BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST REGULAR MEETING FEBRUARY 16, 2023 MINUTES

MEETING OPENED AT 7:30 P.M. BY MAYOR 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 FEBRUARY, 2023, 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
COUNCILWOMAN HODGES: ABSENT
COUNCILMAN McCARTHY: PRESENT
COUNCILMAN OGLESBY: PRESENT
MAYOR 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.

David Burton, 501 Lilac Street, asked, in regard to Resolution #23-059, what area of Pine Street is being reconstructed.

Municipal Clerk Capasso answered that area of Pine Street is located in the Westlake section of the borough.

Mr. Burton asked about the 200 block of Pine Street.

Mrs. Capasso responded that area is being reconstructed on March 13th of this year.

Time closed: 7:34 p.m.

Council President Oglesby reported that the streetlight on Church Street has been repaired as well as the streetlight across the street adding what a difference it makes in the lighting.

Mr. Oglesby also reported that two residents complained to him about the obnoxious smell coming from the farm near the lake.

Municipal Clerk Capasso responded she will make the Code Enforcement Officer aware.

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: Seven Oglesby Seconded by: Bernadette Dugan To approve minutes of February 2, 2023 Work Session/Regular Meeting. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative with the exception of Councilman McCarthy who abstained due to his absence at the February 2nd regular 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 #23-057 re: Payment of Bills
- 2. Resolution #23-058 re: 2023 Community Development Block Grant Application:
- 3. Resolution #23-059 re: Authorizing preparation of bid specifications for the 2023 NJDOT funded Pine Street and Union Avenue Reconstruction Project
- 4. Resolution #23-060 re: Transfer (Utility Fund)
- 5. Resolution #23-061 re: Authorizing Hold Harmless Agreement with the Lakehurst Board of Education for Snow Removal
- 6. Resolution #23-062 re: Authorizing a Contract with Jobs 4 Blue for Coordination of Off-Duty Employment of Police Officers
- 7. Resolution #23-063 re: Hiring Brenda Duffy as Alternate Crossing Guard
- 8. Resolution #23-064 re: Appointment of Jeff Emmons as Class IV Land Use Board Member

- 9. Resolution #23-065 re: Appointment of Robert W. Robinson III as Class IV Land Use Board Member
- 10. Resolution #23-066 re: Refund of Escrow Fees for Christopher Construction Co. Inc.
- 11. Resolution #23-067 re: Adjustment to Utility Account for Block 43, Lot 6
- 12. Resolution #23-068 re: Adjustment to Utility Account for Block 27, Lot 11

ORDINANCES APPROVED ON FIRST READING:

"AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, FIXING AND DETERMINING THE AMOUNT OF SALARIES AND WAGES FOR CERTAIN EMPLOYEES AND OFFICIALS IN THE BOROUGH OFLAKEHURST" (#2023-03)

RESIGNATIONS:

To accept resignation from Police Officer Michael Sullivan

Motion by: James Davis Seconded by: Bernadette Dugan To approve consent agenda. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

ORDINANCES NOT ON CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion by: Steven Oglesby

Seconded by: Robert McCarthy
To approve on second reading and open the public hearing of Ordinance #2023-01
entitled "AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST, OCEAN
COUNTY, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, CREATING NEW CHAPTER 9 OF THE
BOROUGH CODE TO ESTABLISH REGULATIONS AND PRESCRIBE PENALTIES
FOR EXCESSIVE CONSUMPTION OF MUNICIPAL SERVICES". Roll call vote held.
All votes affirmative.

Time opened: 7:36 p.m.

NO PUBLIC COMMENT

Time closed: 7:36 p.m.

Motion by: James Davis Seconded by: Bernadette Dugan To adopt Ordinance #2023-01. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

Motion by: Robert McCarthy

Seconded by: Bernadette Dugan
To approve on second reading and open the public hearing of Ordinance #2023-02
entitled "AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST AMENDING
CHAPTER III OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH
OF LAKEHURST, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ENTITLED
POLICE REGULATIONS". Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

Time opened: 7:37 p.m.

NO PUBLIC COMMENT

Time closed: 7:37 p.m.

Motion by: Steven Oglesby Seconded by: Robert McCarthy To adopt Ordinance #2023-02. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

COMMITTEE/COUNCIL REPORTS:

Council President Oglesby reported the Cannabis Committee received two applications for the western corridor. Mr. Oglesby stated that both applicants originally put in for one address and now amended the application for a different address, also there are questions regarding the applications; therefore, the committee will be meeting with each applicant next week to get more specifics.

Councilwoman Dugan reported that the Finance Committee is continuing to work on the budget adding they are waiting for information from the state in regard to health benefit costs. Ms. Dugan also reported that the Finance Committee is looking to introduce the budget at the March 16th council meeting.

Councilman McCarthy reported that the Office of Emergency Management (OEM) is currently in the process of amending the emergency action plan to reflect the new OEM director and will send to the county once completed. Mr. McCarthy stated that the OEM is hoping to have an active shooter drill in August concerning the school and added there is certification training available for the Citizen Emergency Response Team via Ocean County.

Mayor Robbins asked if the borough has a Citizen Emergency Response Team.

Mr. McCarthy responded the borough does not, but the county does.

Mr. Oglesby stated that all residents that would like to be a part of the Citizen Emergency Response Team is already a part of either the Fire Department or the First Aid Squad.

Mr. McCarthy reported Police Chief Kline did purchase a new police vehicle today adding he expects delivery this summer. Mr. McCarthy stated that the intentions is to retire the charger.

Mayor Robbins questioned the year and milage of the Code Enforcement Officer vehicle suggesting it might be best to retire that instead.

Mr. McCarthy responded he will forward that suggest to Chief Kline.

Mr. McCarthy also reported Chief Kline sent an email to the governing body requesting for updated signage to reflect the amendments in the existing ordinance concerning cannabis and added Chief Kline would like to place the signs at Lake Horicon, Fuccile Park, and all Borough buildings. Mr. McCarthy stated the Chief Kline is hoping for the governing body to have first reading of the amended Lake Ordinance to reflect cannabis as well so that he can have the signage up before the cannabis retail establishment opens.

Mayor Robbins reported that cannabis retail establishment that is opening at the former Burger King site is hoping to be open this July.

Mr. Oglesby reported the Personnel Committee met with the Chief Financial Officer and department heads to discuss the increase in the minimum wage and the salary guides that needed updating. Mr. Oglesby stated there was also discussion on the impact of the increase in health benefits, but no action was taken adding it was more of a "think tank" discussion.

Mayor Robbins added it was a productive meeting.

COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC:

Time opened: 7:42 p.m.

David burton, 501 Lilac Street, informed the governing body that the Board of Education (BOE) purchased a paint machine to paint the lines on the soccer fields but are still waiting on paint.

Mr. Burton also reported that the BOE will be putting out flyers for baseball and softball to see if there is enough interested kids to form a team for next year.

Mayor Robbins responded he hopes to see a team using the fields, that was both the BOE and the governing bodies intentions.

Time closed: 7:43 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by: Bernadette Dugan Seconded by: Steven Oglesby To adjourn meeting. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative. Time: 7:44 p.m.

Maryanne Capasso, RMC Municipal Clerk