

**BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST
WORK SESSION/REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 5, 2019
MINUTES**

MEETING OPENED AT 7:30 PM BY MAYOR HARRY ROBBINS.

ALL STOOD FOR 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 FIFTH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 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: 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.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:

Time opened: 7:33 pm

NO PUBLIC COMMENT

Time closed: 7:33 pm

Council President Oglesby stated he spoke with the Borough's CFO, Bill Antonides, last week who expressed concern about the Borough's Municipal Court adding the Borough took a \$10,000 lost due to the new bail reform. Mr. Oglesby further added Mr. Antonides suggested the Borough research shared services.

Mr. Oglesby reported he attended the Watermain Replacement Project meeting last week adding there is a resolution tonight for a change order to extend a section of the watermain project. Mr. Oglesby further stated the extension is only a fraction of the cost being the contractor is already here adding the extension will complete the entire north quarter of the borough.

Mayor Robbins stated the contractors are replacing the old AC pipes with PVC pipes.

Councilman Lowe asked where the extension is.

Mr. Oglesby responded the extension is on Chestnut Street from Myrtle Street down to the church at the end of Chestnut Street. Mr. Oglesby added this extension was not a part of the original plan and that is why a change order is needed. Mr. Oglesby reported the project is 90% completed.

Mr. Oglesby also reported the borough is applying for loan through the USDA adding the representatives from the USDA attended the Watermain Replacement Project meeting. Mr. Oglesby further added the borough presented their case and USDA assisted with the paperwork.

ADJOURNMENT OF WORK SESSION:

Motion by: Gary Lowe

Seconded by: Patricia Hodges

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by: Steven Oglesby

Seconded by: Gary Lowe

To approve minutes of August 15, 2019 Regular Meeting. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative with the exception of Councilwoman Busch who abstained due to her absence at the August 15, 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. #19-134: Resolution re: Payment of Bills
2. #19-135: Resolution re: Capital Budget Amendment
3. #19-136: Resolution re: Change Order for Watermain Project for Poplar Street, Myrtle Street, and Willow Street Phase I

4. #19-137: Resolution re: Authorizing Cancellation of 2019 Taxes and Issue a Refund to the Homeowners
5. #19-138: Resolution re: Appointing Katie Lange to Provide Temporary Court Administrator Services
6. #19-139: Resolution re: Authorizing Auction of Surplus Items
7. #19-140: Resolution re: Raffle License for St. John's Roman Catholic Church

ORDINANCES APPROVED ON FIRST READING:

“BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE FUNDING OF AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF A PORTION OF THE COMMUNITY CENTER ROOF BY THE BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST, IN THE COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$25,000 FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE THE COST THEREOF”. (#19-07)

RESIGNATIONS:

- 1) Acceptance of resignation of Borough Administrator Stephen F. Childers
- 2) Acceptance of resignation of Full-Time Court Administrator Katie Lange

Motion by: Patricia Hodges

Seconded by: Robin Busch

To approve consent agenda. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

COMMITTEE/COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilwoman Hodges reported the Ordinance Committee reached out to Coded Systems in regard to the codification. Mrs. Hodges also reported Coded Systems stated they will call her or email her back the progress they had made but never did. Mrs. Hodges stated the Ordinance Committee what like to investigate other options.

Mrs. Hodges stated Personnel Committee will discuss personnel matters during closed session.

Councilman Lowe reported that Dave Winton, Public Works Department Head, David Burton, Board of Education, and himself will be meeting with a representative of a company in regard to the dugouts at the Fuccile Sports Complex on Monday, September 9th. Mr. Lowe also reported they will be looking at the fencing around the dugout area and discuss a covering adding they will utilize what is already there and not “reinvent the wheel”.

Mr. Lowe reported he met with the Fire Chief in regard to the ladders that failed inspection. Mr. Lowe also reported apparently someone backed into another truck adding

the ladders were bent along with the latches that hold the ladders adding the incident was not reported. Mr. Lowe further reported he discussed proper proceeding and protocol with the Fire Chief adding the new ladders and latches have been ordered.

Councilman McCarthy reported this month's Board of Education meeting schedule for the 17th has been changed to the 12th at 4:30 pm. Mr. McCarthy also reported at last month's Board of Education meeting the superintendent reported the application filed for the 2019-2020 emergency aid that falls under the 2020 appropriation act is for an emergent basis to help balance the 2018 and the 2019 budget. Mr. McCarthy further reported it is an application for \$800,000 to cover the cost of the remediation. Mr. McCarthy stated he questioned the board and the superintendent about the press release that lead the public and the council to believe that there was some form of money in place for the remediation adding there was no response. Mr. McCarthy also stated in the last 12 months the school lost four tenure teachers along with untenured teachers and support staff. Mr. McCarthy added he asked the board if there was a common denominator as to why further adding he got no response.

Mr. McCarthy reported the food for the students at Lakehurst Elementary School will be coming from Central Regional School adding the Board of Education is longer dealing with Sodexo Food Service through Manchester Schools.

Mr. McCarthy also reported the Board of Education bills totaled \$1,308,866. McCarthy further reported the board members are still voting no on items numbers 5, 6, 9, and 10 adding these items pertain to guaranteeing that these funds are available, and they will not be over expending their account in order to fulfill their monthly bills.

MAYOR COMMENTS:

Mayor Robbins reminded everyone school is back in session and to be cautious on the roads.

COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC:

Time opened: 7:45 pm

NO PUBLIC COMMENT

Time closed: 7:45 pm

CLOSED SESSION:

Resolution to go into closed session read by Municipal Clerk Capasso:

RESOLUTION

