

**BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST
WORK SESSION/REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 4, 2020
MINUTES**

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

MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR THOSE LIVES AFFECTED BY COVID-19.

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 FOURTH DAY OF JUNE, 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: 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: 7:32 pm

NO PUBLIC COMMENTS

Time closed: 7:32 pm

Council President Oglesby suggested the council meetings return to the Community Center now that the governor allows gathering of up to 25 people.

A. RESOLUTIONS:

1. #20-086: Resolution re: Payment of Bills
2. #20-087: Resolution re: Approving Police Chief Contract
3. #20-088: Resolution re: Appointing Chelsea Higgins as lifeguard
4. #20-089: Resolution re: Adopt Temporary Policy Governing Outdoor Dining During COVID-19 Health Emergency
5. #20-090: Resolution re: Appointing Michele DiMeo and Debbie Pease as Recreation Leaders

RESIGNATIONS:

1. To accept resignation from Eileen Robbins as Recreation Leader.
2. To accept resignation from Maryanne Capasso as Recreation Leader

Motion by: James Davis

Seconded by: Steven Oglesby

To approve consent agenda. Roll call vote held. Councilwoman Hodges affirmative, Councilman DiMeo abstained to resolution #20-090 and affirmative on all other items, Council President Oglesby affirmative and commended the former recreation leaders for an excellent job and their hard work over the years, Councilman Lowe affirmative, Councilman Davis affirmative and also commended the recreation leaders for a job well done over the years past and wished good luck to the new recreation leaders, and Councilman McCarthy affirmative.

COMMITTEE/COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilwoman Hodges commended both Eileen Robbins and Maryanne Capasso for their fine work as recreation leaders. Mrs. Hodges stated she worked alongside both for two years and added they were efficient and enthusiastic in all that they did. Mrs. Hodges also stated she appreciated all their hard work.

Councilman DiMeo reported the Youth and Recreation committee held their Chalk-it Up contest and added a few children did participate. Mr. DiMeo stated the committee gave each participant a \$5 gift card to Mrs. Walker's. Mr. DiMeo also stated the pictures of the artwork are on the Youth and Recreation Facebook page.

Mayor Robbins stated any pictures taken at the Youth and Recreation events can be displayed at Borough Hall.

Council President Oglesby commended Police Chief Kline for a "smooth and easy" contract negotiation. Mr. Oglesby stated both sides worked well together and added it was approved tonight. Mr. Oglesby also commended both the public works department

and the fire department for job well done with the clean up after the storm that came through yesterday. Mr. Oglesby went on to commend the residents of Lakehurst for coming out and helping their neighbors clean all the debris left behind.

Councilman Lowe reported the grass at the soccer and baseball fields is coming up nicely. Mr. Lowe also reported the footings for the dugouts will be put in next week and the dirt for the infield has been ordered.

Councilman Davis reported he hopes to report on the budget in the next couple of meetings now that Trenton is beginning to open.

Councilman McCarthy reported the Board of Education had a meeting this past Tuesday night adding the superintendent reported the summer programs will be limited this year adding they will be virtual. Mr. McCarthy stated any unused Title I funding that is reserved for summer programs will be used for “catch up” when students return to school in September. Mr. McCarthy also stated June 15th is the last day of school and added the graduation will be done in a “drive-in movie” format.

Mr. McCarthy reported public safety has been quiet up till yesterday adding they were quite busy and did an excellent job.

Mr. Davis asked if the Board of Education is better prepared then years past in regard to managing the building during the summer months.

Mr. McCarthy responded that the school is Building Automated Control meaning the school can be remotely controlled from any computer and added as long as the person operating the controls is sufficiently trained, the school will be good this summer.

MAYOR COMMENTS:

Mayor Robbins reported he received a letter from business owner Mr. Thomas requesting the borough to waive his second quarter taxes and to reconsider his water/sewer bill that is due. Mayor Robbins stated the borough will not be forgiving the tax bill and added Mr. Thomas can make payment arrangements in regard to his water/sewer bill. Mayor Robbins stated he will reach out to Mr. Thomas to inform him of the decision.

Councilman McCarthy asked if Mr. Thomas is making this request due to delinquent payments from his tenants or is he just simply asking his taxes and water/sewer be “forgiven” this quarter.

Mayor Robbins responded his tenants’ businesses are closed due to COVID-19 and added Mr. Thomas stated the state said it is up to the municipalities whether they want to waive tax payments.

Mr. McCarthy responded Mr. Thomas can apply for a BPP Loan, Business Personal Property Loan.

Mayor Robbins stated he wanted to share the information with the governing body and added he will forward Mr. Thomas's email to them.

COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC:

Time opened: 7:55 pm

Bruce Margenson, 5 Geneva Road, asked if the VFW will be allowed to have the club picnics.

Mayor Robbins responded the VFW can have their club picnics as long as they are abiding to the governor's executive orders.

Mr. Margenson asked if there are additional fees for outdoor dining.

Mayor Robbins stated the \$25 fee will be waived.

Mr. Margenson questioned the waived fee.

Mayor Robbins responded the businesses have lost enough during this pandemic.

Time closed: 7:55 pm

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by: James Davis

Seconded by: Brian DiMeo

To adjourn meeting. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative. Time: 7:55 pm

Maryanne Capasso, RMC
Municipal Clerk