINESS OF THE BOROUGH WILL BE CONDUCTED.”

ROLL CALL:

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| JAMES DAVIS: ABSENT | GLENN MCCOMAS: PRESENT |
| PAT FORD: PRESENT | STEVEN OGLESBY: PRESENT |
| SIDNEY HOOPER: PRESENT | HARRY ROBBINS: ABSENT |
| MAYOR TIMOTHY J. BORSETTI: PRESENT | |

WORK SESSION:

REVIEW OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDA:

Municipal Clerk Dugan reviewed the regular meeting agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:

Time opened: 7:31 p.m.

NO PUBLIC COMMENTS

Time closed: 7:31 p.m.

Councilman Oglesby reported that at the last meeting he and Councilman Davis had been tasked to review cell phone bills in an effort to reduce costs. Mr. Oglesby added that he will have the report completed by the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT OF WORK SESSION:

Motion by: Sidney Hooper

Seconded by: Pat Ford

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 August 19, 2010 Work Session/Regular Meeting. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative with the exception of Councilwoman Ford who abstained due to her absence at the meeting of August 19, 2010.

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. #10-136: Resolution re: Payment of Bills
2. #10-137: Resolution re: Raffle Licenses for Seaside Chapter of Deborah Hospital Fund

ORDINANCES APPROVED ON FIRST READING:

“AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, 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” (#10-07)

Motion by: Sidney Hooper

Seconded by: Glenn McComas

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

COMMITTEE/COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilman Hooper reported that the fishing contest “ended in a flurry” with new children participating this year. Mr. Hooper added that he “gave away twenty-four rods and reels.

Councilman Oglesby announced that the next meeting of the Local Emergency Planning Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, September 15, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at the Emergency Services Complex. Mr. Oglesby added that “finishing touches” are underway for a tabletop exercise in October with a fully-staged drill in Spring, 2011

MAYOR COMMENTS:

Mayor Borsetti stated that Councilman Hooper “should be applauded” for his efforts with the fishing contest and thanked Dr. Klohn for his generous donation which funded the contest as well as Dick’s Sporting Goods in Manahawkin for supplying discounted rods and reels.

Mayor Borsetti stated that the Borough expects “a little rain” from Hurricane Earl.

Mayor Borsetti announced that a new fee schedule for water rates is being considered to fund repairs to the standpipe.

COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC:

Time opened: 7:35 p.m.

Mr. Tom Brennan, 117 Brown Avenue, stated that at the last meeting, a request was made for the Police Chief to attend this meeting to provide an “overview” of the police department. Mr. Brennan stated that the Police Chief should be present to “address the taxpayers.”

Mayor Borsetti stated that the Police Chief can be asked to attend the council meeting.

Mr. Brennan stated that he “wants to talk to the Chief of Police.”

Councilman McComas stated that it was a “misunderstanding” regarding the request for attendance of the Police Chief at the meeting and added that he thought the Public Safety committee could bring any concerns to the Police Chief.

Mrs. Sue Barker, 409 Cedar Street, commented that the Borough’s website needed improvement with the addition of agendas and agenda items. Mrs. Barker also stated that the website had not been updated since February.

Municipal Clerk Dugan responded by stating that the website had been updated to include the on-line auction notice, among other things, but the webmaster did not change the date to reflect the updates. Mrs. Barker suggested the use of web postings and use of the reverse 911 system to notify residents of the council meeting dates.

Mrs. Janie Baranyay, 408 Cedar Street, stated that as a department head, the Chief of Police should be required to attend the meeting, if requested. Mrs. Baranyay added that she is concerned about “what’s going on in the Borough” and added the “we’re taxpaying citizens.”

Mrs. Baranyay asked why the governing body is considering raising utility rates when an amount for refurbishment of the standpipe has not been received.

Mr. Edward Seaman, 5 Locust Street, asked why another police car was purchased and added that there are “more cars than police” officers.

Mayor Borsetti replied that repairs to older vehicles are often costly and added that the purchase of the recent police car “keeps us ahead of the curve” so that police officers have safe equipment.

Mr. Seaman asked if the 2007 Charger can be used as a police vehicle.

Mayor Borsetti stated that the vehicle was used as an undercover car and can still be utilized as a police vehicle, if required.

Mr. Seaman stated that \$28,000 was spent refurbishing the Borough Hall.

Mayor Borsetti stated that the refurbishment of the Borough Hall was bringing the building into compliance with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements.

Mr. Seaman asked why the Borough has four buildings instead of putting all agencies into one building.

Administrator MacLean stated that ADA compliance of the Borough Hall was required by the US Department of Agriculture/Rural Development as a requirement for receipt of low-interest loans which were received for the emergency services complex and police station.

Mr. MacLean stated that the fire department and first aid squad had stated their former buildings were not large enough to accommodate current emergency response apparatus. Mr. MacLean added that the decision was made to renovate the former first aid squad building to house the police department. Mr. MacLean added that it is anticipated that the Community Center will be converted to house Borough offices.

Mayor Borsetti stated that after construction of the emergency services complex and police the renovations to the Community Center have been postponed due to budgetary constraints.

Mrs. Sue Barker asked how often the Community Center is used.

Mr. MacLean replied that the Community Center is utilized for court sessions, governing body meetings, Land Use Board meetings, elections, and by non-profit entities such as the Historical Society.

Councilman Oglesby stated that the governing body constructed the emergency services complex after a “great deal of planning to do the most for the least cost.” Mr. Oglesby added that a grant for over \$200,000 was received from the New Jersey Office of Emergency Management was received for construction of the facility.

Mayor Borsetti stated that the emergency services complex is a “good facility for the money spent.”

Mr. Brennan stated that everything could have been put in one building.

Mayor Borsetti replied that the emergency services complex property would not have accommodated a larger building to house all Borough offices.

Time closed: 8:15 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by: Glenn McComas

Seconded by: Pat Ford

To adjourn meeting. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative. Time: 8:15 p.m.

Bernadette Dugan, RMC/CPM
Municipal Clerk