# BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST REGULAR MEETING MARCH 15, 2018 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 REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL IS SCHEDULED FOR THE FIFTEENTH DAY OF MARCH, 2018 TO BEGIN AT THE HOUR OF 7:30 P.M. 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 ROBERT MCCARTHY: PRESENT PATRICA HODGES: PRESENT STEVEN OGLESBY: PRESENT

MAYOR HARRY ROBBINS: PRESENT

WORK SESSION:

REVIEW OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDA:

Municipal Clerk Dugan reviewed regular meeting agenda.

PROCLAMATION FOR NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK:

Mayor Robbins presented National Library Week proclamation to representative of the Ocean County Library (Manchester Branch).

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:

Time opened: 7:44 p.m.

NO PUBLIC COMMENTS

Time closed: 7:44 p.m.

Mayor Robbins distributed a resolution appointing himself and Councilwoman Hodges as trustees for the Revitalization Association. Mayor Robbins added that the by-laws of the organization require that the Mayor be appointed as a trustee. Mayor Robbins requested that the resolution be added to the Consent Agenda.

Councilman Lowe asked about a request from the Emergency Management Coordinator for a projector for the Emergency Services Complex.

Councilman McCarthy stated he attended the recent meeting of the Board of Education where a "first grade program" was discussed. Mr. McCarthy added the monetary impact is spread throughout the pre-k, kindergarten and first grade classes. Board approvals for next year of teachers' children and added this information was obtained from the advertised budget on the school's web site for last years per student cost of \$14,892 and the approval of five teachers' children for next year's session

Councilwoman Hodges stated that during her experience on the Board of Education in the 1990s, children of teachers were offered tuition free educations, provided Lakehurst students were not adversely affected.

### ADJOURNMENT OF WORK SESSION:

Motion by: Gary Lowe 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 1, 2018 Regular Meeting. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative with the exception of Councilwoman Busch, Councilman Lowe, and Councilman McCarthy who abstained due to their absence at the meeting of March 1<sup>st</sup>.

### 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. #18-066: Resolution re: Payment of Bills
- 2. #18-067: Resolution re: Award of contract for Lake Horicon playground equipment
- 3. #18-068: Revitalization Association Trustee appointment

### ORDINANCES APPROVED ON FIRST READING:

"AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST, IN THE COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF A POLICE VEHICLE AND RELATED EQUIPMENT AND TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$42,000 AND THE ACQUISTION OF A FIRE TRUCK AND RELATED EQUIPMENT AND TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$30,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, FULLY FUNDED BY THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND" (#18-02)

Motion by: James Davis Seconded by: Steven Oglesby To approve consent agenda. Roll call vote held.

#### COMMITTEE/COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilwoman Hodges reported that the review of the AFSCME contract continues with meetings scheduled with the Chief Financial Officer.

Mrs. Hodges added the Youth and Recreation committee has a "full calendar of events scheduled" with the annual egg hunt scheduled for Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, a family game night scheduled for Friday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, a Zumba for charity event scheduled for Tuesday, May 15<sup>th</sup>.

Council President Oglesby reported the members of the Public Safety committee met with Police Chief Higgins.

Councilman Davis reported the Chief Financial Officer has indicated that the 2018 "budget is falling into place" and added a budget meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at 11:30 a.m. at the Community Center.

Councilman McCarthy reported the school has received a grant for \$11,000 for renovations to the school kitchen. Mr. McCarthy added that meals will be prepared at the school.

Mr. McCarthy further reported he and Council President Oglesby met with Police Chief Higgins regarding the accreditation process, the electronic ticket program, as well as departing officers and their replacements.

### MAYOR COMMENTS:

Mayor Robbins reminded residents that a detour of the railroad crossing at Brown and Union Avenues will begin on Monday, March 19<sup>th</sup> and will continue for approximately two weeks for the reconstruction of the rail crossing.

#### COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC:

Time opened: 7:51 p.m.

Ken Sloan, 306 Lake Street, expressed concern over the inadequate plowing of county roads during the recent snow storms.

Mayor Robbins replied that Public Works Supervisor David Winton has contacted the Ocean County Road Department regarding the issue.

Time closed: 7:53 p.m.

## ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by: Steven Oglesby Seconded by: Robin Busch

To adjourn meeting. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative. Time: 7:53 p.m.

Bernadette Dugan, RMC/CPM

Municipal Clerk