

**BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST
WORK SESSION/REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 20, 2014
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 TWENTIETH DAY OF MARCH, 2014, 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

GLENN MCCOMAS: PRESENT

JAMES DAVIS: PRESENT

STEVEN OGLESBY: ABSENT

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: 7:32 p.m.

Sue Barker, 409 Cedar Street, asked about the hiring of temporary laborers and if they started before the resolution was approved by the Governing Body.

Mayor Robbins explained that due to a manpower shortage, Public Works Supervisor/Department Head David Winton needed to immediately hire two 90 day temporary laborers.

2. #14-060: Resolution re: Increase to the Temporary Budget (Current Fund)
3. #14-061: Resolution re: Increase to the Temporary Budget (Utility Fund)
4. #14-062: Resolution re: Current Fund Transfer
5. #14-063: Resolution re: Professional Services Agreement for CDL Testing
6. #14-064: Resolution re: Redemption of Tax Sale Certificate #2009-9 and #2010-7
7. #14-065: Resolution re: Reimbursement for overpayment of taxes for Block 25; Lot 10 for 100% disabled veteran
8. #14-066: Resolution re: Adjusting Tax Account to waive interest
9. #14-067: Resolution re: Hiring John Klewicki as temporary 90 day laborer
10. #14-068: Resolution re: Hiring Brian Jacobs as temporary 90 day laborer
11. #14-069: Resolution re: Participation in Safety Management Program
12. #14-070: Resolution re: Appointment of Patrick Nurthen as SLEO Class II

ORDINANCES APPROVED ON FIRST READING:

“AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST, FIXING AND DETERMINING THE AMOUNT OF SALARIES AND WAGES FOR CERTAIN EMPLOYEES AND OFFICIALS IN THE BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST, IN THE COUNTY OF OCEAN, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY” (#14-02) (reintroduced due to salary range error)

Motion by: Glenn McComas

Seconded by: James Davis

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

COMMITTEE/COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilman Seaman reported the Finance Committee will meet to discuss the budget in two weeks.

Councilman Lowe reported that a plow will be placed on the Freightliner and added that the bucket truck will be utilized for replacement of the cedar poles around Lake Horicon. Mr. Lowe added he spoke with Hall’s Gulf personnel who will be listing mileage on gas receipts to better track gasoline usage.

Councilwoman Busch reported that \$14,000 has been expended this winter in snow removal costs. Mrs. Busch also reported that “a good time was had by all” at the recently held youth bingo. Mrs. Busch added the annual Easter Egg Hunt has been scheduled for Saturday, April 12th at 11:00 a.m.

COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC:

Time opened: 7:42 p.m.

Sue Barker, 409 Cedar Street, asked the source of the recently acquired vehicles and added the vehicles have “to be used for purposes for which they were intended.”

Mayor Robbins replied that the surplus vehicles were obtained by Police Chief Higgins.

Mrs. Barker asked about the policy for scheduling of a Farleigh Dickinson class at the Emergency Services Complex.

Mayor Robbins replied that he gave Police Chief Higgins permission to schedule the class and did not ask if it was a college course.

Mrs. Barker stated that all members of the governing body “need to be involved in decision making.”

Mr. Gertner stated that the Mayor is the administrative head in the Borough form of government.

Mrs. Barker stated that the class was scheduled without a Hold Harmless agreement.

Mayor Robbins stated that an insurance certificate was in place and a Hold Harmless agreement was obtained.

Mrs. Barker stated that the scheduling of the class had “no benefit to the taxpayers.”

Mayor Robbins stated it was his mistake in permitting the scheduling of a for-profit class and it “will not happen again” and added the Community Center and Emergency Services Complex will not be utilized by any profit-making organization.

Mrs. Barker stated that Borough vehicles were driven to the class.

Councilman Davis stated that permission was given for the supervisor to take the vehicle and instead of going home after the class, he reported for his shift and the other vehicle is Police Chief Higgins’ assigned vehicle.

Mrs. Barker asked the process for college attendance reimbursement.

Mayor Robbins replied that payment for college courses is part of the police contract which is being negotiated.

Mrs. Barker stated that she is concerned about the taxpayers funding college educations only for the employee to leave Borough employment.

Janie Baranyay, 408 Cedar Street, stated to Mayor Robbins that “it is wrong to take” the responsibility for the college class scheduling on his “shoulders” and added that college classes are scheduled in advance and not on an emergent basis.

Mayor Robbins stated that he had indicated that the vehicle procurement and temporary laborer hiring were emergent not the scheduling of the college class and added he “did not ask the right questions.”

Motion by: James Davis

Seconded by: Glenn McComas

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

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by: Edward Seaman

Seconded by: Glenn McComas

To adjourn meeting. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative. Time: 8:25 p.m.

Bernadette Dugan, RMC/CPM
Municipal Clerk