# BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST WORK SESSION/REGULAR MEETING JULY 15, 2021 MINUTES

MEETING OPENED AT 7:30 PM. 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 FIFTEENTH DAY OF JULY, 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 DIMEO: ABSENT
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: 7:33 p.m.

## NO PUBLIC COMMENTS

Time closed: 7:33 p.m.

Councilwoman Hodges gave Kudos to Councilman DiMeo for his consistent voice regarding the removal of the 6 Union Avenue building adding it has finally been removed. Mrs. Hodges also congratulated Council President Oglesby for completing the Certified Public Manager course and receiving his certificate.

Council President Oglesby also commented on the removal of the building at 6 Union Avenue adding it is great to see it gone.

Mr. Oglesby reported there is some erosion along the back of Lake Horicon where there are the blueberry bushes asking if the next Community Development Block Grant could fund bulkheading in that section of the lake.

Councilman Lowe questioned the replacement trees along Union Avenue.

Mr. Oglesby responded the replacement project got stalled adding he will investigate.

## ADJOURNMENT OF WORK SESSION:

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

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by: Steven Oglesby Seconded by: Patricia Hodges To approve minutes of June 17, 2021 Regular Meeting. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative with the exception of Councilman Lowe who abstained due to his absence at the June 17<sup>th</sup> meeting.

## **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 #21-097 re: Payment of Bills
- 2. Resolution #21-098 re: Award of Contract for 2021 NJDOT Lake Street

Reconstruction Project

- 3. Resolution #21-099 re: Professional Services Contract with Remington & Vernick Engineers for Additional Services
- 4. Resolution #21-100 re: Authorizing Extension of Grace Period for Third Quarter 2021 Property Taxes
- 5. Resolution #21-101 re: Change Fund Establish for the Police Department
- 6. Resolution #21-102 re: Authorizing the Acceptance of State Funds and the

Borough's Participation in the State Body-Worn Camera

**Grant Program** 

- 7. Resolution #21-103 re: Authorizing Cancellation of 2021 Taxes and Issue a Refund
- 8. Resolution #21-104 re: Appointing Elizabeth A. Vega as lifeguard

## CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Request to serve alcoholic beverages at a private event at the Community Center on July 25, 2021

## ORDINANCES APPROVED ON FIRST READING:

"AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH, CHAPTER XXV ENTITLED "LAND DEVELOPMENT", SECTION 25-32 RESERVED; AND CHAPTER IV ENTITLED "GENERAL LICENSING", SECTION 4-5 RESERVED" (#2021-06)

"AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST, IN THE COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS AND TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$88,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, FULLY FUNDED BY THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND" (#2021-07)

"AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY READOPTING AND AMENDING SECTION 25-27.48 TITLED "WATER QUALITY" CONTAINED WITHIN CHAPTER XXV ENTITLED LAND DEVELOPMENT" (#2021-08)

Motion by: James Davis Seconded by: Steven Oglesby To approve consent agenda with Ordinance #2021-07 to be carried over to the August 19<sup>th</sup> regular meeting. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

### COMMITTEE/COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilman Lowe reported the firetrucks have been inspected adding the results of the testing of the pumps have not come back and two sections of the hose have failed for dates.

Mr. Lowe asked about the progress of the ordinance codification.

Councilwoman Hodges responded will follow up and have a report for the next council meeting.

Councilman Davis reported the Youth and Recreation Committee will be having a Nerf War tomorrow night at Fuccile Park at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Davis also reported at the Public Works Committee meeting Dave Winton, Public Works Department Head, reported his department has a number of projects going on such as the signage and surveillance cameras for the restrooms at Lake Horicon. Mr. Davis

further reported Public Works is in the process of getting estimates for both surveillance cameras and a new roof at Borough Hall.

Mayor Robbins reported he attended the Public Works Committee meeting along with Mr. Davis and Mr. Lowe. Mayor Robbins stated Mr. Winton reported he will be replacing the climbing wall on the playground equipment with a latter adding the latter will last much longer. Mayor Robbins also stated Mr. Winton is concerned with the electrical outlets along Union Avenue where there where trees adding Mr. Winton will be reaching out to a tree service company to find the best option on how to remove the electrical wiring from the stumps and roots. Mayor Robbins further reported if the electrical wiring cannot be removed then Mr. Winton will concrete the area and if the borough should add more trees, then Mr. Winton will move to the next section of sidewalk.

Council President Oglesby suggested building planter boxes over the electrical outlets if the removal of the stump is too expensive.

Councilman McCarthy reported there is no Board of Education business to report, the next meeting is July 28<sup>th</sup> and added the next OEM meeting is July 21<sup>st</sup>.

Mr. McCarthy also reported the Police Department's On-Point Program had eight referrals for the month of June giving a total of 30 adding the program has been highly effective. Mr. McCarthy asked the governing body to keep the program in mind for the renewal will be approaching soon. Mr. McCarthy further reported the body camera grant has been received and Police Chief Kline is in the process of getting quotes. Mr. McCarthy went on to report the detective position is working well adding Detective Waltz has conducted multiple investigations in the past month and is in training with Manchester Township for narcotics. Mr. McCarthy stated National Night Out will be held on August 3<sup>rd</sup> at Lake Horicon.

Mr. McCarthy reported multiple parking summons at Lake Horicon have been issued adding there has been a lot of out-of-town traffic.

Mr. McCarthy also report the Lakehurst Fire Company is currently working on a mutual aid agreement with the new Manchester Station 76, that is Manchester's paid station for daytime. Mr. McCarthy further reported Fire Chief Dries is gathering information in regard to LOSAP, Length of Service Award Program, to bring in new members and to keep existing members adding he will have a report for the next council meeting.

#### **COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC:**

Time opened: 7:45 p.m.

Bruce Margenson, 5 Geneva Road, remarked on how there are no signs at the restrooms at Lake Horicon adding the restrooms have been open for months and still no signs.

Mr. Margenson questioned the Cannabis Ordinance.

Mayor Robbins responded tonight was the first reading of the Cannabis Ordinance, it will then go to the Land Use Board for review and then will be open to the public for comment and voted on at the August 19<sup>th</sup> council meeting.

Joel Merkin, Lake Shore Drive, asked about Marijuana dispensaries in the borough.

Mayor Robbins stated public comment on the Cannabis Ordinance can be made at the August 19<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Time closed: 7:49 p.m.

Councilman Lowe reported he received an email from a resident on Union Avenue who is interested in subdividing their parcel of land and selling the parcel besides Lake Horicon to the borough.

Mayor Robbins responded he had left message and has not heard back.

#### ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by: Patricia Hodges Seconded by: James Davis To adjourn meeting. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative. Time: 7:51 p.m.

Maryanne Capasso, RMC Municipal Clerk