

**BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST
WORK SESSION/REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 15, 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 FIFTEENTH 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: PRESENT
JAMES DAVIS: PRESENT	STEVEN OGLESBY: PRESENT
MAYOR HARRY ROBBINS: PRESENT	

WORK SESSION:

REVIEW OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDA:

Municipal Clerk Bernadette Dugan reviewed the regular meeting agenda.

Municipal Clerk Dugan stated she has received a request from Hall's Service Center to conduct motor vehicle inspections which was previously approved at the former location. Consensus reached to allow motor vehicle inspections at Hall's Service Center's new location.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:

Time opened: 7:32 p.m.

NO PUBLIC COMMENTS

Time closed: 7:32 p.m.

Council President Oglesby stated an update on the Police Chief's contract will be given in executive session.

Councilwoman Busch asked about testing of the municipal wells.

Mayor Robbins stated the need exists to appoint a court administrator due to the resignation of Patricia Megill and added additional court assistance will need to be provided until the January 9, 2017 starting date for the new court administrator.

Municipal Clerk Dugan read resolution appointing Katie Lange as new municipal court administrator as well as the resolution for court office assistance. Consensus reached to add these resolutions to the Consent Agenda.

Discussion held on the repair to Union Avenue where the water line for the townhouse project was installed. Mr. Gertner stated the County Engineer contacted the Borough to inform the Borough of their request to attach the cost for the repair to the performance bond for the townhouse project as the property owner has failed to repair the county road.

Mr. Gertner added the asphalt plant will close after Christmas and permission is needed to attach the cost of the repair to the performance bond. Mr. Gertner added he had forwarded correspondence to the bond company and added he did not expect a timely response.

Consensus reached to authorize the Ocean County Road Department to schedule the repair.

ADJOURNMENT OF WORK SESSION:

Motion by: James Davis
To adjourn work session. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

Seconded by: Gary Lowe

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by: Steven Oglesby
To approve minutes of December 1, 2016 Regular Meeting. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative with the exception of Councilman Davis and Councilman Lowe who abstained due to their absence at the meeting of December 1st.

Seconded by: Stephen Childers

Motion by: James Davis
To approve/release executive session minutes of December 3, 2015. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

Seconded by: Stephen Childers

Motion by: James Davis
To approve/release executive session minutes of December 17, 2015. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative with the exception of Councilman Lowe who abstained due to his absence at the meeting of December 17th.

Seconded by: Stephen Childers

OF SALARIES AND WAGES FOR CERTAIN EMPLOYEES AND OFFICIALS IN THE BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST." Roll call vote held.

Time opened: 7:46 p.m.

NO PUBLIC COMMENTS

Time closed: 7:46 p.m.

Motion by: Steven Oglesby

Seconded by: Patricia Hodges

To adopt Ordinance #16-12. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

COMMITTEE/COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilman Childers reported he spoke with the Chief Financial Officer and "everything is in order."

Council President Oglesby reported he attended interviews for the Court Administrator position and "is looking forward to working with the new Court Administrator."

Councilman Lowe reported the Public Works office has inadequate heating and added there is a large pot hole on South Union Avenue. Councilman Lowe added he will inform Public Works Supervisor Winton regarding the issues.

Councilwoman Busch reported several snowflakes on Union Avenue are not lit.

Councilman Lowe reported the Thanksgiving Dinner held for residents and visitors was well attended and added the event will continue next year.

MAYOR COMMENTS:

Mayor Robbins reported that winter will soon be upon us and with it foul weather. Mayor Robbins cautioned residents to be careful traveling.

COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC:

Time opened: 7:50 p.m.

NO PUBLIC COMMENTS

Time closed: 7:50 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION:

Clerk Dugan reads resolution to go into closed session:

