# BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST WORK SESSION/REGULAR MEETING MARCH 5, 2020 MINUTES

MEETING OPENED AT 7:30 P.M. 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 FIFTH DAY OF MARCH, 2020, 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:**

COUNCILMAN DAVIS: PRESENT
COUNCILMAN DIMEO: PRESENT
COUNCILMAN McCARTHY: PRESENT
COUNCILWOMAN HODGES: PRESENT
MAYOR HARRY ROBBINS: PRESENT

#### WORK SESSION:

PROCLAMATION IN RECOGNITION OF JUNIOR GIRL SCOUT TROOP 176 BRONZE AWARD RECIPIENTS

Mayor Robbins presented Bronze Award Recipient Proclamation to the Junior Girl Scouts Troop 176 for making a difference in their community.

REVIEW OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDA:

Municipal Clerk Capasso reviewed the regular meeting agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:

Time opened: 7:37 pm

NO PUBLIC COMMENTS

Time closed: 7:37 pm

#### ADJOURNMENT OF WORK SESSION:

Motion by: Steven Oglesby Seconded by: James Davis

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

# APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by: James Davis Seconded by: Brian DiMeo

To approve minutes of February 20, 2020 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.

#### A. RESOLUTIONS:

1. #20-066: Resolution re: Payment of Bills

2. #20-067: Resolution re: Appointment of William Bowers as Part-time Police Officer

3. #20-068: Resolution re: Approving Conflict of Interest Policy

4. #20-069: Resolution re: Supporting the Siting of the Fourth Army Corps

Headquarters at the Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst

#### CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Request to serve alcohol at a private event scheduled for March 21, 2020 at the Community Center

Motion by: Patricia Hodges Seconded by: Gary Lowe

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

# ORDINANCES NOT ON CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion by: Steven Oglesby

Seconded by: Gary Lowe
To approve on second reading and open the public hearing on Ordinance #2020-01
entitled: "AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST, COUNTY OF
OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE
REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST,
COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY" Roll call vote held. All votes
affirmative.

Time opened: 7:38 pm

#### NO PUBLIC COMMENTS

Time closed: 7:38 pm

Motion by: James Davis Seconded by: Robert McCarthy

To adopt Ordinance #2020-01. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

#### COMMITTEE/COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilwoman Hodges reported the Public Works Committee met with Public Works Department Head, Dave Winton, last night. Mrs. Hodges stated Mr. Winton reported Poplar Street resurfacing will be completed late March. Mrs. Hodges also stated the bid opening for the portable bathrooms will take place on March 12<sup>th</sup> adding once the bathrooms are ordered it will take approximately 12 weeks to be delivered.

Mrs. Hodges reported public works painted the community center and will be removing the judge's bench.

Mrs. Hodges further reported Mr. Winton would like to replace the Pear Trees along Union Avenue especially were electric boxes are located. Mrs. Hodges recommends replacing with a sturdier tree.

Mayor Robbins recommended waiting till after the water main replacement is completed.

Councilman DiMeo reminded everyone there will be a Youth and Recreation Committee meeting on March 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at the Community Center.

Council President Oglesby stated contract negotiations will be discussed during executive session.

Councilman Lowe reported the ball field at Fuccile Park is "shaping up". Mr. Lowe stated bases and mark outs have been ordered and added Manchester Township grated the fields. Mr. Lowe stated the irrigation has been completed at a cost of \$6000 adding the irrigation needed to be done in order to water the fields. Mr. Lowe also stated the dugouts will be delivered on March 20<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Lowe further reported the Fire Department received their 24-foot and 14-foot ladders.

Mr. Lowe stated Police Chief Kline recommended the workout room be placed upstairs instead of the bays adding the bays do not have heat. Mr. Lowe also stated upstairs is "suitable" adding some "cosmetic" work needs to be done along with some permanent files being move to another location.

Mayor Robbins stated the borough received some free workout equipment that can be accessible for all borough employees.

Mr. Lowe recommended the borough reach out to JIF for their recommendations to having a workout room then have the borough attorney write-up a hold harmless agreement for employees that use the workout equipment.

Councilman Davis asked if the borough could put on the website the Community Garden will be starting up soon and a coordinator is needed.

Mr. Davis stated Sean Parker, Treasurer for the Fire Department, is requesting a meeting to discuss the Fire Departments temporary budget and the purchase of radio's that need to be update to county's standards.

Mayor Robbins responded have Mr. Parker reach out to the Public Safety Committee.

Councilman McCarthy stated his report will be discussed during executive session.

#### MAYOR COMMENTS:

Mayor Robbins reported he met with the County Road Department to discuss the repaving of county roads in the borough. Mayor Robbins stated the county will be repaving circle to circle adding while the county "holds off" repaving Union Avenue, Center Street, and Pine Street due to the water main replacement project, they will be repaving Myrtle Street and Chestnut Street.

#### COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC:

Time opened: 7:48 pm

Bruce Margenson, 5 Geneva Road, stated a concern regarding the loss of two businesses along Union Avenue. Mr. Margenson stated there a few cars along Union Avenue that are parked longer than the two-hour allotment suggesting the borough put in parking meters.

Mayor Robbins stated the borough did look into putting parking meters in many years ago and added he will address the parking issue with the police chief.

Mr. Margenson stated another concern regarding rent control for senior citizens at Barker's Village.

Municipal Clerk Capasso asked if all residents in Barker's Village rent adding the owner of the Barker's Village had stated to her that there are no renters at the trailer park

Mr. Margenson responded all the new trailers are rented.

Council President Oglesby suggested the Code Enforcement Officer go door-to-door to get the number of rentals in the trailer park.

Mayor Robbins responded the borough will look into the matter regarding rent control and added he will have the Code Enforcement Office get a number of rentals.

Time closed: 7:58

#### 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: James Davis Seconded by: Brian DiMeo 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: 8:48 pm

Motion by: Steven Oglesby Seconded by: Patricia Hodges

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

# ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by: Steven Oglesby Seconded by: Brian DiMeo To adjourn meeting. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative. Time: 8:48 pm

Maryanne Capasso, RMC Municipal Clerk