

**BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST
WORK SESSION/REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 1, 2016
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 DUGAN:

“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 DECEMBER, 2016, 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:

ROBIN BUSCH: PRESENT	PATRICIA HODGES: PRESENT
STEPHEN CHILDERS: PRESENT	GARY LOWE: ABSENT
JAMES DAVIS: ABSENT	STEVEN OGLESBY: PRESENT
MAYOR HARRY ROBBINS: PRESENT	

WORK SESSION:

REVIEW OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDA:

Municipal Clerk Bernadette Dugan reviewed the regular meeting agenda.

Councilman Childers asked about code enforcement concerning a home at the corner of Cedar and Orchard Streets.

Municipal Clerk Dugan replied the homeowner had been issued a summons.

Council President Oglesby asked about code enforcement efforts for a home on Church Street which was damaged in an auto accident.

Clerk Dugan replied the property owner has been cited.

Council President Oglesby stated the salary ordinance will need to be revised to list the salary for the police chief as \$95,000 for the minimum and \$135,000 for the maximum.

"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 OF LAKEHURST" (#16-12)

Motion by: Steven Oglesby

Seconded by: Stephen Childers

To approve consent agenda. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative with the exception of Councilwoman Busch and Councilwoman Hodges who voted in the affirmative on all matters but abstained from voting on the request to serve alcoholic beverages at a private event at the Community Center. Mayor Robbins voted yes on the request.

ORDINANCES NOT ON CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion by: Steven Childers

Seconded by: Steven Oglesby

To approve on second reading and open the public hearing of Ordinance #2016-11 entitled: "AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST, CHAPTER VII ENTITLED "TOWING." Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

Time opened: 7:39 p.m.

NO PUBLIC COMMENTS

Time closed: 7:39 p.m.

Motion by: Stephen Oglesby

Seconded by: Stephen Childers

To adopt Ordinance #16-11. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

COMMITTEE/COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilman Childers thanked Councilwoman Hodges for her work on the Finance Committee and added research is being done concerning a change in Borough banks. Mr. Childers also added that money has been transferred to allow the purchase of a new police car.

Council President Oglesby reported the First Aid Squad has requested to fuel their ambulances from the Phillips 76 gas station due to previous engine problems concerning fuel.

Municipal Clerk Dugan stated she will email the proprietor to effect the change.

Council President Oglesby also reported he will update the council on the progress on the police chief contract negotiations.

Councilwoman Hodges thanked the Governing Body for allowing her trip to the League of Municipalities recent convention and added she found the conference a "good experience."

Mrs. Hodges suggested the council review the request from the Revitalization Committee for suggestions for the list of items to be funded by the group. Mrs. Hodges added she had met with a vendor in Atlantic City who agreed to make a presentation concerning playground apparatus.

Mayor Robbins appointed Mrs. Hodges to be the liaison between the Revitalization Committee and the Governing Body.

Municipal Clerk Dugan reviewed information concerning network nodes to be installed on utility poles to enhance cellular reception.

MAYOR COMMENTS:

Mayor Robbins announced the annual tree lighting will be held on Friday, December 9, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Center and invited everyone to attend.

COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC:

Time opened: 7:49 p.m.

NO PUBLIC COMMENTS

Time closed: 7:49 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION:

Clerk Dugan 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:

PERSONNEL MATTERS
CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS

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

This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Motion by: Robin Busch

Seconded by: Patricia Hodges

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: 8:32 p.m.

Motion by: Steven Oglesby

Seconded by: Stephen Childers

To end closed session. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by: Patricia Hodges

Seconded by: Robin Busch

To adjourn meeting. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative. Time: 8:32 p.m.

Bernadette Dugan, RMC/CPM
Municipal Clerk