

**BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 18, 2024
MINUTES**

MEETING OPENED AT 7:30 P.M. BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT OGLESBY.

ALL STOOD FOR THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE.

PUBLIC MEETINGS STATEMENT READ INTO RECORD:

“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 APRIL, 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: ABSENT	

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.

Councilman DiMeo just wanted to remind everyone about the clean up on Saturday.

Councilman McCarthy stated that he had a few questions on the amended ordinance. Mr. McCarthy questioned the execution date and the dissemination of the renewal. He also stated that Municipal Clerk Capasso will be putting together a renewal package and wanted to know the governing body's thoughts on giving them 30 days to comply.

Council	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Council President Oglesby	x			
Councilman Davis	x			
Councilman DiMeo	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 #24-086 re: Payment of Bills
2. Resolution #24-087 re: Approving appointment of Sean M. Phillips as a Police Officer

B. CORRESPONDENCE:

A request to serve alcohol at a private event.

C. ORDINANCES APPROVED OF FIRST READING:

“ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST, CHAPTER XXV ENTITLED “LAND DEVELOPMENT” (#2024-01)

H. REGISGNATIONS:

1. To accept the resignation from Patrolman John Dolan effective April 30, 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 Hodges	x			
Councilman McCarthy	x			

COMMITTEE/COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilwoman Hodges stated that the paving of Union Avenue and Pine Street will begin next week. Mrs. Hodges also stated that a prototype of a bench to stop the sand on the beach from blowing, is set up adding that it's not pretty but it could work. Mrs. Hodges went on to say that it is an answer but not the answer. Mrs. Hodges also said that the seed should be in soon and that they will be seeding where the bulkhead was put in.

Councilwoman Dugan reported that the introduction of the budget should be at the May 2nd meeting. Mrs. Dugan went on to say that student enrollment is up at the school, and they have 420 children enrolled. Mrs. Dugan noted that every child in the school will get free breakfast and lunch next year. Mrs. Dugan stated the school budget meeting will be on April 29th and that Lakehurst Elementary School received \$900,000.00 in school aid when most districts were cut. Mrs. Dugan also went on to wish Councilman Davis a happy birthday.

Councilman McCarthy stated that he would like to commend the Public Works Department on the genuine effort going into Fuccile Park. Mr. McCarthy also stated that they are striking out on lifeguards so if anyone knows someone, please send them our way. Mr. McCarthy went on to say the Public Works will park a dump truck at the Police Station for me to drive during the cleanup event.

Councilman Oglesby said the Personnel Department is working on creating a HR position. Mr. Oglesby stated that several things that are being done now should be handled by HR.

COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC:

Time opened: 7:45 p.m.

Bruce Margeson, 5 Geneva Road, asked how much the HR position will cost.

Councilman Oglesby stated "0"

Mr. Margeson went on to say that as we work up the budget to remember to talk about the rubbish truck and asked if the Borough was budgeting to replace it.

Councilman Oglesby stated that all major equipment is put into the budget. Mr. Oglesby went on to say that the cost of a new trash truck is astronomical and that we would have to bond for the truck and added at this point, we are trying to get our debt down. Mr.

Oglesby also stated that the department heads also draw up a five-year plan with their budget.

Mr. Margeson questioned if the Borough was responsible for the fire trucks.

Councilman Oglesby stated that the town actually owns the fire trucks.

Time closed: 7:50 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by: Bernadette Dugan

Seconded by: James Davis

To adjourn meeting. Roll call vote held.

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

Time: 7:50 p.m.

Amy Lowe, RMC
Deputy Municipal Clerk