BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST REGULAR MEETING DECEMBER 19, 2019 MINUTES

MEETING OPENED AT 7:30 PM BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT OGLESBY.

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 NINETEENTH DAY OF DECEMBER, 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 McCARTHY: PRESENT COUNCILWOMAN HODGES: PRESENT COUNCILMAN OGLESBY: PRESENT MAYOR HARRY ROBBINS: ABSENT

WORK SESSION:

REVIEW OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDA:

Municipal Clerk Capasso reviewed regular meeting agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:

Time opened: 7:33 pm

NO PUBLIC COMMENTS

Time closed: 7:33 pm

Councilwoman Hodges suggested the closed session minutes be tabled until further review.

Councilwoman Busch stated the poles along the shoreline of Lake Horicon take away the beauty of the lake.

Council President Oglesby responded the poles could have been recommended by the insurance company as added protection. Mr. Oglesby stated a few years back the insurance company recommended there be barriers along the shoreline to prevent the cars from driving off the road adding the borough place benches along the shoreline. Mr. Oglesby further stated the poles could also be for a sand fence adding in the winter the wind blows sand into the road.

Councilman Lowe responded the former administrator asked public works to place poles along the shoreline.

Mrs. Busch stated tonight is "bittersweet" adding this is her last council meeting. Mrs. Busch also stated it has been a wonderful eight years working with the mayor and council members and that she will miss everyone, but she will be enjoying life. Mrs. Busch thanked the mayor and council members adding it is not an easy job and gives her respect to them all.

Councilman Davis reported he and Municipal Clerk Capasso met with representatives of Joint Base in regard to future development. Mr. Davis stated he found it interesting the base is placing solar panels by the front gate. Mr. Davis also stated he mentioned the borough was interested at one time placing solar panels on the former landfill property but reframed due to possible interference with aircrafts flying overhead. Mr. Davis further stated the representatives gave the "green light" for solar panels adding solar panels now have new technology that won't cause interference.

Mr. Lowe responded that there is not enough land for solar panels with the buffer for the wetlands.

ADJOURNMENT OF WORK SESSION:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by: Gary Lowe Seconded by: James Davis To approve minutes of December 5, 2019 Regular Meeting. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

Motion by: James Davis

Seconded by: Patricia Hodges
To table the approval/release of the executive session minutes of December 6, 2018,
January 1, 2019, February 7, 2019, February 21, 2019, March 7, 2019, March 21, 2019,
April 18, 2019, May 2, 2019, May 16, 2019, June 6, 2019, June 20, 2019, September 5,
2019, September 19, 2019, October 3, 2019, October 17, 2019, and November 7, 2019
until further review. 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.

A. RESOLUTIONS:

- 1. #19-178: Resolution re: Payment of Bills
- 2. #19-179: Resolution re: Rescinding Resolution #19-162
- 3. #19-180: Resolution re: Multi-Jurisdictional All Hazard Mitigation Plan for Ocean
 - County
- 4. #19-181: Resolution re: Renewing Ocean County Recycling Center Use and Revenue
 - **Sharing Agreement**
- 5. #19-182: Resolution re: Hiring Kevin Jacobs as a Temporary Police Officer
- 6. #19-183: Resolution re: Raffle Licenses for the Borough of Lakehurst Historical
 - Society
- 7. #19-184: Resolution re: Raffle License for Knights of Columbus Council 12940

Motion by: James Davis Seconded by: Patricia Hodges

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

COMMITTEE/COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilwoman Hodges reported the Tree Lighting Ceremony along with Ornament Decorating was held last Friday adding it was a good turnout despite the weather. Mrs. Hodges thanked Nova Care for all their help and support with the ornament decorating.

Councilwoman Busch reported the Borough made the list of recipients for the 2020 grant from the NJDOT adding this will cover the repaving of Orchard Street.

Councilman McCarthy reported the Board of Education will receive \$651,122 from the Emergency Appropriation Act adding the aid will help offset the remediation cost. Mr. McCarthy also reported the Board of Education stated this should be the last month they report a negative balance and the last month on not being able to vote on all items under finance. Mr. McCarthy further reported he was informed that there is to be some consideration on the tax levy to the town.

Councilman Davis stated there is legislative bill waiting for the governor's signature that allows school boards to exceed the 2% cap without going to the taxpayers.

Council President Oglesby reported he will discuss during executive session the meeting he and the Mayor had with Manchester Court Administrator regarding the Lakehurst

Court and a separate meeting they had with Police Chief Higgins and Police Sergeant Kline.

Borough Attorney Goldman reported the state has enacted the Domestic Violence Policy Act for public employers. Mr. Goldman further reported the law directed the Civil Service Commission to develop a uniform domestic violence policy and requires all public employers to adopt a written policy concerning the reporting and handling of domestic violence. Mr. Goldman stated he is reviewing the policy and will advise the Mayor and council at the next meeting.

MAYOR COMMENTS:

Council President Oglesby stated, on behalf of the Mayor and council, a safe holiday season to everyone.

COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC:

Time opened: 7:51 pm

NO PUBLIC COMMENTS

Time closed: 7:51 pm

CLOSED SESSION:

Municipal Clerk Capasso reads 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

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

This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Motion by: James Davis Seconded by: Gary Lowe To approve resolution to go into closed session. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

Time into closed session: 8:00 pm

Time out of closed session: 8:21 pm

Motion by: Gary Lowe Seconded by: James Davis

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

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by: Robin Busch Seconded by: Patricia Hodges To adjourn meeting. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative. Time: 8:21 pm

Maryanne Capasso, RMC Municipal Clerk