

**BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST
WORK SESSION/REGULAR MEETING
MAY 6, 2021
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 SIXTH DAY OF MAY, 2021, 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 LOWE: ABSENT
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: 7:34 p.m.

NO PUBLIC COMMENTS

Time closed: 7:34 p.m.

Councilman DiMeo reported a contract for Information Technology (IT) services with Coastal Solutions has been signed adding they have started to move forward with the process of investigating the hardware and updating. Mr. DiMeo stated he will have a follow-up meeting with Coastal Solutions as well as the department heads.

Council President Oglesby gave kudos to Councilman DiMeo for the work he had done regarding the IT services. Mr. Oglesby stated the borough will benefit financially and is a reassurance of security.

ADJOURNMENT OF WORK SESSION:

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

Seconded by: Brian DiMeo

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by: Robert McCarthy
To approve minutes of April 15, 2021 Regular Meeting. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative with the exception of Councilman Davis who abstained due to his absence at the meeting of April 15th.

Seconded by: Brian DiMeo

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. Resolution #21-070 re: Payment of Bills
2. Resolution #21-071 re: Authorizing the Execution of an Extension with the County of Ocean for the OCCARES Grant Program
3. Resolution #21-072 re: Execute a Contract Under New Jersey Contract #032119-CAT For Repairs to the Backhoe
4. Resolution #21-073 re: Municipal Service Fee for Mobile Home Parks
5. Resolution #21-074 re: Approving Separation Agreement for Alfred Sloan Jr
6. Resolution #21-075 re: Lifeguard Salary

Motion by: Brian DiMeo
To approve consent agenda. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

Seconded by: Steven Oglesby

ORDINANCES NOT ON CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion by: James Davis
To approve on second reading and open the public hearing of Ordinance #2021-05 entitled: "AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK." Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

Seconded by: Steven Oglesby

respond to a need for help with an officer adding she is still an officer while functioning as a detective.

Mayor Robbins questioned the vehicle retrofit.

Mr. McCarthy answered it would consist of removing the existing decals.

Council President Oglesby stated the Employee Policy and Procedure Handbook will need to be updated adding the handbook is specific to what vehicles can be taken home.

Mayor Robbins asked if any councilmember had any questions regarding the detective position as well as the police vehicle for the detective. Mayor Robbins stated the detective position has been discussed at prior meetings and added there is no increase in pay, the only “perk” for the position would be any overtime.

Councilman Davis questioned the removal of the existing decals adding it is a “ghost” vehicle.

Mayor Robbins responded the decals are still visible.

Councilman DiMeo questioned a police officer being in an unmarked vehicle.

Discussion continued regarding decals on the police vehicle.

Mayor Robbins asked for a vote for detective position.

All votes affirmative for detective position

Mayor Robbins asked for a vote for police vehicle to go home with the detective.

All votes affirmative for police vehicle to go home with the detective.

Mayor Robbins asked for a vote for the removal of existing decals from the detective vehicle.

Vote tabled.

Mr. McCarthy reported the Lakehurst First Aid now has mutual aid with Manchester First Aid adding they will be first point of contact.

Mr. McCarthy also reported the On-Point Program is working very well adding there have been 14 referrals and went on to say the referrals have been in the capacity of one overdose and help with rehab, resources for homelessness, resources for domestic violence, and mental health treatments. Mr. McCarthy stated Chief Kline believes is has been highly effective.

Mr. DiMeo commented the positive effect of the program for the borough adding it has only been in place for four months.

Mr. McCarthy stated he was unable to attend the April 28th Board of Education meeting adding the information he is reporting is from the meeting agenda and has verified the information. Mr. McCarthy reported the school budget was adopted and added the operation budget was adopted at \$9,836,527, the town tax levy is \$1,246,203 with an additional debt services of \$105,040 totaling \$1,351,243. Mr. McCarthy also reported the 8th grade graduation was approved for June 22nd adding details need to be worked out on how it will proceed. Mr. McCarthy went on to say a 4-day work week was approved for the staff during June 25th through August 22nd. Mr. McCarthy reported the superintendent received a third merit-based bonus this school year in the amount of \$3,693.00 adding the details for the merit-based incentive was not disclosed. Mr. McCarthy stated the bills list was \$336,641.14, a cash balance of \$1,378,981.87 and added all staff was approved for next school year. Mr. McCarthy also stated the extended school year will be June 28th through June 30th and 16 days in July. Mr. McCarthy went on to say Lakehurst Elementary School is collaborating with Fulfill, a Monmouth and Ocean County Food Bank, to provide food to families that are having financial difficulties adding more information is available on the school's website.

COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC:

Time opened: 7:57 p.m.

Jerry Nieuwenhuizen, 601 Poplar Street, asked if Lakehurst Elementary School has a principal and a supervisor.

Councilman McCarthy responded the school has a superintendent, a vice-principal, a business administrator, and a school psychologist.

Mr. Nieuwenhuizen stated the school is "top heavy" adding a one school district does not need a superintendent.

Mayor Robbins stated that is a question for the Board of Education.

Mr. Nieuwenhuizen suggested the borough hold a craft fair adding he attend one in Ocean Grove that drew in a huge crowd.

Council President Oglesby responded the Lakehurst Historical Society has a craft fair at the Chili Cook-Off and a gift auction at the July 4th Car Show but unfortunately, due to COVID-19, both events have been canceled.

Mr. Nieuwenhuizen asked who is responsible for the trees that are lifting the sidewalks.

Mayor Robbins responded the public works department has a list of trees that do need to come down and will be grinding down the lifted sidewalks.

Time closed: 8:08 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION:

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:

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

Time into closed session: 8:09 p.m.

Time out of closed session: 8:49 p.m.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by: Brian DiMeo

Seconded by: James Davis

To adjourn meeting. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative. Time: 8:49 p.m.

Maryanne Capasso, RMC
Municipal Clerk