BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST WORK SESSION/REGULAR MEETING MARCH 16, 2017 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 SIXTEENTH DAY OF MARCH, 2017, 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 PATRICIA HODGES: PRESENT

STEPHEN CHILDERS: PRESENT GARY LOWE: PRESENT

JAMES DAVIS: PRESENT STEVEN OGLESBY: 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.

Councilman Childers stated the 2017 Municipal Budget will be introduced tonight with a \$.019 or \$.02 tax increase per \$100 of assessed valuation.

Councilman Davis stated Police Chief Higgins has provided his monthly report and added a grant was received to combat distracted driving.

Council President Oglesby stated the Borough of Lakehurst had received a fund raising request from the Manchester First Aid Squad in January.

Mr. Oglesby further stated he had received a fund raising request from the Lakehurst Fire Company and added historically, the First Aid Squad conducted their fund raising mail drive in the spring while the fire company had conducted their fund raising mail drive in the fall.

Mr. Oglesby also added the geese population at Lake Horicon appears to be increasing and could pose a contamination threat to swimmers in the upcoming summer season.

Municipal Clerk Dugan stated she would speak to Mr. Winton about geese abatement strategies.

Councilwoman Hodges asked if anyone had contacted the Fire Company concerning their promised audit.

Municipal Attorney Gertner stated he participated in a conference call with Mike Meriney and Assemblyman McGuckin concerning a planning grant for the former landfill site.

Mr. Gertner added a letter of support from Congressman Smith and Macarthur would assist in seeking assistance from Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst concerning possible development of the former landfill site.

Mayor Robbins stated the Borough will be moving ahead with the NJ Environmental Infrastructure Improvement fund Nano grant/loan for Phase I of the water main replacement project.

ADJOURNMENT OF WORK SESSION:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by: Steven Oglesby Seconded by: Patricia Hodges To approve minutes of March 2, 2017 Work Session/Regular Meeting. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative with the exception of Councilwoman Busch who abstained due to her absence at the meeting of March 2nd.

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. #17-061: Resolution re: Payment of Bills

ORDINANCES APPROVED ON FIRST READING:

"AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK" (#17-02)

Motion by: James Davis Seconded by: Stephen Childers To approve consent agenda. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

NEW BUSINESS:

INTRODUCTION OF 2017 MUNICIPAL BUDGET:

Motion by: Steven Oglesby Seconded by: Stephen Childers To approve resolution #17-062 introducing 2017 Municipal Budget. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

COMMITTEE/COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilman Childers reported the budget was introduced tonight.

COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC:

Time opened: 7:47 p.m.

NO PUBLIC COMMENTS

Time closed: 7:47 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by: Stephen Childers Seconded by: James Davis To adjourn meeting. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative. Time: 7:47 p.m.

Bernadette Dugan, RMC/CPM Municipal Clerk