BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST WORK SESSION/REGULAR MEETING MAY 4, 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 FOURTH DAY OF MAY, 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: 7:32 p.m.

Dona Sinton, 501 Rose Street, asked about the two years listed in the non-resident firefighter resolution.

Borough Attorney Sean Gertner stated the exemption is for one year with a possible one year extension by the Governing Body. Mr. Gertner added the vote at the last meeting was for a one-year extension and added the Governing Body is reviewing the current ordinance.

Time closed: 7:34 p.m.

Councilman Davis reported he received an email from Public Works Supervisor David Winton stating the community garden is "on track" and should be available for planting by the middle of May. Mr. Davis added he is seeking a citizen committee for the garden and suggested that one or two plots be dedicated to the elementary school students. Mr. Davis added the garden will be organic with no pesticides used. Mr. Davis further added there are two 12' X 70' beds with watering capabilities.

Mayor Robbins suggested a lottery system to determine participants.

Council President Oglesby reported the Barnegat Bay Blitz is scheduled for Wednesday, June 7, 2017 at Lake Horicon where gloves, garbage bags, and safety vests will be provided.

Councilwoman Hodges asked about the upgrade to the website.

Municipal Clerk Dugan replied the upgrade will allow for better accessibility to the site.

Municipal Attorney Sean Gertner explained the recently enacted bail reform law, requires Public Defender to appear in Superior Court for detention hearings. Mr. Gertner added the Borough has only had the need for one hearing thus far. Mr. Gertner further added that Public Defender Ken Palmer has agreed to a \$250 per session fee for these hearings which were not previously required. Mr. Gertner stated it is the Governing Body's decision.

Dona Sinton, 501 Rose Street, asked if the additional fee for detention hearings will be "built into" next year's salary for the Public Defender.

Mayor Robbins stated the matter will be discussed once statistics concerning the number of hearings have been received.

Resolution concerning \$250 session fee for detention hearings was added to the Consent Agenda after the reading by the Municipal Clerk.

ADJOURNMENT OF WORK SESSION:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by: Stephen Childers Seconded by: Gary Lowe To approve minutes of April 20, 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 April 20th.

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. #17-075: Resolution re: Payment of Bills
- 2. #17-076: Resolution re: Municipal Service Fee for Mobile Home Parks
- 3. #17-077: Resolution re: Upgrade to website
- 4. #17-078: Resolution re: Chapter 159 for UText UDrive UPay grant
- 5. #17-079: Resolution re: Raffle License for VFW Post 10061
- 6. #17-080: Resolution re: Non-resident Exemption for Fire Department Members
- 7. #17-081: Resolution re: Public Defender Detention hearings

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Request to serve alcoholic beverages at a private event at the Community Center on June 17, 2017

ORDINANCES APPROVED ON FIRST READING:

"BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR WATER MAIN IMPROVEMENTS, APPROPRIATING \$1,200,000 THEREFORE AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,200,000 BONDS AND NOTES TO FINANCE A PORTION OF THE COSTS THEREOF, AUTHORIZED IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST, IN THE COUNTY OF OCEAN" (#17-04)

Motion by: Patricia Hodges Seconded by: Steven Oglesby To approve consent agenda. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

COMMITTEE/COUNCIL REPORTS:

Council President Oglesby reported a meeting has been scheduled with the members of the personnel committee and Police Chief Higgins to discuss his contract.

Councilman Lowe reported the water pump for the fire department van has been repaired.

Councilwoman Busch reported she attended the recent meeting of the Board of Education where the budget was adopted with a tax increase.

MAYOR COMMENTS:

Mayor Robbins reported the members of the Public Works Department will be installing a deck around the dock.

Mayor Robbins announced a Youth Art Show is scheduled for Saturday, May 6th from 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Community Center where art from Lakehurst Elementary School and Manchester High School students will be displayed.

COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC:

Time opened: 7:51 p.m.

NO PUBLIC COMMENTS

Time closed: 7:51 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by: Stephen Childers Seconded by: James Davis To adjourn meeting. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative. Time: 7:51 p.m.

Bernadette Dugan, RMC/CPM Municipal Clerk