

**BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST
WORK SESSION/REGULAR MEETING
MAY 19, 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 NINETEENTH DAY OF MAY, 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

STEVEN OGLESBY: PRESENT

SIDNEY HOOPER: PRESENT

HARRY ROBBINS: PRESENT

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.

Ed Seaman, 5 Locust Street, asked about resolution concerning grievance settlement.

Administrator MacLean replied that the matter is a personnel matter not subject to disclosure.

Time closed: 7:32 p.m.

Councilman Davis reported that he and Councilman Oglesby met with members of the Lakehurst Police Association and added that he is pleased with the feedback received during the meeting. Mr. Davis further added that the discussion contains an “eye to a two year action plan.” Mr. Davis stated that the finance department “needs to review” the information to determine sustainability.

Councilwoman Ford reported that a spring bingo was held on May 14th and although turnout was limited, each participant received a prize.

Mrs. Ford also reported that she had observed many properties in the Borough that appeared to be in shabby condition and requested that the matter be referred to the Code Enforcement Officer.

Councilman Oglesby reported that a staged drill was held at the monthly Local Emergency Planning Committee meeting held on May 18, 2011 and added that although “turnout was disappointing, over-all it was a pretty good session.” Mr. Oglesby further added that a critique session has been scheduled for Wednesday, May 25, 2011 at 8:00 p.m. at the Emergency Services Complex.

Council President Robbins reported that lab results are expected shortly for the upgrade of Well Number 16 to a production well. Mr. Robbins added that application has been made for an allocation permit for the well operation.

MAYOR COMMENTS:

Mayor Borsetti announced that the annual town-wide yard sale has been scheduled for Saturday, May 21, 2011 with a rain date of May 22.

Mayor Borsetti also announced that the Memorial Day ceremony at Lake Horicon has been scheduled for 1:00 p.m. on May 30, 2011.

Mayor Borsetti reported that the school has erected the construction fence for the roof repairs.

COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC:

Time opened: 7:42 p.m.

Susan Hall, 411 Manapaqua Avenue, referring to discussion of speeding and parking issues on Manapaqua Avenue at the previous council meeting, stated that she contacted the Ocean County Engineering Department who informed her that Police Chief Higgins would be required to enforce any violations on the county road.

Administrator MacLean stated that he had spoken to Pat Sansone of the Ocean County Engineering Department who informed him that a traffic study will be conducted concerning speed limits along Chestnut Street and Manapaqua Avenue. Mr. MacLean

added that he had also spoken with Police Chief Higgins concerning the matter and added that the Chief will research any accidents on the stretch of roadway from Lake Street to Rose Street over the past three years. Mr. MacLean added that Chief Higgins has also contacted the County engineering department regarding bus routes. Mr. MacLean further added that the Borough had contacted the County in the past concerning speed limits and were informed that a traffic survey was required before the speed limits could be changed.

George Oglesby, 7 Lakeshore, presented a list of expenditures of Borough funds from the Lakehurst First Aid Squad. Mr. Oglesby stated that he “appreciates the support of the Mayor and Council” and added that the first aid squad “welcomes volunteers.”

Ed Seaman, 5 Locust Street, stated that he is here asking questions to offer suggestions to the governing body. Mr. Seaman added that he had received a memo from Public Works Supervisor David Winton indicating that fire company members are required to obtain a commercial drivers license to operate fire company apparatus. Mr. Seaman stated that it was his opinion that under Title 39, fire company responders are exempt from the CDL requirement and requested that the Borough attorney research the matter.

Councilman Davis stated that it was his understanding that during an emergency response, the CDL requirement is waived. Mr. Davis concurred with the recommendation that the attorney review the matter as the statute language is “vague.”

Administrator MacLean stated that after the last Municipal Excess Liability--Joint Insurance Fund inspection, Mr. Winton was informed that a CDL license was required to operate fire department apparatus during non-emergency events such as parades and drills, but not required during emergency responses. Mr. MacLean added that arrangements could be made to offer CDL training to fire company members.

Mr. Seaman asked what limitations are in place concerning comp time and sick time payouts for retirees.

Mayor Borsetti replied that sick time payouts are limited to \$15,000.

Mr. Seaman asked why a part-time employee such as the Code Enforcement Officer was entitled to sick time.

Administrator MacLean replied that it is a Civil Service requirement that part-time employees are entitled to pro-rated sick time.

Mr. MacLean also replied that the police contract limits sick time payouts upon retirement to 50% of sick time up to \$15,000. Mr. MacLean added that AFSCME contract personnel are entitled to 25% of sick time up to \$15,000 upon retirement.

Mr. Seaman stated that “some of our practices are like townships.”

Mayor Borsetti stated that “we work diligently to save taxpayer” money.

Councilwoman Ford stated “everyone here is a taxpayer” and added “a lot of this” (expenses) “the Borough has no say.” Mrs. Ford also stated “we would love to have more police” but “people are losing their homes taking away” tax revenue. Mrs. Ford stated that the governing body is “looking out for the Borough” and added that “I am insulted” and “you should choose your words wisely” before criticizing.

Mrs. Ford further added “you need to do more research” as there are “a lot of things you don’t realize” what is entailed by financial constraints. Mrs. Ford further added “when I started” on council “I got an education” on government requirements. Mrs. Ford also stated that “everyone is having problems” and added that Lakehurst “is a whole in the doughnut” and “we all have to work together—it is a way of life.”

Mayor Borsetti asked “which towns cut their budgets” and added “we cut the budget by \$18,000 without cutting services.”

Time closed: 7:58 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

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

This resolution shall take effect immediately.

