

**BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST  
WORK SESSION/REGULAR MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 6, 2018  
MINUTES**

MEETING OPENED AT 7:30 BY MAYOR HARRY ROBBINS.

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

PUBLIC MEETINGS STATEMENT READ INTO RECORD BY DEPUTY 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 SIXTH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2018, 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

JAMES DAVIS: PRESENT

PATRICIA HODGES: PRESENT

MAYOR HARRY ROBBINS: PRESENT

GARY LOWE: PRESENT

ROBERT McCARTHY: PRESENT

STEVEN OGLESBY: PRESENT

WORK SESSION:

REVIEW OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDA:

Deputy Municipal Clerk Capasso reviewed regular meeting agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:

Time opened: 7:34 p.m.

Dona Sinton, 501 Rose Street, questioned Ordinance #18-13 entitled “Water and Sewer”.

Mayor Robbins responded that certain properties in the Borough of Lakehurst have main meters at the street that meter the entire property, such as the mobile home park, and internal meters that meter each trailer in the park. Mayor Robbins added that ordinance will eliminate the Borough’s ownership of the internal meters, allowing the Borough to read the main meter and bill the property owner. Mayor Robbins further added it will be the responsibility of owner to bill each tenant.



1. #18-154: Resolution re: Payment of Bills
2. #18-155: Resolution re: Civil Rights
3. #18-156: Resolution re: Cops in Shops Summer Shore Initiative grant
4. #18-157: Resolution re: Approving Cadet Membership in Lakehurst First Aid Squad for Desiree Gilby

ORDINANCES APPROVED ON FIRST READING:

“AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST AMENDING CHAPTER XVI OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ENTITLED “WATER AND SEWER” (#18-13)

Motion by: Patricia Hodges                      Seconded by: Gary Lowe  
To approve consent agenda. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative with the exception of President Council Oglesby who abstained from item #4 as he is a member of the Lakehurst First Aid Squad.

ORDINANCES NOT ON CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion by: Steven Oglesby                      Seconded by: Gary Lowe  
To approve on second reading and open the public hearing of Ordinance #2018-10 entitled: "AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST, IN THE COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, FIXING AND DETERMING THE AMOUNT OF SALARIES AND WAGES FOR CERTAIN EMPLOYEES AND OFFICIALS IN THE BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST, IN THE COUNTY OF OCEAN, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY." Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

Time opened: 7:39 p.m.

NO PUBLIC COMMENT

Time closed: 7:39 p.m.

Motion by: Steven Oglesby                      Seconded by: Patricia Hodges  
To adopt Ordinance #18-10. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

COMMITTEE/COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilwoman Hodges reported that the Ordinance Committee met and addressed the Land Use Ordinance that was tabled last week and added that the Ordinance Committee feels at this time a comprehensive review is needed for all ordinances. Mrs. Hodges further added the Ordinance Committee will start the review in January, addressing the Land Use ordinances first.

Mrs. Hodges also reported the Youth and Recreation Committee will be having a meeting on September 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. to review the remaining events of the year and on September 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 p.m., they will be hosting Family Game Night. Mrs. Hodges added the Youth and Recreation Committee had their last movie night on August 21<sup>st</sup>, that was not well attended as the first movie night back in June, but their Cardboard Boat Race on August 22<sup>nd</sup> had double the entries from last year.

Mrs. Hodges further reported the Personnel Committee has scheduled meetings on both union contracts on September 11<sup>th</sup> and September 25<sup>th</sup> for contract negotiations.

Mrs. Hodges stated for the next council she will have meeting Policy and Procedures Regulations.

Councilman President Oglesby reported the Ordinance Committee is currently reviewing the Animal Ordinance and will present it at the next council meeting.

Mr. Oglesby further reported the active shooter drill scheduled for September 22<sup>nd</sup> at Lakehurst School has to be modified because of the current situation at the school, instead it will be table top exercise at the ESC building. Mr. Oglesby added the OEM will be going through each stage and encouraged Mayor and Council Members to attend.

Councilman Lowe reported handicap doors have been installed at the Community Center and are working well.

Mr. Lowe commended Lakehurst Board of Education and Manchester Board of Education for their quick action on the mold situation at Lakehurst School and getting the Lakehurst Students placed for the school year.

#### MAYOR COMMENTS:

Mayor Robbins reminded everyone that although Lakehurst School is not open other schools are and to drive carefully.

#### COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC:

Time opened: 7:45 p.m.

James Malden, 201 Cedar Street, stated that he is the liaison to the Governing Body and President of the Board of Education and that he spoke to the Commander of the Joint Base who would like to do fundraisers for Lakehurst School, one being a carwash, and ask if a permit be needed.

Municipal Clerk Dugan responded no permit is needed.

Mr. Malden asked about the Land Auction that took place today.

Mayor Robbins responded each parcel was auctioned separately, then the parcels were auctioned together, which was greater than the sum of all three. Mayor Robin added all three parcels were sold together for the sum of \$115,000 to a resident of the Borough of Lakehurst.

Misty Sinkewitz, 613 Poplar Street, questioned the ballfields on Chestnut Street.

Mayor Robbins responded portion of the money from the Land Auction will go to the revitalization of the Ballpark on Chestnut Street.

Mrs. Sinkewitz asked if Council President Oglesby could be more specific about the update to the Animal Ordinance.

Mr. Oglesby responded that they are looking at a few things, one is homeowners owning chickens and second, the possibility of bee keeping. Mr. Oglesby added the Ordinance Committee will keep in mind when looking at the Animal Ordinance, public safety and health and the enjoyment of one's property.

Mrs. Sinkewitz questioned will the Ordinance Committee be banning a specific dog breed.

Mr. Oglesby stated that there is an ordinance is concerning vicious dogs.

Timothy Sinkowitz, 613 Poplar Street, stated Ordinance #2018-12 is reappropriating the amount of \$49,267.69 from Bond Ordinances from 2016 and 2017 for recreational areas and Ordinance #2018-05 is reappropriating the amount of \$80,000 of \$122,000 from Bond Ordinance 2008 for recreational areas. Mr. Sinkewitz questioned what is considered recreational areas.

Borough Administrator Childers responded the Bond Ordinance that was being referred to was for the damn repair at Lake Horicon.

Mr. Sinkowitz asked why money went to repairs at Borough Hall and no money has gone to repair the ballpark on Chestnut Street. Mr. Sinkowitz added there are no recreation activities for the children in Lakehurst now that the basketball courts were removed from Pinehurst Estates.

Mayor Robbins responded fifty percent of the money received from the Land Auction will go to the Chestnut Street ballpark with renovations to begin sometime in the spring. Mayor Robbins added that the Borough Buildings are aging, and added if they are not repaired now, they could end up being torn down incurring more cost.

Mr. Sinkowitz questioned if the three lots that were sold together, will the lots be taxed as three lots.

Mayor Robbins responded the lots were sold as three lots and will be taxed as three lots and added if the individual who purchased the lots wants to build one home on the lots, they will have to go to the Land Use Board to consolidate the lots.

Mr. Sinkowitz asked about the water main project that was supposed to begin in April.

Municipal Clerk Dugan responded that a bid opening for the project will be held on September 19<sup>th</sup>.

Dona Sinton, 501 Rose Street, questioned what the progress was on the LED street lights.

Municipal Clerk Dugan responded it is still in progress.

Mrs. Sinton asked what was left of the Lakehurst Revitalization funds.

Borough Administrator Childers responded there is \$4,000 left.

Mrs. Sinton questioned could the \$4,000 be allocated to the Chestnut Street ballfield.

Mayor Robbins responded it could.

Christine Sinkewitz, 501 Maple Street, questioned the Land Use Ordinance that was tabled last council meeting, will it be on the agenda in January.

Councilwoman Hodges responded the Land Use Ordinance is being reviewed in January. Mrs. Hodges added she will report on the progress.

Roberta Brooks, 612 Poplar Street, asked with Lakehurst School closed due to the mold situation and the Lakehurst Students going to Manchester Schools, is there any discussion about consolidation of the two districts.

Mayor Robbins responded that is an issue for the Lakehurst Board of Education.

James Malden, President of the Board of Education, responded that Manchester Schools have no room for Lakehurst students as there are too many students.

Ms. Brooks responded if Manchester Board of Education consolidates with Lakehurst Schools then Manchester Board of Education could use Lakehurst School to house the Lakehurst Students.

Mayor Robbins responded that this was not the time or place to discuss Board of Education matters.

Time closed: 8:00 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION:

Resolution to go into closed session read by Deputy Municipal Clerk Capasso:

**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: Steven Oglesby                      Seconded by: Robin Busch  
To approve resolution to go into closed session. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

Time into closed session: 8:00 p.m.

Time out of closed session: 8:27 p.m.

Motion by: Patricia Hodges                      Seconded by: James Davis  
To end closed session. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by: James Davis                      Seconded by: Patricia Hodges  
To adjourn meeting. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

Time: 8:27 p.m.

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Maryanne Capasso  
Deputy Municipal Clerk