BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST REGULAR MEETING FEBRUARY 1, 2024 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 FIRST DAY OF FEBRUARY, 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
COUNCILMAN DIMEO: PRESENT
COUNCILWOMAN HODGES: PRESENT
COUNCILMAN McCARTHY: PRESENT
COUNCILMAN OGLESBY: PRESENT
MAYOR ROBBINS: ABSENT

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.

Council President Oglesby reported that the cost of the Fouth of July fireworks for 2024 will increased by 4% adding that last year's cost was \$13,000.00 and now the cost is \$13,500.00. Mr. Oglesby stated the July 3, 2024, date is open at this time, and the borough needs to secure the date.

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 December 15, 2023 Work Session/Regular Meeting. Roll call vote held.

All votes affirmative

Motion by: Seven Oglesby Seconded by: Bernadette Dugan

To approve minutes of January 1, 2024 Reorganization 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 #24-051 re: Payment of Bills
- 2. Resolution #24-052 re: Authorizing the Borough of Lakehurst to enter into a cooperative pricing agreement.
- 3. Resolution #24-053 re: Authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding with Bright Harbor Healthcare and the Borough of Lakehurst Police Department for "On Point" Program
- 4. Resolution #24-054 re: Authorizing revision to the Cash Management Plan
- 5. Resolution #24-055 re: Authorizing claimant certifications on certain types of transactions
- 6. Resolution #24-056 re: Authorizing membership in Lakehurst First Aid Squad for Jaiden Z. Barber
- 7. Resolution #24-057 re: Authorizing shared service agreement for Construction Code
 Services between Manchester Township and the Borough of
 Lakehurst
- 8. Resolution #24-058 re: Authorizing shared service agreement with the Ocean County Prosecutor's Program for their Fatal Accident Support Team (F.A.S.T.) Program.
- 9. Resolution #24-059 re: Authorizing membership in Lakehurst Fire Department for Theresa Davis.
- 10. Resolution #24-060 re: Hiring of Jennifer Hubiak as Crossing Guard
- 11. Resolution #24-061 re: Authorizing lease agreement between the Borough and KBM & Associates.

- 12. Resolution #24-062 re: Authorizing preparation of bid specifications for 2023-CDBG funded Orange Street Mill and Overlay.
- 13. Resolution #24-063 re: Authorizing preparation of bid specifications for the 2024 NJDOT-funded Rose Street and Pine Street Construction Project
- 14. Resolution #24-064 re: Authorizing Ocean Health Services for EAP Services
- 15. Resolution #24-065 re: Authorizing the adoption of the Master Plan

Motion by: Brian Dimeo Seconded by: Bernadette Dugan

To approve consent agenda. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

COMMITTEE/COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilwoman Hodges reported that Mr. Winton has been working on extending the distance of the bulkheading down at the lake. Mrs. Hodges said that the bulkhead looks great and that it will benefit the roadway and erosion a great deal. Mrs. Hodges went on to say that the lake needs to be refilled by February 19th, but all of the critical parts are finished. Mrs. Hodges stated that herself and Mr. Winton are also working on a solution to the sand blowing problem down at the lake that will be aesthetically pleasing. Mrs. Hodges went on to report the DEP inspection for stormwater was completed and everything is in compliance. Mrs. Hodges further reported that public works has enough supplies to handle any other winter storm that may come.

Councilman DiMeo report that the Youth and Recreation Committee needs to set meeting dates for 2024. Mr. DiMeo also reported that following the recommendations from the IT Vendor, Coastal Solutions, anyone accessing internal files should be supplied a borough computer. Mr. DiMeo went on to say that the cost of computers for the Mayor and Council will be approximately \$7,000.00. Mr. Dimeo also stated that this would add tighter security and would help protect the borough from cyber risks. Mr. DiMeo stated that he tends to agree with the IT vendor and that the cost we pay as a town outweighs the cost of a cyber-attack.

Councilman Oglesby stated that its not a question of a cyber-attack its more of a when we are attacked.

Councilman DiMeo went on to say he priced out surface pros and that they were double the cost of a comparable laptop. Mr. DiMeo said he will ask for a revised quote and have a meeting with the borough's Chief Financial Officer to make sure enough money is in the budget to purchase the computers. Mr. DiMeo went on to say he will bring everything back for the next meeting.

Councilwomen Dugan stated that the Finance Committee met with the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) regarding the budget and utility increases. Mrs. Dugan also went on to state that she attended the Board of Education Meeting, and that the referendum money is going to be put into a 3,6- or 9-month CD and they will be starting the RFP process. Mrs. Dugan further stated that the school has begun meeting with the architect.

Councilman McCarthy stated that is has been a good month for the volunteer agencies with new members. Mr. McCarthy went on to say that the Police Department hired a new crossing guard.

Mr. McCarthy also stated that as for Public Safety, the DCA received an anonymous complaint about the Lakehurst Volunteer Fire Company. Mr. McCarthy stated that a meeting was held, and Lakehurst has nothing igneous but there are a few things that they need to work on. Mr. McCarthy went on to say that they are still waiting on the new patrol unit to get back from having the light and cage installed.

Councilman Davis asked if our new patrol unit was subject to the big Ford recall.

Councilman McCarthy stated not that he was aware of.

Council President Oglesby asked if there were any thoughts on the release of the borough owned property on Route 70 in Manchester Township.

Councilwoman Hodges stated that if the borough designates it as Green Acres property, the borough can still own the property but not pay taxes. Mrs. Hodges also stated that the property can be used as a buffer and gives the borough Green Acres credit, asking why not do that.

Council President Oglesby asked if there was a property size minimum for the Green Acres Program

Councilman Davis stated that he agrees with Mrs. Hodges, and we should just let it be.

Council President Oglesby stated that he agrees as well.

Municipal Attorney Goldman requested that the Council let him investigate it a little more. Mr. Goldman stated that the property may be of use to somebody down the road.

Council President Oglesby stated that the Personnel Committee will be having a meeting with the LPA Union Representive on Monday and a meeting with the AFSME Union on Thursday and hopefully they will have a resolution to the contracts.

Councilwoman Dugan stated that we should table the fireworks and speak to the CFO.

Councilman Dimeo stated that we need to get the word out to the Community that funds need to be raised in order to keep events like this going but he feels comfortable to go ahead and have the firework this year.

Councilman Dimeo motioned to have the fireworks and it was seconded by Councilwoman Hodges. A roll call vote was held. All votes affirmative.

COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC:

Time opened: 7:54 pm

NO PUBLIC COMMENT

Time closed: 7:54 pm

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by: Patricia Hodges Seconded by: Brian DiMeo To adjourn meeting. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative. Time: 7:55 pm

Amy Lowe, RMC Deputy Municipal Clerk