

**BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST  
WORK SESSION/REGULAR MEETING  
APRIL 7, 2011  
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 SEVENTH DAY OF APRIL, 2011, 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 (via telephone)	STEVEN OGLESBY: PRESENT
SIDNEY HOOPER: PRESENT	HARRY ROBBINS: PRESENT
MAYOR TIMOTHY J. BORSETTI: PRESENT	

WORK SESSION:

PROCLAMATION FOR NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

Mayor Borsetti read and presented National Library Week plaque to Ocean County Library Manchester Branch Librarian Sherman Howard.

Mr. Howard thanked Mayor Borsetti for the support of the library and commented on the significance of the library's use on the lives of its patrons.

POLICE AWARDS CEREMONY:

Police Chief Higgins presented the following awards:

Police Officer Ryan Valeri:	Apprehension Award
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For the arrest of a career burglar while he was fleeing the scene of a commercial burglary in Manchester Township.

Police Officer Ryan Valeri:

Chief's Award "B"

2009 recipient of the Law Enforcement Distinguished Service Award from Mothers Against Drunk Driving for his numerous apprehensions of drunk drivers.

Police Officer Chris Gibson:

Purple Heart

For injuries sustained while placing a suspect under arrest

Mayor Borsetti commended the officers for their dedication to duty.

#### REVIEW OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDA:

Municipal Clerk Bernadette Dugan reviewed regular meeting agenda.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:

Time opened: 7:40 p.m.

NO PUBLIC COMMENTS

Time closed: 7:40 p.m.

Councilman Hooper suggested that drug testing for the Mayor and Council be eliminated. Mr. Hooper added that the practice has been ongoing for three years.

Administrator MacLean stated that three random drug testing administered last year to governing body members were negative for illicit drugs and added that each test costs approximately \$25 and the administration of such tests is not mandated by law.

Councilman Oglesby reported that he has had a chance to review the recently introduced 2011 Municipal Budget and had a few questions concerning increase in administrative salaries and wages.

Chief Financial Officer Christine Thorne indicated that the increase was a result of "moving employees from other categories."

Mr. Oglesby questioned the line item for prosecutor and public defender.

Mrs. Thorne replied that public defender fees were placed in a trust and will be utilized to pay the public defender.

Mr. Oglesby questioned increases in public works salaries and wages.

Mrs. Thorne replied that increases were a result of employees being charged to the different funds.





Councilman Oglesby reported that the monthly Local Emergency Planning Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 20, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at the Emergency Services Complex during final preparations for the staged drill on May 18<sup>th</sup> will be made.

Councilman McComas reported that he attended a meeting concerning the installation of solar panels on the Emergency Services Complex which “should be looked into” to generate revenue.

Mayor Borsetti asked Councilman McComas to contact the representative to obtain “hard numbers” concerning the cost.

#### MAYOR COMMENTS:

Mayor Borsetti reiterated that the annual Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for Saturday, April 16, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. at Lake Horicon.

#### COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC:

Time opened: 8:10 p.m.

Ms. Nicole Ashton, 27 Longboat Avenue, Barnegat, stated “the layoff of Officer Gibson was wrong—the way it happened.” Ms. Ashton added that Officer Gibson was “hurt on duty” and underwent a “spinal fusion.” Ms. Ashton further added that “he wants to come back to work” and “two officers were hired after him.” Ms. Ashton stated that “it is not right” and added that “this town is an embarrassment to law enforcement officers.”

Mrs. Sue Barker, 409 Cedar Street, asked the date of the public hearing on the 2011 budget.

Municipal Clerk Dugan replied that the public hearing on the budget is scheduled for April 21, 2011.

Mayor Borsetti added that the “budget is on the website.”

Mr. Chris Gibson stated that he was “recently laid off” and was “hurt” on duty.

Mayor Borsetti stated that the Borough “is mandated” to hire one 40 hours per week Class II officer and one twenty hours per week Class II officer.

Councilman Davis stated that the Borough is “asking” the Civil Service Commission to revisit their decision. Mr. Davis added that we “have not gotten any response.”

Mr. Gibson asked “how he was picked” to be laid off.

Municipal Attorney Sean Gertner stated that the Borough “has no obligation to maintain a position.”

Mr. Gibson stated that he is “taking you guys down” and added that they don’t know what it’s like to get injured on the job and lose your job.

Mayor Borsetti stated that in 2000, he broke his back and leg on the job and was laid off from his job.

Mr. Gibson stated that he did not receive a raise and asked for a copy of the resolution appointing him.

Municipal Clerk Bernadette Dugan instructed Mr. Gibson to complete an OPRA request form and forward it to her attention.

Time closed: 8:17 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: Harry Robbins

Seconded by: Glenn McComas

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

Time into closed session: 8:19 p.m.

Time out of closed session: 9:26 p.m.

Motion by: Harry Robbins

Seconded by: James Davis

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

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by: James Davis

Seconded by: Steven Oglesby

To adjourn meeting. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative. Time: 9:26 p.m.

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Bernadette Dugan, RMC/CPM  
Municipal Clerk