BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST WORK SESSION/REGULAR MEETING MAY 2, 2019 MINUTES

MEETING OPENED AT 7:30 PM 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 SECOND DAY OF MAY 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 DAVIS: PRESENT COUNCILWOMAN HODGES: PRESENT MAYOR HARRY ROBBINS: PRESENT

WORK SESSION:

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

Poppy Princess Carmela kicked-off the annual "Buddy Poppy" sales after which Mayor Robbins read a proclamation presented by VFW Post 10061

REVIEW OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDA:

Municipal Clerk Capasso reviewed the regular meeting agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:

Time opened: 7:39 pm

Allen Hurley, 301 Cedar Street, questioned resolution approving financial advisory services.

Councilwoman Busch responded the financial advisor will assist with the issuance of bonds.

Mayor Robbins added the advisor will also advise when a bond can be turned over or be paid off earlier than anticipated.

Time closed: 7:42 pm

Council President Oglesby reported due to the high winds this spring, there is quite a bit of the beach sand on Lake Street adding the sand is covering the sidewalks and parking lot. Mr. Oglesby asked if Public Works Supervisor Dave Winton could put up a snow fence to trap the sand.

Borough Administrator Childers responded he will talk with Mr. Winton.

Mr. Oglesby asked if there is any leverage the borough has to get the codification process to move adding it needs to get finish so the Ordinance Committee can begin the process of reviewing.

Mr. Childers responded he will make a phone call.

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: James Davis Seconded by: Robert McCarthy To approve minutes of April 18, 2019 Regular Meeting. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative with the exception of Council President Oglesby and Councilman Lowe who abstained due to their absence at the April 18, 2019 regular meeting.

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. #19-079: Resolution re: Payment of Bills
- 2. #19-080: Resolution re: Equal Employment Opportunity
- 3. #19-081: Resolution re: Approving professional services contract appointing Phoenix Advisors, LLC to provide financial advisory services

4. #19-082: Resolution re: Awarding a contract to Perna Finnigan, Inc for Watermain Project Phase I

ORDINANCES APPROVED ON FIRST READING:

"ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST, IN THE COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISTION OF VARIOUS EQUIPMENT FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$69,500 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, FULLY FUNDED BY THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND" (#19-05)

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

ORDINANCES NOT ON CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion by: James Davis Seconded by: Patricia Hodges To approve on second reading and open the public hearing of Ordinance #2019-02 entitled: "AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST. IN THE COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF A UTILITY VEHICLE AND RELATED EQUIPMENT AND TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$35,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, FULLY FUNDED BY THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND" Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

Time opened: 7:46 pm

NO PUBLIC COMMENT

Time closed: 7:46 pm

Motion by: Steven Oglesby Seconded by: James Davis To adopt Ordinance #19-02. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

COMMITTEE/COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilwoman Hodges reported the Youth and Recreation Committee met on Tuesday to finalize plans for Lakehurst Day on July 13th adding the cardboard boat race will also be held that day as well as activities, games, and food.

Councilwoman Busch reported the budget is now available to the public for review adding it is on the borough's website and a copy is available at Borough Hall. Mrs. Busch also reported at the next council meeting, May 16th, the budget will be open for public comment and will be adopted.

Council President Oglesby reported the Personnel Committee will have a report during close session.

Councilman Davis reported he met with the borough administrator and public works department head and supervisor to finalize the plans for the first stage of the Veteran's Memorial Walkway adding it will be ready for Memorial Day. Mr. Davis further added on every occasion that there is a gathering at the memorial, names will be added to the walkway.

Mr. Davis also reported he was advised by Public Works Department Head Dave Winton that some of the pear trees have reached their life expectancy adding they will be taken out and replaced with something hardier.

Mayor Robbins asked where the pear trees were located.

Mr. Davis responded on Union avenue and some on Maple Street.

Mayor Robbins responded he will get a contact from the county for Mr. Davis to help with replacing the trees.

Councilman McCarthy reported the Board of Education had a budget adoption meeting on April 30th. Mr. McCarthy also reported the budget was adopted with a total budget of \$9,837,880.00 with a borough tax levy is \$1,304,652.00 adding the difference from last year's budget is an increase of \$1,326,859.00 and an increase of \$34,000 in the borough tax levy.

Mr. McCarthy also reported he has information on the remediation funding from a newspaper article adding the Board of Education had no comment on remediation funding at a prior meeting. Mr. McCarthy reported the article states that the state has agreed to loan the school approximately \$800,000 adding the Board of Education hopes to pay back in ten \$80,000 annual payments. Mr. McCarthy also added these payments are similar to a loan they are completing this year. Mr. McCarthy further added there is no mention if the loan covers the entire remediation cost or the equipment needed to prevent a recurrence in the future.

Mr. McCarthy further reported that there was another article in the newspaper regarding the school playground being locked on weekends due to vandalism and "unfavorable" activities and that it was reported to the school resource officer. Mr. McCarthy stated Police Chief Higgins had no knowledge of these issues prior to the last Board of Education meeting along with no formal complaints.

COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC:

Time opened: 7:52 pm

Jean Roseti, 800 Cedar Street, questioned the ordinance that increases to the budget cap from 2.5% to 3.5%.

Mayor Robbins responded all budget questions will be open for public comments at the next meeting held on May 16, 2019.

Bruce Margenson, 5 Geneva Road, asked with the upcoming Memorial Day Ceremony could something be done with the PA system adding it is hard to hear the presentation.

Mayor Robbins responded the VFW brings their own PA system.

Councilwoman Hodges suggested the borough bring their own system adding it is new and is loud for all to hear.

Mayor Robbins responded he will let the VFW aware our system is available for use at the Memorial Day Ceremony as well as the Veterans Day Ceremony.

Mr. Margenson complimented the borough on the new bench swings at the lake adding if the borough could get swings for the children adding he had asked a few years ago but was told it was an insurance liability.

Mayor Robbins responded he will speak with JIF in regard to the swings.

Time closed: 8:00 pm

16. 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:

CONTRACT NEGOTATIONS PERSONNEL MATTERS

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

This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Motion by: Patricia Hodges Seconded by: Robert McCarthy To approve resolution to go into closed session. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative with exception of Councilman Lowe who excused himself from participating in the closed session meeting.

Time into closed session: 8:07 pm

Time out of closed session: 9:01 pm

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

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by: James DavisSeconded by: Robert McCarthyTo adjourn meeting. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.Time: 9:01 pm

Maryanne Capasso Municipal Clerk