

**BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 16, 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 SIXTEENTH DAY OF DECEMBER, 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: 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.

PRESENTATION BY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE AMERICAN RED CROSS

Allen Smith, Chairman for the Board of Directors in Central New Jersey, presented a Certificate of Appreciation to the Mayor and Council for their blood donor sponsorship programs.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:

Time opened: 7:35 p.m.

NO PUBLIC COMMENTS

Time closed: 7:35 p.m.

Motion by: Patricia Hodges

Seconded by: James Davis

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

COMMITTEE/COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilwoman Hodges reported the Finance Committee had met this past Monday adding they reviewed the department heads 2022 budgets. Mrs. Hodges stated it will be difficult this year but will manage and added the hopes is to look further “down the road” to get back on track.

Mrs. Hodges also reported the Ordinance Committee took a break these past few weeks and will continue the work after the new year.

Mayor Robbins responded the Ordinance Committee will begin work on the Land Use Ordinance.

Mrs. Hodges stated the Ordinance Committee has completed reviewing the General Ordinance and will present it to General Code, the company that will codify the ordinances.

Mayor Robbins thanked Mrs. Hodges, Council President Oglesby, Municipal Clerk Capasso, and Borough Attorney Ian Goldman for meeting every Wednesday night working on said ordinances for many hours.

Mrs. Hodges responded we have a hard-working team.

Councilman DiMeo reported the next Youth and Recreation meeting will be held on January 10th at 7:00 p.m.

Councilman Lowe reported the materials to repair the bathroom have finally arrived and will be repair with the next few weeks. Mr. Lowe also reported the “saga” of the backhoe continues adding parts are on backorder. Mr. Lowe further reported Dave Winton, Public Works Department Head, is waiting on quotes for the repairs to the pavilion at Lake Horicon.

Councilman McCarthy reported there was a Board of Education meeting today at 4:00 p.m. adding he was unable to attend but looking at the agenda, it looks like it was for Personnel Matters. Mr. McCarthy also reported the grant received from the county for police radios have been ordered. Mr. McCarthy further reported the 12-hour shifts have begun with the police department. Mr. McCarthy went on to report the electronic speed limit police sign has been replaced, it was struck by a vehicle, adding it was covered by the borough insurance and our insurance company is pursuing the repayment of the copay. Mr. McCarthy stated the Toys-4-Tots is going well and added there is still time to participate for the December 21st delivery date.

Mr. McCarthy reported the Fire Department held Pizza with Santa adding it was well attended. Mr. McCarthy stated there is still time to contact the Fire Department for Santa delivery on December 19th.

Mr. McCarthy thanked the Finance Committee for accepting the On-Point Program for the year 2022.

COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC:

Time opened: 7:44 p.m.

Bruce Margenson, 5 Geneva Road, stated for a little town, Borough of Lakehurst does a lot for the residents of the borough, from Pizza with Santa to the Car Show. Mr. Margenson also stated it is wonderful to see how the Mayor and Council make this town a town adding he appreciates the hard work they do.

Mayor Robbins stated he appreciates residents like Mr. Margenson.

Joel Merkin, 17 Lake Shore Drive, questioned the status of the Wawa.

Mayor Robbins responded Wawa is waiting for the Department of Transportation to turn Lilac Street into a two-way street. Mayor Robbins explained that many years ago the Borough applied to DOT to make Lilac Street a one-way street due to many fatalities from accidents at Lilac Street and Route 70. Mayor Robbins further explained now with Wawa looking to located on Lilac Street, the Borough reapplied to the DOT to turn Lilac Street back to a two-way street. Mayor Robbins stated there will be a jersey barrier on Route 70 to prevent people from making a left from Route 70 onto Lilac Street and people on Lilac Street making a left onto Route 70.

Time closed: 7:49 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by: Patricia Hodges
To adjourn meeting. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative. Time: 7:49 p.m.

Maryanne Capasso, RMC
Municipal Clerk