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 COUNCILMAN DiMEO: PRESENT COUNCILWOMAN DUGAN: 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.

Municipal Clerk Capasso responded that on Tuesday the Code Enforcement Officer had sent a notification to the property owner.

Council President Oglesby reported the streetlight on Church Street is still out adding both the borough and residents have made many attempts to JCP&L to repair.

Mr. Oglesby also reported that the beach sand continues to blow across the street effecting the residents along Lake Street. Mr. Oglesby expressed the money utilized in cleaning the sand from the street could be utilized in a heavier sand. Mr. Oglesby also suggested building a retaining wall to stop the sand.

Mayor Robbins tasked the Public Works Committee to inform Dave Winton, Public Works Department Head, Mr. Oglesby's concerns.

Councilman Davis reported the baseball bases have been delivered and added Mr. Winton will coordinate with Dave Burton for the installation. Mr. Davis also reported Mr. Winton has a punch list of items that need to be address by the County Road Department in regard to Union Avenue.

ADJOURNMENT OF WORK SESSION:

Motion by: James Davis Seconded by: Bernadette Dugan 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 August 18, 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.

A. RESOLUTIONS:

- 1. Resolution #22-143 re: Payment of Bills
- 2. Resolution #22-144 re: Acceptance of 2021 Municipal Audit
- 3. Resolution #22-145 re: Adjustment to Utility Bill for Block 41; Lot 1

Motion by: Bernadette DuganSeconded by: James DavisTo approve consent agenda. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

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.

CLOSED SESSION:

Municipal Clerk Capasso reads resolution to go into closed session:

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:

PUBLIC SAFETY

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

This resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

Time into closed session: 7:50 p.m.

Time out of closed session: 8:30 p.m.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by: Bernadette Dugan Seconded by: Patricia Hodges To adjourn meeting. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative. Time: 8:30 p.m.

Maryanne Capasso, RMC Municipal Clerk