

**BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST
WORK SESSION/REGULAR MEETING
MAY 21, 2020
MINUTES**

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

MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR THOSE LIVES AFFECTED BY THE CORONAVIRUS.

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 PUBLISHED IN THE ASBURY PARK PRESS AND POSTED ON THE BOROUGH WEBSITE, THAT A WORK SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL IS SCHEDULED FOR THE TWENTY-FIRST DAY OF MAY, 2020, WITH THE WORK SESSION TO BEGIN AT THE HOUR OF 7:30 P.M. AND THE REGULAR MEETING TO BEGIN IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS MEETING AT WHICH TIME, THE BUSINESS OF THE BOROUGH WILL BE CONDUCTED.”

ROLL CALL:

COUNCILMAN DAVIS: PRESENT	COUNCILMAN LOWE: PRESENT
COUNCILMAN DiMEO: PRESENT	COUNCILMAN McCARTHY: PRESENT
COUNCILWOMAN HODGES: ABSENT	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: 7:32 pm

NO PUBLIC COMMENTS

Time closed: 7:32 pm

Councilman DiMeo stated the Youth and Recreation Committee will be hosting a “Chalk-it Up” contest from May 22nd through May 27th adding the theme is our appreciation for our frontline workers. Mr. DiMeo also stated participants can send a picture of their artwork to the Youth and Recreation Facebook page.

Councilman Davis reported due to COVID-19 the Memorial Day Ceremony is cancelled and added the 100 names that were going to be added that day were given to Mr. Winton to be placed at the memorial walk.

Councilman McCarthy reported the Board of Education meeting scheduled for May 19th was cancelled. Mr. McCarthy stated the school website mentions virtual learning continues as well as distribution of school meals adding there is no mention of 8th grade graduation or summer learning.

Mrs. Capasso stated she had spoken to the school secretary in regard to the recipient of the Mayor's Award for Academic Excellence adding the secretary stated the school will be holding a "drive-in" graduation at St. John's Church on June 15th.

Mr. McCarthy reported the Public Safety Committee met with Police Chief Kline adding Chief Kline reported the E-Ticket program is complete and is now live. Mr. McCarthy also stated Chief Kline stated the police department is down two police officers.

Mayor Robbins suggested for Mrs. Capasso to contact Civil Service and request a certified list and added let Chief Kline hire from the list.

COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC:

Time opened: 7:50 pm

Bruce Margenson, 5 Geneva Road, thanked everyone for their services.

Dona Sinton, 501 Rose Street, stated she was happy to see chicken ordinance on the borough website and added she hopes to see more in the future.

Tara Oliver, 317 Church Street, asked about the sidewalk chalk contest.

Councilman DiMeo responded the information is on the Youth and Recreation Facebook page.

Mrs. Oliver questioned the trees that were cut down by Lake Horicon.

Mayor Robbins responded the trees were cut down to make room for the portable bathrooms.

Mrs. Oliver asked if the borough will have a firework display this 4th of July.

Mayor Robbins responded he and the governing body will vote tonight if there will be there will be firework display adding the firework vendor needs to know by tomorrow so he can make arrangements with the U-Haul company who will be transporting the fireworks.

Councilman Davis asked if the borough has a good “rapport” with the vendor is it possible to for the deposit be refunded if the borough decides not to have the display.

Municipal Clerk Capasso responded the borough will lose portion of the deposit since the vendor will lose his deposit with U-Haul.

Councilman Lowe stated the borough would be taking a risk having a large gathering adding he thinks it’s in the best interest of the borough to have a “bigger” display next year.

Mr. Davis added the Car Show is planned for next year as well and added it will be the borough’s 100th anniversary.

Council President Oglesby stated having a crowd of 3,000 people is not a good idea and added if the vendor is willing to wait till next year then let’s wait.

Consensus reached for no firework display for the year 2020.

Ron Crocker, representative from JCP&L, was present to let the residents of the borough know that JCP&L will not disconnect power during coronavirus pandemic. Mr. Crocker stated in the next week or two JCP&L will be trimming trees to protect everyone from future storms.

Mayor Robbins asked status of LED streetlights.

Mr. Crocker responded he will look into it and report back.

Councilman McCarthy asked what the deciding factor of when the grace period will end.

Mr. Crocker responded JCP&L will continue to address the no grace period. Mr. Crocker stated residents can call 1-800-662-3115 if they are having a problem making payments, JCP&L can make arrangements and get them outside resources as well.

Mr. Oglesby asked Municipal Clerk Capasso to post a link to JCP&L and the Lakehurst Youth and Recreation Facebook page for residents to access.

Mrs. Capasso responded she will have on there first thing in the morning.

Time closed: 8:04 pm

CLOSED SESSION:

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

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 NEGOTIATION

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

This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Motion by: Brian DiMeo
To approve resolution to go into closed session. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

Seconded by: Steven Oglesby

Time into closed session: 8:04 pm

Time out of closed session: 8:12 pm

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

Seconded by: Robert McCarthy

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by: Brian DiMeo
To adjourn meeting. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative. Time: 8:12 pm

Seconded by: Steven Oglesby

Maryanne Capasso, RMC
Municipal Clerk