

**BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 18, 2019
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 CAPASSO:

“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 EIGHTEENTH DAY OF APRIL, 2019, 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:

COUNCILWOMAN BUSCH: PRESENT COUNCILMAN LOWE: ABSENT
COUNCILMAN DAVIS: PRESENT COUNCILMAN McCARTHY: PRESENT
COUNCILWOMAN HODGES: PRESENT COUNCILMAN OGLESBY: ABSENT
MAYOR HARRY ROBBINS: PRESENT

WORK SESSION:

REVIEW OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDA:

Municipal Clerk Capasso reviewed the regular meeting agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:

Time opened: 7:32 pm

NO PUBLIC COMMENT

Time closed: 7:32 pm

Councilman Davis reported Public Works Supervisor Dave Winton will be staking out the Veterans Memorial Walk in the upcoming weeks for modifications and approvals.

ADJOURNMENT OF WORK SESSION:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by: James Davis Seconded by: Patricia Hodges
To approve minutes of April 4, 2019 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. #19-076: Resolution re: Payment of Bills
2. #19-077: Resolution re: Sale of Public Property

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” (#19-03)

"AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, FIXING AND DETERMINING THE AMOUNT OF SALARIES AND WAGES FOR CERTAIN EMPLOYEES AND OFFICIALS IN THE BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST, IN THE COUNTY OF OCEAN, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY." (#19-04)

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

RESOLUTIONS NOT ON CONSENT AGENDA:

INTRODUCTION OF 2019 MUNICIPAL BUDGET:

Motion by: Robin Busch Seconded by: Robert McCarthy
To approve Resolution #19-078 introducing 2019 Municipal Budget. Roll call vote held.
All votes affirmative.

COMMITTEE/COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilwoman Hodges reported she will discuss the AFCME contract during closed session. Mrs. Hodges also reported the police contract is complete adding the personnel committee is waiting for it to be typed up.

Mrs. Hodges further reported the Youth and Recreation Committee will be meeting on April 30, 2019 at 7:00 pm.

Councilwoman Busch reported the budget was introduced this evening adding it will be available for the public to review on May 1 at the Borough Hall, the Borough's website and the Asbury Park Press.

Councilman McCarthy reported he attended the Board of Education meeting this past Tuesday evening. Mr. McCarthy also reported their April Bills Payment was \$188,577 noting that the board did not approve items number four and five on the agenda due to the fact that they cannot guarantee over expenditures due to the remediation costs.

Mayor Robbins asked what is items four and five.

Mr. McCarthy responded items four and five is guarantying to accept the certification of no over expenditures.

McCarthy further reported the superintendent had no comment on the remediation funding when asked adding she did say there will be a meeting on Wednesday, April 17th but did not say where the meeting will be, who it will be with, or what the meeting will be about.

Mr. McCarthy stated the Board of Education will have a budget adoption meeting on Tuesday, April 30th at 5:30 in the media center.

Mr. McCarthy also stated some residents expressed concerns about the playground being locked after hours. McCarthy added the superintendent stated it is locked due to vandalism and illegal activities at the playground and that the school resource officer is aware of it.

Borough Administrator Childers stated he has spoken to Police Chief Higgins in regard to the playground being locked after hours adding Chief Higgins stated the Board of Education did not make him aware of any vandalism or illegal activities.

COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC:

Time opened: 7:39 pm

Craig Farmer, 501 Willow Street, Eagle Scout, is seeking approval from the Mayor and Council to plant bushes and perennials and to clean up in front of the EMC building for his Eagle Scout Project.

Consensus reached.

Mayor Robbins responded he is looking forward to seeing the finish project.

Time closed: 7:42 pm

CLOSED SESSION:

Municipal Clerk Capasso 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: Robert McCarthy Seconded by: Robin Busch
To approve resolution to go into closed session. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

Time into closed session: 7:45 pm

Time out of closed session: 8:42 pm

Motion by: James Davis Seconded by: Robert McCarthy
To end closed session. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by: James Davis Seconded by: Patricia Hodges
To adjourn meeting. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative. Time: 8:42 pm

Maryanne Capasso
Municipal Clerk