

**BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 1, 2022
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 FIRST DAY OF SEPTEMBER 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: PRESENT COUNCILWOMAN HODGES: PRESENT
COUNCILMAN DiMEO: PRESENT COUNCILMAN McCARTHY: PRESENT
COUNCILWOMAN DUGAN: 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 p.m.

NO PUBLIC COMMENT

Time closed: 7:32 p.m.

Councilwoman Hodges tasked Municipal Clerk Capasso with reaching out to Coded Systems in regard to the codified ordinances adding the Ordinance Committee has not heard from Coded Systems since the borough adopted the codification in July.

Councilman DiMeo questioned overgrown weeds in the vacant lot at 6 Union Avenue.

COMMITTEE/COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilman DiMeo reported that there will be a Youth and Recreation Committee meeting on September 11th.

Council President Oglesby reported the Cannabis Committee will be meeting on Monday to review applications adding the deadline to submit an application is tomorrow. Mr. Oglesby stated the committee will have recommendations for the council at the next council meeting.

Councilwoman Dugan reported the Lakehurst Historical Society will be sponsoring a trolley tour as well as a walking tour of the historical sites in Lakehurst on September 18th and added the Cathedral of the Air will be open for visitors from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Ms. Dugan also reported the fire hydrant and sidewalk were repaired on the 300 block of Pine Street.

Councilman McCarthy reported the electronic sign has been placed at Lake Horicon reminding visitors the rules of the lake in efforts to help the police department. Mr. McCarthy also reported he has concerns to report during closed session.

COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC:

Time opened: 7:39 p.m.

Sean Duffy, Borough of Lakehurst Lifeguard, voiced his concerns about losing the serenity of the beach at Lake Horicon. Mr. Duffy stated the beach is getting more crowded especially on the weekends and added people are coming from all over the state and even out of state. Mr. Duffy also stated that there are families coming with their own grills, barbequing, drinking, and disturbing other visitors. Mr. Duffy further stated the mindset of the people visiting the beach are disrespectful to both the lifeguard and the police. Mr. Duffy went on to say that when asked why they visit Lake Horicon, they state the beach is free. Mr. Duffy concluded that the borough should explore options on how to keep the “family image” at the beach. Mr. Duffy presented a petition of signatures of people that may no longer visit the beach if something does not change.

Mayor Robbins thanked Mr. Duffy for his concerns and added that Lake Horicon is the topic of tonight’s closed session.

Mr. Duffy thanked the Mayor Robbins and Council for listening to his concerns.

Time closed: 7:49 p.m.

