BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST WORK SESSION/REGULAR MEETING OCTOBER 5, 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 FIFTH DAY OF OCTOBER, 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:

RESOLUTION APPOINTING JASON GUIDE AS CSC POLICE OFFICER:

Motion by: Steven Oglesby Seconded by: Stephen Childers To approve resolution #17-139 appointing Jason Guide as CSC Police Officer. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

OATHS OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED TO POLICE OFFICERS ROBERT SCHROECCK AND JASON GUIDE BY MUNICIPAL ATTORNEY SEAN GERTNER.

REVIEW OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDA:

Municipal Clerk Dugan reviewed regular meeting agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:

Time opened: 7:41 p.m.

NO PUBLIC COMMENTS

Time closed: 7:41 p.m.

Councilman Childers reported that eighty-four boxes of documents approved for destruction will be shredded next week.

Councilman Davis reported on the first season of the community garden. Mr. Davis thanked the coordinator Andrew Hodges for his efforts which "worked as we wanted" with participants watering and weeding the plots of others. Mr. Davis also expressed hope that next year the community garden will be "bigger and better."

Council President Oglesby asked about code enforcement efforts for 216 Church Street.

Deputy Municipal Clerk Maryanne Capasso stated the owner has been given a warning.

ADJOURNMENT OF WORK SESSION:

Motion by: James Davis Seconded by: Steven Oglesby

To adjourn work session. Roll call vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by: Stephen Childers Seconded by: James Davis To approve minutes of September 21, 2017 Work Session/Regular Meeting. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative with the exception of Councilman Lowe who abstained due to his absence at the meeting of September 21st.

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. #17-140: Resolution re: Payment of Bills

2. #17-141: Resolution re: Resolution regarding auction of public property by

GOVDEALS

3. #17-142: Resolution re: Naming Chief Financial Officer to NJ Cash Management

Plan

ORDINANCES APPROVED ON FIRST READING:

"AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST AMENDING CHAPTER VII OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY ENTITLED TRAFFIC" (#17-08)

Motion by: Stephen Oglesby Seconded by: Gary Lowe To approve consent agenda. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

COMMITTEE/COUNCIL REPORTS:

Council President Oglesby reported that a contract negotiation update will be given in executive session.

Councilman Lowe reported there were two issues with fire trucks and added that cost estimates for repairs are being obtained.

Councilman Davis reported the fire chief is obtaining quotes for a new pumper.

Councilwoman Busch reported that the special meeting of the Board of Education scheduled for September 28, 2017 had been cancelled.

MAYOR COMMENTS:

Mayor Robbins announced that a dance for students in grades five through eight has been scheduled for Saturday, October 7th at the Community Center.

COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC:

Time opened: 7:47 p.m.

Courtney Carol, owner of Avenue to Broadway dance studio, expressed concern that motorists are ignoring pedestrians in the crosswalk in front of Borough Hall. She stated she had contacted the Ocean County Engineer regarding the issue as Union Avenue is a county-owned road.

Discussion held on ways to increase awareness and to improve pedestrian safety.

Mayor Robbins stated that Police Chief Higgins will be contacted to increase enforcement efforts.

Time closed: 7:55 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION:

Clerk Dugan reads resolution to go into closed session:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P. L. 1975, permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances, **and**

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Lakehurst, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, as follows:

The public shall be excluded from discussion of and action upon the hereinafter specified subject matter.

The general nature of the subject matters to be discussed is as follows:

PERSONNEL MATTERS CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS

It is anticipated at this time that the above stated subject matter will be made public.

This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Motion by: Steven Oglesby Seconded by: James Davis To approve resolution to go into closed session. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

Time into closed session: 7:55 p.m.

Time out of closed session: 8:30 p.m.

Motion by: James Davis Seconded by: Stephen Childers

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

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by: Steven Oglesby Seconded by: Robin Busch To adjourn meeting. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative. Time: 8:31 p.m.

Bernadette Dugan, RMC/CPM

Municipal Clerk