

**BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST
WORK SESSION/REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 15, 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 FIFTEENTH DAY OF AUGUST, 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: ABSENT COUNCILMAN LOWE: PRESENT
COUNCILMAN DAVIS: ABSENT COUNCILMAN McCARTHY: PRESENT
COUNCILWOMAN HODGES: PRESENT COUNCILMAN OGLESBY: PRESENT
MAYOR HARRY ROBBINS: PRESENT

WORK SESSION:

REVIEW OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDA:

Municipal Clerk Capasso reviewed the regular meeting agenda.

Mayor Robbins stated resolution #4, an adjustment to utility account for Block 35; Lot 1, is removed from the consent agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:

Time opened: 7:32 pm

NO PUBLIC COMMENT

Time closed: 7:32 pm

RESOLUTIONS:

1. #19-126: Resolution re: Payment of Bills
2. #19-127: Resolution re: Emergency Appropriation for Community Center Roof Expenditure
3. #19-128: Resolution re: Authorizing Emergency Contract to Whitman Construction
4. REMOVED: Resolution re: Adjustment to Utility Account for Block 35; Lot 1
5. #19-129: Resolution re: Appointing Registrar and Deputy Registrar
6. #19-130: Resolution re: Appointing William Bowers as a Temporary Police Officer
7. #19-131: Resolution re: Professional Services Contract for Engineering Services for Water Allocation Permit Renewal
8. #19-132: Resolution re: Renewal of Joint Insurance Fund membership
9. #19-133: Resolution re: Chapter 159 for Clean Communities Grant

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Request to serve alcoholic beverages at a private event held at the Community Center on August 24, 2019.

Motion by: Steven Oglesby

Seconded by: Gary Lowe

To approve all items on the consent agenda with the exception of resolution number four that was removed. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

MAYOR COMMENTS:

Mayor Robbins stated resolution #4, adjustment to utility account for block 35, Lot 1, was removed from the consent agenda because it is quite an adjustment to the sewer portion of the utility bill. Mayor Robbins added he wants the burden of proof that the leak occurred before the meter and the water did not go down the sanitary pipes. Mayor Robbins further added that this would be the second time an adjustment was given to this account further adding that if he and the council are given proof from a certified plumber then an adjustment will be made.

COMMITTEE/COUNCIL REPORTS:

Council President Oglesby stated Public Safety Committee met with the Police Chief adding the accreditation process is almost complete. Mr. Oglesby further added the police department is schedule for early September for the on-site assessment.

Councilman Lowe stated a concern of the police chief is the new policy of police taking care of the maintenance on the police vehicles. Mr. Lowe added Public Works had a system that worked fine further adding there is no need to change the system.

Mr. Lowe also stated the sidewalks on Pine Street are coming along, the emergency roof repair on the community center has been completed, and Public Works received a new vehicle.

Councilman McCarthy reported Dave Winton, Public Works Director, updated him that the watermain bacterial test came back well adding the home services have begun to be tied in. Mr. McCarthy also reported the Public Works yard improvements are coming along adding as well as the interior of the buildings. Mr. McCarthy further reported the paper shredd is schedule for this Saturday, August 17th at 9:00 am at the Public Works yard.

Mr. McCarthy stated the Board of Education meeting schedule for July 16th was canceled due to a lack of quorum. Mr. McCarthy added the Board of Education had a meeting on July 23rd that he was unable to attend further adding he was able to get information from the agenda. Mr. McCarthy went on to say the one item that caught his attention was the superintendent's submission of an application for the 2019-2020 emergency aid that falls under the 2020 appropriation act. Mr. McCarthy stated the appropriation act is for a multitude of different emergent funding issues, the agenda was not specific which area they would be applying under. Mr. McCarthy also stated he will be attending this coming Tuesday's meeting.

Councilman Lowe asked about the Pre-k grant funding the Board of Education is receiving.

Mr. McCarthy responded the funding can leave as quickly as it was received adding there is no timeline. Mr. McCarthy further added there is new legislation coming down on the portable trailers adding it will not be allowed to house Pre-k and kindergarten students but there is nothing on older students being allowed in the trailers.

Mr. Oglesby reported he had read an article regarding a community garden in Red Bank that was shut down and residents were told not to eat any of the produce due to high lead in the water. Mr. Oglesby asked does the borough test our water.

Mayor Robbins stated the borough has to test for lead and copper in the water supplies that are from the 1970's because prior to 1972, lead and copper comes from the way pipes were solder back then.

COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC:

Time opened: 7:46 pm

NO PUBLIC COMMENT

Time closed: 7:46 pm

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by: Patricia Hodges

Seconded by: Steven Oglesby

To adjourn meeting. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative. Time: 7:46 pm

Maryanne Capasso
Municipal Clerk