

**BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST
WORK SESSION/REGULAR MEETING
JULY 18, 2024
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 EIGHTEENTH DAY OF JULY, 2024, 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: 7:33 p.m.

No Public Comment

Time closed: 7:33 p.m.

Councilman DiMeo said it was a great job done by all with the 3rd and 4th of July.

Councilman Davis stated that he stands fairly proud of the car show, we had 209 cars which is a record. Mr. Davis went on to say how hard everyone worked to get done.

Mayor Robbins gave kudos to the Car Show.

Councilman Oglesby asked if there was any movement on the sand barriers at the lake.

Councilwoman Hodges stated that they are on the list but there are other things that are taking priority right now. Mrs. Hodges said that she will not let it go by the wayside.

ADJOURNMENT OF WORK SESSION:

Motion by: James Davis

Seconded by: Steven Oglesby

To adjourn work session. Roll call vote held.

Council	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Council President Oglesby	X			
Councilman Davis	X			
Councilman DiMeo	X			
Councilwoman Dugan	X			
Councilwoman Hodges	X			
Councilman McCarthy	X			

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by: Bernadette Dugan

Seconded by: James Davis

To approve minutes of June 20, 2024 Regular Meeting. Roll call vote held.

Council	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Council President Oglesby			X Absence	
Councilman Davis	X			
Councilman DiMeo			X Absence	
Councilwoman Dugan	X			
Councilwoman Hodges	X			
Councilman McCarthy	X			

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 #24-124 re: Payment of Bills
2. Resolution #24-125 re: Authorizing Extension of Grace Period for Third Quarter

2024 Property Taxes

3. Resolution #24-126 re: Authorizing Chapter 159 for Recycling Tonnage Grant
4. Resolution #24-127 re: Authorizing Chapter 159 for Clean Communities Grant
5. Resolution #24-128 re: Renewal of liquor license for Boemio’s Market, LLC
6. Resolution #24-129 re: Authorizing an Agreement with Ocean County for Utilizing the Ocean County Sheriff’s Law Enforcement Training Facility for Firearms Training & Qualification by Police Department Employees
7. Resolution #24-130 re: Authorizing the Certification of the Annual Audit
8. Resolution #24-131 re: Authorizing the release of performance bond for B&K Equipment
9. Resolution #24-132 re: Authorizing rejecting bid for 2024 NJDOT funded Rose & Pine Street Reconstruction project and authorizing rebid
10. Resolution #24-133 re: Authorizing awarding contract for 2023 CDBG Orange Street Mill and Overlay contract to Swift & Sons Inc
11. Resolution #24-134 re: Authorizing the Lakehurst Volunteer Fire Department to purchase 1996 Sparta Truck from the Pine Beach Volunteer Fire Department
12. Resolution #24-135 re: Authorizing regarding release of Escrow, Performance Bond, and Inspection Fees for McDonald’s Real Estate Company Project

CORRESPONDENCE:

Lakehurst Volunteer Fire Company requesting to hold a food trucks and fire pits event on September 7, 2024

Motion by: James Davis

Seconded by: Bernadette Dugan

To approve consent agenda. Roll call vote held.

Council	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Council President Oglesby	X			
Councilman Davis	X			
Councilman DiMeo	X			
Councilwoman Dugan	X			
Councilwoman Hodges	X			
Councilman McCarthy	X			

COMMITTEE/COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilwoman Hodges reported herself and Mr. McCarthy met with Public Works Department Head Dave Winton, Daniel Dries and Bryan LeVance. Mrs. Hodges stated that the pear tree project is basically done and catch basins were cleaned. Mrs. Hodges went on to say that the 2024 NJDOT bid was rejected.

Mayor Robbins went on to explain that our award was for \$197,000.00 and the bid came in at \$220,000 that is why we rejected it.

Councilwoman Hodges said that Dave Winton is looking for some ideas for the 2025 CDBG grant adding the grant amount would be about \$35,000.00.

Councilwoman Dugan responded maybe bathrooms at the ballfield.

Councilwoman Hodges went on to say that Mr. Winton is going to put in for a lake lowering permit, but he is not confident that he will get it. Mrs. Hodges stated that Mr. Winton is going to continue bulkheading either way. Mrs. Hodges also stated that there was talk about an automated garbage truck.

Councilwoman Dugan reported that the July 4th car show was wonderful. Mrs. Dugan also stated that on September 18, 2024, Mike Mahoney will discuss the history of Lakehurst and Manchester adding it's free of charge and light refreshments will be served.

Councilman McCarthy reported that Public Safety attended the OEM meeting last night to discuss the July 3rd and July 4th and all the emergency services. Mr. McCarthy stated that everything went well and will continue as is. Mr. McCarthy also wanted to remind everyone that we have no lifeguard and there is absolutely no swimming. Mr. McCarthy went on to say that the new patrol unit is complete and on the road. Mr. McCarthy reported that Pine Beach was very generous with the acceptance of our offer for the light rescue pumper adding the truck has low hours; however, the downside is the tool storage is smaller, and we have to transfer the lights from our other truck. Mr. McCarthy stated that this truck will replace the 1995 Marion.

Councilman Oglesby reported the Ordinance Committee met with the Chief of Police and the Code Enforcement Officer and there are a few areas that they are looking at and that progress is being made.

COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC:

Time opened: 7:43 p.m.

Jeff Wolff, 211 Lilac Street voiced concerns with having a dispensary behind his house and asked where he could voice his opinion.

Mayor Robbins stated that the cannabis retailer bought the building but does not have a state license yet. Mayor Robbins also stated that they still need to go in front of the Land Use Board at which time a 200-foot notification will be sent to residents notifying them of the meeting where they can voice their concerns.

Attorney Ian Goldman stated that the Borough created an ordinance that allowed a second license on the West Side of Route 70. Mr. Goldman also stated that applications were submitted and the one that was chosen was the best for the town. Mr. Goldman went on to say that the building is in the business district, and it is currently a law firm so the new owner will have to apply for a change of use adding that a dispensary is a permitted use.

Tom O'Brien, 516 Cedar Street, stated that there are only about 6 people within 200 feet so he feels they will not be heard.

April Chillemi, 215 Manapaqua Avenue, wanted to thank everyone for the car show and the fireworks. Mrs. Chillemi also asked if there is a little money, there is a small dirt street that runs between her and the neighbor's house and a piece of property is located back there and is landlocked, maybe the town could pave that street.

Katie Wolff, 211 Lilac Street, wanted to know if one of the small trash cans on a pole could be placed on Lilac Street. Mrs. Wolff stated that there is always trash and bottles ending up in her yard.

Time closed: 7:52 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by: James Davis
To adjourn meeting. Roll call vote held.

Seconded by: Bernadette Dugan

Council	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Council President Oglesby	X			
Councilman Davis	X			
Councilman DiMeo	X			
Councilwoman Dugan	X			
Councilwoman Hodges	X			
Councilman McCarthy	X			

Time: 7:52 p.m.

Amy Lowe, RMC
Deputy Municipal Clerk