BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST REGULAR MEETING, JUNE 2, 2022 MINUTES

MEETING OPENED AT 7:30 P.M. BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT STEVEN OGLESBY.

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 SECOND DAY OF JUNE, 2022, 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: ABSENT
COUNCILMAN DIMEO: PRESENT
COUNCILWOMAN DUGAN: PRESENT
COUNCILMAN McCARTHY: ABSENT
COUNCILMAN OGLESBY: PRESENT
MAYOR HARRY ROBBINS: ABSENT

WORK SESSION:

PRESENTATION BY GIRL SCOUT ISABEL DIMEO REGARDING SILVER AWARD PROJECT:

Isabel DiMeo presented a proposal to build a pantry box to earn her Girl Scouts Silver Award. Ms. DiMeo stated people cannot always get the items they need due to not having enough time to go to the store, not enough money to buy items, or a vehicle to get to the store. Ms. DiMeo also stated that she is working with different volunteer organizations to help stock the pantry and added she will also work with area stores and agencies that help people in need. Ms. DiMeo further stated she welcomes community members, fellow girl scouts, and boy scout troops to help keep the pantry stocked. Ms. DiMeo went on to say the pantry box will be made of a mixture of wood and composite material, the roof out of asphalt shingles, and the interior will have shelving made of plywood. Ms. DiMeo passed out a schematic of the pantry.

Councilwoman Dugan stated the pantry box is similar to a lending library box.

Ms. DiMeo responded yes and added that the pantry box will have shelves inside to store a variety of items.

Ms. Dugan commended Ms. DiMeo for putting a lot of thought into her community regarding the pantry box.

Councilwoman Hodges asked if the pantry box will be always accessible.

Ms. DiMeo responded yes.

Mrs. Hodges also asked if someone can also leave items for those in need.

Ms. DiMeo responded yes.

Mrs. Hodges questioned the location of the pantry box.

Council President Oglesby suggested either in front of Borough Hall or in the parking lot where it is will lit and security cameras are available.

Mrs. Hodges questioned the time frame in regard to when the box needed to be completed.

Ms. DiMeo responded that it needs to be completed by September.

Mr. Oglesby asked if there are any objections to the pantry box being built in front of Borough Hall.

All in agreement.

REVIEW OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDA:

Municipal Clerk Capasso reviewed the regular meeting agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:

Time opened: 7:42 p.m.

NO PUBLIC COMMENT

Time closed: 7:42 p.m.

Councilwoman Hodges stated she is happy to report the ordinances are finally codified and thanked Municipal Clerk Capasso for all her hard work.

Council President Oglesby reported on Memorial Day there was some confusion in regard to bathrooms not being opened adding the police department does have a key to lock the bathrooms every evening.

Mr. Oglesby also reported Union Avenue will not be repaved till after July 4th and added it is beyond the borough's control unfortunately.

Mr. Oglesby further reported that the Mayor and himself met with officials of Manchester Township in regard to the water main connection adding he will have his full report during executive session. Mr. Oglesby stated the Mayor and himself are meeting with the Chief Financial Officer Wayne Sibilia to discuss the financing of the water main and invited a representative from the Finance Committee to the meeting as well.

ADJOURNMENT OF WORK SESSION:

Motion by: Bernadette Dugan Seconded by: Patricia Hodges To adjourn work session. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by: Brian DiMeo Seconded by: Patricia Hodges To approve minutes of May 19, 2022 Regular Meeting. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

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.

RESOLUTIONS:

- 1. Resolution #22-101 re: Payment of Bills
- 2. Resolution #22-102 re: Appointment of Anthony F. Florio as Police Officer
- 3. Resolution #22-103 re: Appointment of Michael Sullivan as Part-time Police Officer
- 4. Resolution re: Addendum to the Revised 2021 Personnel Policies & Procedure

 Manual and Employee Handbook Pulled from the agenda
- 5. Resolution #22-104 re: Adjust to utility account #460-0, Block 44, Lot 1
- 6. Resolution #22-105 re: Raffle Licenses for Lakehurst Volunteer Fire Department
- 7. Resolution #22-106 re: Raffle Licenses for Just Believe
- 8. Resolution #22-107 re: Renewal of liquor license for Lakehurst VFW Post

ORDINANCES APPROVED ON FIRST READING:

"AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY ADOPTING A CODE CONTAINING THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST" (#2022-09)

RESIGNATIONS:

- 1) Acceptance of letter of resignation from Police Officer Harold Hester
- 2) Acceptance of letter of resignation from Police Officer Tyler J. Sypniewski

Motion by: Patricia Hodges Seconded by: Bernadette Dugan To approve consent agenda with Resolution #4 pulled. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

ORDINANCES NOT ON CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion by: Bernadette Dugan Seconded by: Brian DiMeo To approve on second reading and open the public hearing on Ordinance #2022-06 entitled: "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 \$38,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, FULLY FUNDED BY THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND" (#2022-06) Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

Time opened: 7:47 p.m.

NO PUBLIC COMMENT

Time closed: 7:47 p.m.

Motion by: Bernadette Dugan Seconded by: Patricia Hodges To adopt Ordinance #2022-06. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

Motion by: Bernadette Dugan Seconded by: Brian DiMeo To approve on second reading and open the public hearing on Ordinance #2022-07 entitled: "AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST, IN THE COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING REPAIRS TO A UTILITY VEHICLE AND RELATED EQUIPMENT TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$20,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, FULLY FUNDED BY THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND" (#2022-7) Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

Time opened: 7:48 p.m.

NO PUBLIC COMMENT

Time closed: 7:48 p.m.

Motion by: Bernadette Dugan Seconded by: Brian DiMeo

To adopt Ordinance #2022-07. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

Motion by: Bernadette Dugan Seconded by: Patricia Hodges To approve on second reading and open the public hearing on Ordinance #2022-08 entitled: "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 IV ENTITLED "GENERAL LICENSING", SECTION 4-5 LICENSED MARIJUANA OPERATIONS" (#2022-08) Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

Time opened: 7: 48 p.m.

NO PUBLIC COMMENT

Time closed: 7:48 p.m.

Motion by: Brian DiMeo Seconded by: Bernadette Dugan

To adopt Ordinance #2022-08. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

COMMITTEE/COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilman DiMeo questioned the hours of the restroom. Mr. DiMeo stated his understanding was that the restrooms were to be opened from Memorial Day through Labor Day.

Council President Oglesby answered the understanding was since Lake Horicon is "technically' closed and that the restrooms were closed as soon as the Memorial Day ceremony was over.

Mr. DiMeo responded the park is still open.

Mr. Oglesby stated that is why he had Public Works reopen the bathrooms after the Memorial Day Ceremony and added Police Chief Kline and Public Works Department Head Dave Winton are working on the logistics of the opening and closing of the restrooms.

Councilwoman Dugan commended Public Works for preparing the Memorial at Lake Horicon for the ceremony and added the ceremony was well attended. Ms. Dugan reported the ADA ramps are being installed along Union Avenue and Brown Avenue by the county. Ms. Dugan further reported that Mr. Winton met with the Borough Engineer in regard to the 2023 NJDOT grant adding they are looking at Pine Street, Union Avenue and Division Street in the Westlake section of Lakehurst.

Municipal Clerk Capasso reported that she received a few complaints from residents in regard to the ADA ramps that were replaced last year through a NJDOT grant are now being replaced again adding the residents felt it was a "waste of taxpayers' money".

Ms. Dugan stated unfortunately it is the county that is replacing ramps and the borough does not have a say on county roads.

MAYOR COMMENTS:

Council President Oglesby spoke on behalf of Mayor Robbins reminding everyone to get out and vote on Primary Election Day, June 7th adding this is the time to express your opinion.

COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC:

Time opened: 7:52 p.m.

Bruce Margenson, 5 Geneva Road, stated his concerns of out-of-towners coming to Lake Horicon in large numbers.

Council President Oglesby stated that the borough cannot legally prevent out-of-towners coming to the lake adding it is a public access area. Mr. Oglesby also stated the borough does have an ordinance that prohibits portable tents and designates parking in certain areas. Mr. Oglesby further stated he will reach out to Police Chief Kline to ensure the police are enforcing the regulations. Mr. Oglesby went on to say he understands the concern adding it can be frustrating when you cannot enjoy the lake due to overcrowding.

Time closed: 7:56 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:

CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS

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

This resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

Time into closed session: 7:57 p.m

Time out of closed session: 8:14 p.m.

Motion by: Brian DiMeo Seconded by: Patricia Hodges To end closed session. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by: Patricia Hodges Seconded by: Bernadette Dugan To adjourn meeting. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative. Time: 8:14 p.m.

Maryanne Capasso, RMC Municipal Clerk