

**WORK SESSION/REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 16, 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 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 DECEMBER, 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:

JAMES DAVIS: PRESENT

GLENN MCCOMAS: PRESENT

PAT FORD: PRESENT

STEVEN OGLESBY: PRESENT

SIDNEY HOOPER: PRESENT

HARRY ROBBINS: PRESENT

MAYOR TIMOTHY J. BORSETTI: PRESENT

WORK SESSION:

REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE FOOD BANK OF OCEAN & MONMOUTH COUNTY HERE TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE USE OF FORMER FIRE TRUCK BAYS:

Ms. Barbara Scholz and Ms. Susan Kelly, representatives of the Monmouth and Ocean County Food Bank, stated that their organization provided food to 256 members and churches and added that the need is increasing. Ms. Kelly also stated that their mobile pantry provides food to over 100 families in the Lakehurst area. Ms. Kelly stated that the use of the former fire truck bays would allow the food bank to reach more people in need.

In response to Mayor Borsetti's question as to the size of the organization, Ms. Kelly stated that the Monmouth & Ocean County food banks employs thirty individuals with approximately 1,000 volunteers assisting with their food distribution efforts.

REVIEW OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDA:

Municipal Clerk Dugan reviewed regular meeting agenda.

Motion by: James Davis

Seconded by: Pat Ford

To approve/release executive session minutes of April 15, 2010. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

Motion by: Harry Robbins

Seconded by: James Davis

To approve/release executive session minutes of November 4, 2010. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative with the exception of Councilwoman Ford who abstained due to her absence at the meeting of November 4th.

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. #10-074: Resolution re: Payment of Bills
2. #10-075: Resolution re: Cancellation of Current Fund unexpended balances
3. #10-076: Resolution re: Cancellation of Utility Fund unexpended balances
4. #10-077: Resolution re: Transfer (Current Fund)

Motion by: Harry Robbins

Seconded by: Glenn McComas

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

COMMITTEE/COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilwoman Ford reported that the tree lighting ceremony went well and thanked everyone who assisted with the event.

Councilman McComas reported that he and Councilman Davis of the Public Safety Committee have “worked hard” to assist the fire company and added that he took “great offense” at the fire department’s efforts “trying to sabotage with PEOSHA violations.” Mr. McComas added that PEOSHA representatives found that the violations were “for the fire department.” Mr. McComas further added that the slippery floor violation was caused by the fire department’s failure to remove the water from the floor. Mr. McComas added that the State inspector noted that the call to PEOSHA seemed to be generated by “disgruntled people.”

Council President Harry Robbins reported that the leak in the main pipe at the water treatment facility was repaired overnight within a twelve hour period to minimize service disruption at a cost of \$25,000.

Mr. Robbins also reported that effective December 27, 2010; the Borough will no longer be picking up electronic items and added that these items must be brought to the Public Works department for recycling, which will result in savings.

MAYOR COMMENTS:

Mayor Borsetti announced that the Fire Department has scheduled a “Dinner with Santa” on Friday, December 17, 2010 from 5:30-8:30 p.m. at the Community Center at a cost of \$6.

Mayor Borsetti stated that the Borough consistently has one of the highest percentages for our recycling efforts.

Mayor Borsetti further stated that the Borough has “worked diligently” with the fire department. Mayor Borsetti added that since the fire department submitted a budget request for \$80,000, they “don’t understand the recession.”

Councilman McComas stated that after seven or eight meetings between the Public Safety committee and fire department, Mr. Davis and he thought that issues had been resolved only to find, three days later the fire department accusing the Borough of not meeting their needs and added that “it’s bizarre.”

Councilwoman Ford stated that “bottom line—everyone pays taxes” and asked if the fire department doesn’t realize that they “have to give—not just take.”

Mayor Borsetti stated the Borough has mutual aid agreements with the “base and Ridgeway” to assist the fire company.

Mayor Borsetti added that committee assignments may change in 2011.

COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC:

Time opened: 7:57 p.m.

Mrs. Sue Barker, 409 Cedar Street, asked how the change in recycling of electronics will make money.

Administrator MacLean stated that money is saved by reducing trash amounts sent to the landfill.

Mrs. Barker, asked about the Borough’s efforts for single-stream recycling, such as in Lacey Township.

Council President Robbins responded by stating that the capacity of the Borough’s trucks does not permit the single-stream recycling as the Public Works department would have to hand sift the material.

Mrs. Barker asked if the fire department had been invited to attend the council meeting.

Councilman Davis replied that he had received correspondence from the fire department concerning the "lack of support" from the governing body. Mr. Davis added that the Public Safety Committee has met with fire department representatives on numerous occasions to discuss issues.

Time closed: 8:08 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 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: Steven Oglesby

Seconded by: Glenn McComas

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

Time into closed session: 8:08 p.m.

Break until: 8:17 p.m.

Time out of closed session: 9:15 p.m.

Motion by: Glenn McComas

Seconded by: Steven Oglesby

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

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by: Glenn McComas

Seconded by: Pat Ford

To adjourn meeting. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative. Time: 9:15 p.m.

Bernadette Dugan, RMC/CPM
Municipal Clerk