

**BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST  
WORK SESSION/REGULAR MEETING  
NOVEMBER 1, 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 FIRST DAY OF NOVEMBER, 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: ABSENT	GLENN MCCOMAS: PRESENT
JAMES DAVIS: PRESENT	STEVEN OGLESBY: PRESENT
GARY LOWE: PRESENT	EDWARD SEAMAN: PRESENT
MAYOR HARRY ROBBINS: PRESENT	

WORK SESSION:

REVIEW OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDA:

Municipal Clerk Dugan reviewed the regular meeting agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:

Time opened: 7:32 p.m.

NO PUBLIC COMMENTS

Time closed: 7:32 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT OF WORK SESSION:

Motion by: James Davis	Seconded by: Glenn McComas
To adjourn work session. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.	

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by: Steven Oglesby

Seconded by: Edward Seaman

To approve minutes of October 18, 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. #12-188: Resolution re: Payment of Bills
2. #12-189: Resolution re: Transfer (Current Fund)
3. #12-190: Resolution re: Raffle License for Fleet Reserve Association, Branch 124
4. #12-191: Resolution re: Adjustment to utility account for Block 51; Lot 2
5. #12-192: Resolution re: Redemption of Tax Sale Certificate #12-00001
6. #12-193: Resolution re: Redemption of Tax Sale Certificate #12-00008
7. #12-194: Resolution re: Support of A-3393

Motion by: Steven Oglesby

Seconded by: Glenn McComas

To approve consent agenda. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative with the exception of Councilman Seaman who abstained from the resolution concerning the Current Fund Transfer but voted in the affirmative for all other items.

#### COMMITTEE/COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilman Seaman reported that the firehouse is open from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. for residents to take hot showers, recharge electronic devices, and have hot coffee or hot chocolate during the power outage caused by Hurricane Sandy. Mr. Seaman added that the firehouse is accepting donations of non-perishable food and clothing as shelters “are running out of food.”

Council President Davis applauded the efforts of Emergency Management Coordinator Barker, Fire Chief Seaman, and Police Chief Higgins during the storm.

Councilman Oglesby reported that pre and post storm preparations and response “went exceedingly well.”

Mr. Oglesby added that “quite a bit of the town is still without power” and added that the police department and water plant are operating on a generator. Mr. Oglesby further added that the elementary school is also without power.

Councilman Oglesby added that the First Aid Squad members “applauded” the fire

department for averting two medical emergencies by assisting in the recharge of medical devices.

Councilman Oglesby also commended the efforts of the Public Works department for debris removal and recycling.

Councilman Oglesby reported from the Personnel Committee that an employee grievance has been resolved by the Public Safety committee.

Councilman Lowe reported that all public building have survived the storm “unscathed.”

Councilman McComas reported that Public Works has obtained additional propane for the operation of the generator which is powering the water plant. Mr. McComas also commended the operation of the Public Works Department dealing with the aftermath of the storm.

Councilman Oglesby also reported that the Public Works Department will be picking up brush curbside with branches with a diameter of four inches or less for residents only and added that if a contractor is hired by a resident for brush removal, the contractor is responsible for removing the brush.

#### MAYOR COMMENTS:

Mayor Robbins echoed the kudos for the emergency responders who “pulled together” during Hurricane Sandy and added that the Borough of Lakehurst was “extremely lucky” that it did not suffer the devastation as did the barrier island.

Mayor Robbins added that the discussion of the hunting club was removed from the agenda as communication has opened with the various groups involved in the issue.

Mayor Robbins added that due to Hurricane Sandy trick-or-treat was cancelled.

#### COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC:

Time opened: 7:45 p.m.

Sandra James, 109 Pine Street, expressed concern for residents without power due to Hurricane Sandy and suggested that the Community Center be utilized as a shelter.

Mayor Robbins explained that the Community Center “is not equipped as a shelter.” Ms. James stated that her neighbor was utilizing his stove to heat his house as a way to heat his house and urged the Mayor and Council to “think about” equipping the Community Center as a shelter.

Emergency Management Coordinator Danny Barker stated that a shelter has to meet certain criteria and be inspected by the Red Cross and must have an alternate power source.

Robert McCarthy, 8 Locust Street, asked if brush and debris from the storm will be picked up.

Mayor Robbins replied that the Public Works Department will be collecting brush and debris curbside.

Elizabeth and Nicholas Oliver, 317 Church Street, presented a letter to Mayor Robbins seeking donations for a trip to Washington in January to attend the inauguration and added that they had been nominated for the Young Leaders' Association.

Kevin Oliver, 317 Church Street, reported that the school "did have some upgrades to the electrical system" and added that the Board of Education "is seeking grants" for alternate power sources and added that the school "would be a good solution for a shelter."

Mr. Oliver added that "he applauded the police presence and the preventative lake lowering by the Public Works Department for Hurricane Sandy.

Councilman Oglesby invited Mr. Oliver to attend a meeting of the Local Emergency Planning Committee scheduled for January, 2013.

Janie Baranyay, 408 Cedar Street, congratulated the town for their response during Hurricane Sandy.

Ms. Baranyay questioned why the hunting club matter was removed from the agenda.

Mayor Robbins replied that the matter was removed at the request of Danny Barker who had indicated that the matter was being resolved among the neighbors.

Ms. Baranyay expressed concern over the "lack of action" by the governing body and added that parameters need to be set concerning the number of kills which can be displayed on a residential property during hunting season as well as the number of individuals permitted to gather before and after hunting. Ms. Baranyay further added that "it is fine to hang your deer—not fine to hang deer for a group of people." Ms. Baranyay also added that she resents the insinuation that she doesn't understand the tradition of hunting. Ms. Baranyay stated that she has a problem with "people hanging deer who are not residents."

Time closed: 8:02 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by: James Davis

Seconded by: Glenn McComas

To adjourn meeting. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative. Time: 8:02 p.m.

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Bernadette Dugan, RMC/CPM  
Municipal Clerk