BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST REGULAR MEETING MAY 3, 2018 MINUTES

MEETING OPENED AT 7:30 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 THIRD DAY OF MAY, 2018, 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: ABSENT

JAMES DAVIS: PRESENT ROBERT McCARTHY: PRESENT PATRICIA HODGES: PRESENT STEVEN OGLESBY: PRESENT

MAYOR HARRY ROBBINS: PRESENT

WORK SESSION:

PROCLAMATION REGARDING ANNUAL "BUDDY POPPY" SALES BY VFW POST 10061 AND VISIT BY POPPY PRINCESS VIOLET CONFORME:

VFW Post Commander Joe Whalen read proclamation regarding the annual "Buddy Poppy" sales campaign.

REVIEW OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDA:

Municipal Clerk Dugan reviewed agenda items.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:

Time opened: 7:41 p.m.

NO PUBLIC COMMENTS

Time closed: 7:41 p.m.

Mayor Robbins stated Councilman Lowe was unable to attend tonight's meeting but wanted to relay that he was "proud of the police department for the recent drug arrests."

Brief break from 7:43 p.m. to 7:46 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT OF WORK SESSION:

Motion by: James Davis Seconded by: Robin Busch

To adjourn work session. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by: Robert McCarthy Seconded by: Steven Oglesby To approve minutes of April 19, 2018 Regular Meeting. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

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. #18-079: Resolution re: Payment of Bills
- 2. #18-080: Resolution re: Municipal Service Fee for mobile home parks
- 3. #18-081: Resolution re: Appointment of Martin Lynch as Tax Assessor
- 4. #18-082: Resolution re: Raffles licenses for Borough of Lakehurst Historical Society
- 5. #18-103: Resolution re: Self-examination of 2018 Municipal Budget
- 6. #18-104: Resolution re: Appointment of Zachary Schulte as temporary police officer

CORRESPONDENCE:

Municipal approval for business license for James Cobianchi for operation of used car lot

Motion by: James Davis Seconded by: Patricia Hodges To approve consent agenda. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative with the exception of Council President Oglesby and Councilman Davis who abstained from voting to approve the raffles licenses for the Borough of Lakehurst Historical Society as they are members of the organization.

ORDINANCES NOT ON CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion by: Steven Oglesby

Seconded by: James Davis
To approve on second reading and open the public hearing of Ordinance #2018-03
entitled: "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." Roll call vote
held. All votes affirmative.

Time opened: 7:48 p.m.

NO PUBLIC COMMENTS

Time closed: 7:48 p.m.

Motion by: James Davis Seconded by: Robert McCarthy To adopt Ordinance #18-03. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

Motion by: Steven Oglesby

Seconded by: Robin Busch
To approve on second reading and open the public hearing of Ordinance #2018-04
entitled: "AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST, COUNTY OF
OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE
REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST,
AMENDING CHAPTER II, SECTION 2-10 POLICE DEPARTMENT." Roll call vote
held. All votes affirmative.

Time opened: 7:49 p.m.

NO PUBLIC COMMENTS

Time closed: 7:49 p.m.

Motion by: Steven Oglesby Seconded by: James Davis To adopt Ordinance #18-04. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

Motion by: Robert McCarthy Seconded by: Steven Oglesby
To approve on second reading and open the public hearing of Ordinance #2018-05
entitled: "ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST, COUNTY OF
OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, REAPPROPRIATING THE FUNDED
APPROPRIATION BALANCES FOR OTHER CAPITAL PROJECTS." Roll call vote
held. All votes affirmative.

Time opened: 7:50 p.m.

NO PUBLIC COMMENTS

Time closed: 7:50 p.m.

Motion by: James Davis Seconded by: Steven Oglesby To adopt Ordinance #18-05. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

PUBLIC HEARING ON 2018 MUNICIPAL BUDGET:

Motion by: James Davis Seconded by: Robert McCarthy To open public hearing on 2018 Municipal Budget. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

Time opened: 7:51 p.m.

Margaret Machos, 500 Rose Street, asked about the proposed increase in taxes and added she pays \$1,000 per quarter. Mrs. Machos asked why Borough employees receive three additional holidays per year.

Mayor Robbins replied that overhead costs increase every year and added holidays are a negotiated contractual benefit. Mayor Robbins further added that both the Police Association contract and AFSCME contract are being re-negotiated this year.

Chief Financial Officer William Antonides explained that the Borough collects taxes for the Board of Education and the County along with the Borough's portion. Mr. Antonides added the Borough has a statutory requirement regarding debt service repayment.

Time closed: 7:58 p.m.

Motion by: Steven Oglesby Seconded by: James Davis To close public hearing on 2018 Municipal Budget. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

ADOPTION OF 2018 MUNICIPAL BUDGET:

Motion by: James Davis Seconded by: Steven Oglesby To approve Resolution #18-105 adopting 2018 Municipal Budget. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

COMMITTEE/COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilwoman Hodges reported that a Zumba for Charity event is scheduled for Tuesday, May 15, 2018 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Community Center. Mrs. Hodges added that admission is \$10 with the entire proceeds donated to charity.

Council President Oglesby reported that the Public Safety committee recently met with Police Chief Higgins and added that the fire chief's vehicle was involved in a minor accident. Mr. Oglesby added the Borough has a vehicle use policy regarding Borough

insured vehicles and expressed concern that the fire chief vehicle was being used as a forest fire vehicle and further added the policy should be enforced. Mr. Oglesby suggested that the fire company either restrict use of the vehicle or "insure it" themselves.

Mayor Robbins stated that the waiver for non-residential firefighters has expired.

MAYOR COMMENTS:

Mayor Robbins announced the annual town-wide yard sale is scheduled for Saturday, May 19th with a rain date of Sunday, May 20th. Mayor Robbins added all proceeds from the \$5 map listing donation assist in funding the Borough's youth and recreation activities.

COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC:

Time opened: 8:05 p.m.

NO PUBLIC COMMENTS

Time closed: 8:05 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION:

Resolution to go into closed session read:

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 PENDING LITIGATION

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: Patricia Hodges To approve resolution to go into closed session. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

Time into closed session: 8:06 p.m.

Time out of closed session: 8:39 p.m.

Motion by: Steven Oglesby Seconded by: Robert McCarthy

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

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by: Robert McCarthy Seconded by: James Davis

To adjourn meeting. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative. Time: 8:39 p.m.

Bernadette Dugan, RMC/CPM

Municipal Clerk