

**BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST
WORK SESSION/REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 18, 2012
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 EIGHTEENTH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2012, 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

STEVEN MCCOMAS: PRESENT

JAMES DAVIS: ABSENT

STEVEN OGLESBY: PRESENT

GARY LOWE: PRESENT

EDWARD SEAMAN: PRESENT

MAYOR HARRY ROBBINS: PRESENT

WORK SESSION:

REVIEW OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDA:

Municipal Clerk Dugan reviewed regular meeting agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:

Time opened: 7:31 p.m.

NO PUBLIC COMMENTS

Time closed: 7:31 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT OF WORK SESSION:

Motion by: Steven Oglesby

Seconded by: Edward Seaman

To adjourn work session. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by: Gary Lowe

Seconded by: Steven Oglesby

To approve minutes of October 4, 2012 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. #12-183: Resolution re: Payment of Bills
2. #12-184: Resolution re: Approving Corrective Action Plan for 2011 Audit
3. #12-185: Resolution re: Raffle Licenses for Lakehurst First Aid Squad
4. #12-186: Resolution re: Raffle License for VFW Post 10061
5. #12-187: Resolution re: Professional Services Contract for Financial Advisory Services

Motion by: Gary Lowe

Seconded by: Steven Oglesby

To approve consent agenda. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative with the exception of Councilman Oglesby and Councilman McComas who voted in the affirmative for all with the exception of the resolution approving raffle licenses for the Lakehurst First Aid Squad as they both serve as members of the squad.

COMMITTEE/COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilman Seaman reported that the first outdoor movie night was a "huge success" with fifty to seventy-five children attending. Mr. Seaman added that a spring outdoor movie night is being planned.

Mr. Seaman also reported that he attended the meeting of the Board of Education where the results of the study investigating whether to send Lakehurst students to Jackson Liberty High School or Manchester High School were presented. Mr. Seaman added that the meeting was very well attended with "a lot of support" for keeping students at the Manchester High School with the matter to be further discussed at a Board meeting in November.

Councilman Oglesby commended the Revitalization Committee for the successful Fall Festival.

Mr. Oglesby reported that the Barnegat Bay Blitz was held today with over twenty

participants who included residents, council members, and Joint Base employees. Mr. Oglesby added that areas cleaned included Division Street, the triangle piece of property near the circle, and Lake Street during which numerous bags of trash and recyclables were collected.

Mr. Oglesby further reported that the last monthly meeting for 2012 of the Local Emergency Planning Committee was held on October 17, 2012 with meetings resuming in January, 2013. Mr. Oglesby added that NIMSCAST for 2012 has been updated and Stewart Bill 966 grant fund reimbursement will once again revert to the State of New Jersey providing funding reimbursement which is a much more lengthy process that had been completed in the last few years.

Councilman Lowe reported that continuing research on solar field placement on the former landfill site has been held off until the proposed firing range final location is determined.

Councilman McComas reported that initial sandblasting of the 500,000 gallon groundwater storage tank has been completed. Mr. McComas added that the “contractor wants to be done within two weeks.”

Mr. McComas congratulated Youth and Recreation on the successful outdoor movie night and the Revitalization Committee on the successful Fall Festival which was “great.”

Councilwoman Busch reported that there was “litter located on the east side” of Lake Horicon. Ms. Busch also reported that Public Works Supervisor/Department Head David Winton has informed her that there is a leak on the Community Center roof.

MAYOR COMMENTS:

Mayor Robbins commended Sue Barker and Janie Baranyay for their efforts in organizing the successful Fall Festival.

Mayor Robbins announced that a dance for students in grades 6-8 is scheduled for Friday, October 26, 2012 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Community Center.

Mayor Robbins also announced that the Halloween Parade is scheduled for Saturday, October 27, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. with a 10:45 a.m. line-up time at the Post Office. Mayor Robbins added that the parade will wind its way up Union Avenue to Lake Horicon where costumes will be judged and refreshments will be served.

Mayor Robbins also added that judging of Halloween decorations will take place from October 29th-October 31st.

Mayor Robbins further announced that the annual rabies clinic is scheduled for Saturday, November 3, 2012 from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon at the former fire truck bays attached to the Community Center.

Mayor Robbins stated that the First Aid Squad has scheduled an auction for Saturday, November 10, 2012 at the Community Center with doors opening at 4:00 p.m. and the auction beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Robbins also commended Councilman Seaman on the successful outdoor movie night.

COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC:

Time opened: 7:39 p.m.

Janet Heller, 413 Union Avenue, stated that she was the treasurer of the Lakehurst Historical Society and thanked the Revitalization Committee for their efforts with the Farmer's Market and the Fall Festival and added that "it's like a blood transfusion to the town." Ms. Heller added that she would like the Historical Society to work in conjunction with the committee for events. Ms. Heller further added that the Historical Society's craft show/fleas market scheduled on the same date as the Fall Festival "suffered from the conflicting events" concerning turnout of patrons.

Mayor Robbins stated that the Mayor's meeting is scheduled for the third Tuesday of each month at the Community Center at 6:00 p.m. until nicer weather when the meeting will be held at Lake Horicon.

Janie Baranyay, 408 Cedar Street, stated that she can hear the excitement for the (Revitalization) association and can feel the "sense of a new era" but expressed her "disappointment with the Council." Ms. Baranyay stated that she protested the closing of the meeting on September 20, 2012 to discuss the petition concerning the display of deer carcasses and a hunting club meeting during the deer hunting season on the 400 Block of Cedar Street presented to the governing body at the September 6, 2012 meeting. Ms. Baranyay stated that she protested the discussion of the matter which she believed violated the Sunshine Law. Ms. Baranyay listed the matters permitted to be discussed by the governing body during closed sessions and added that discussion of the petition was not one of the permitted topics. Ms. Baranyay referenced correspondence forwarded to Mr. Barker and asked "what's reasonable" concerning the gathering of "between 25 to 40 people for six nights." Ms. Baranyay added that "parking is an issue" and also asked "what hours are reasonable" for the gathering of the hunting party.

Ms. Baranyay further added "that no one wants to prohibit the hanging of deer carcasses for a resident's kill" and also added that she "pays high taxes" and believes that it would be an "unfair burden" for the police department to be called for the disturbances.

Borough Attorney Sean Gertner stated that "there must be a balance" between a right to assembly and neighbor's rights.

Ms. Baranyay stated that "Ms. Earley never asked or approached us" concerning the display of deer carcasses on her front lawn and the hunters who have open fires during

the evening. Ms. Baranyay also stated that thirty-one people in the neighborhood signed the petition and asked “why does she have to put up with this?” Ms. Baranyay further stated that she is “coming to elected officials for help” regarding this issue and added that “people on their way to school and church” view the deer and she “should have peace in her neighborhood.”

Mayor Robbins stated that the matter will be placed on the agenda for the next council meeting scheduled for November 1, 2012 with people from both sides invited to attend.

Maria Sessa, representative from JCP & L, reported that the installation of mobile data terminal laptops in vehicles has been completed which will assist in repair of outages. Ms. Sessa added that she has “worked on the aviation markers’ for power lines near the emergency airlift site and added that they are “due in next week.” Ms. Sessa further added that Borough Attorney Sean Gertner had emailed her concerning the donation of used laptops to emergency organization. She stated that a letter requesting the donation should be forwarded to her.

Sandra Howard, 809 Laurel Street, stated that her water bill “has been outrageous” and added that she didn’t get a response concerning her request for assistance in paying her bill.

Mayor Robbins stated that if her bill was higher than usual, it could indicate a leak.

Mr. Howard, 809 Laurel Street, stated that a plumber did not find any leaks and added that it is only he and his wife who occupy the house.

Mayor Robbins added that if the meter turns and no water is being used, “then you have a leak on the house side of the meter which unfortunately is your responsibility.”

Mayor Robbins asked Municipal Clerk Dugan to obtain a water use history for the residence for review by the governing body.

Kevin Oliver, 317 Church Street, stated that he will “let the (hunting) group know” about the residents’ concerns and added that he is “trying to get new home for the group.” Mr. Oliver stated that he is working with the West End Group to find a long term solution for a home for the hunting group.

Mr. Oliver added that he had no issues with parking during the summer farm market and Fall Festival and added that they were “wonderful.”

Mr. Oliver stated that he is the vice president of the Lakehurst Board of Education and the Ocean County School Board and serves as an alternate delegate to the New Jersey State School Board. Mr. Oliver further stated that he will be providing a draft of a resolution “between the school and the town” regarding the vacation of the portion of Lake Street between Union Avenue and Pine Street. Mr. Oliver added that the school board “will give back three parcels to the township for auction.” Mr. Oliver further

added that the property was donated to the school board by the Borough for use as a park “decades ago.” Mr. Oliver stated that the proceeds from the sale of the property should be used for purposes such as the construction of the concession stand/bathroom facilities.

Mr. Oliver reported that since the feasibility study concerning change in high schools for Lakehurst students has been released, “significant communications have opened up with Manchester officials.

Time closed: 8:08 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by: Steven Oglesby

Seconded by: Edward Seaman

To adjourn meeting. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative. Time: 8:10 p.m.

Bernadette Dugan, RMC/CPM
Municipal Clerk