

**BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST  
WORK SESSION/REGULAR MEETING  
MAY 7, 2015  
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 SEVENTH DAY OF MAY, 2015, 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

GARY LOWE: PRESENT

JAMES DAVIS: PRESENT

GLENN MCCOMAS: PRESENT

PATRICIA HODGES: PRESENT

STEVEN OGLESBY: PRESENT

MAYOR HARRY ROBBINS:

WORK SESSION:

PROCLAMATION REGARDING ANNUAL “BUDDY POPPY” SALES BY VFW POST 10061 AND VISIT BY POPPY PRINCESS:

Poppy Princess Mackenzie Smith kick-off the annual “Buddy Poppy” sales after which Mayor Robbins read a proclamation presented by VFW Post 10061.

REVIEW OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDA:

Municipal Clerk Dugan reviewed the regular meeting agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:

Time opened: 7:36 p.m.

NO PUBLIC COMMENTS





assigned to the Public Works Department. Mayor Robbins added that the Humvee will not be part of the Borough's rolling stock and any necessary repairs will be paid by the Fire Company.

Councilman Davis stated that initially an emergency strike force was to respond in a weather emergency consisting of police, fire, and first aid personnel.

Councilman Lowe reported that the First Aid Squad would like to install a monument near the flag pole at the Emergency Services Complex.

Councilwoman Busch reported that she met with Mr. Winton who informed her that 2015 snow removal costs were approximately \$10,000. Mrs. Busch added that Mr. Winton has requested to scrap the old water meters. Mrs. Busch further added that beach sand will be placed at Lake Horicon.

Mrs. Busch also reported that Mr. Winton met with an Ocean County Road Department representative concerning poor drainage at Pine and Orchard Streets, with the representative stating that the County was short on manpower but would look into the matter.

Mrs. Busch further reported that seasonal banners and associated hardware would cost \$4,000.

Councilman Lowe reported that Xtreme Cheer group will be practicing outdoors and will not be practicing in the Community Center.

#### MAYOR COMMENTS:

Mayor Robbins reported that he had received an email commending the actions of the police department.

Council President Oglesby read the following:

***Greetings Mayor Robbins,***

***I am sending this message to inform you of an incident that occurred 4/17/2015 early into the next day. It concerns/deals with the action of Officers on the Lakehurst Police Department.***

***Let me begin by saying that I am a resident of Plainfield NJ. I was in the egregious position of having an elderly family member missing for a good part of the day into the wee hours of the night which turned into the early morning! My Father in Law is 89 years old, an Army Veteran and unfortunately his mental faculties are not what they use to be!***

***He was supposed to pick up his daughter (my Wife) from work in Edison, NJ @5:30 pm. Of course when he didn't arrive we were slightly concerned. However, as it became later and later we decided to call the local police department and file a missing persons report.***

*Well, to make a long story a tad shorter, we received a call from the police informing us of where Mr. Williams was ...Lakehurst! We just about dropped dead! How in the world did he get way down there? At this time it was around 12:15 am or later! As I got myself prepared for the over hour ride, I called my son to accompany me. My Wife spoke with Officer James, as they exchanged statements of un-believe-ability as to how he got way down there (with directions) all of our minds boggled a bit!*

*Now, to my point, purpose of this email. Giving all of information the public is/has been flooded with concerning race relations between African Americans and law enforcement I must say this: I have never experienced such caring, professionalism, expertise, knowledge of handling a delicate situation as I did when I arrived at the Lakehurst Police Station! The Officers, whose names escape me at the moment (and I must apologize) other than Officer James handled the situation like stone cold veterans of the force! And, may I add they all looked pretty young! I think my sons are older! Everything and especially from the Officer that pulled Mr. Williams over to the tactful suggestion of having him wait in the car so he could explain the circumstances was so appreciated for its tact and concise thoughtfulness! The Officers are a credit not only to your local PD, but to your town, community as a whole and the way of life in your small town. I cannot help to say that those Officers are a credit to not only the afore mentioned but to their respective families!*

*In closing Mayor Robbins, these are stories that will just don't seem to make the 6 o'clock news! However, these are the acts of kindness that keep our great country together! I am a Marine Corp Veteran, I would've been more than proud to stand shoulder to shoulder anyone of those three Officers! In short Mayor, please pass on my thanks to the Officers I encountered at zero dark thirty (around 2 am or later) that late, evening early morning! It made the hour ride home seem like I drive around the corner! Many, many thanks from myself and family for taking care of loved one! Your PD has made a lasting impression on our family!*

*Marvan K. Palmer, MSA*

*New Jersey Veterans Health Care System  
Ambulatory Care Service*

COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC:

Time opened: 8:17 p.m.



ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by: James Davis

Seconded by: Glenn McComas

To adjourn meeting. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative. Time: 8:42 p.m.

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Bernadette Dugan, RMC/CPM  
Municipal Clerk