

**BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST  
REGULAR MEETING  
DECEMBER 6, 2018  
MINUTES**

MEETING OPENED AT 7:30 PM 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 DECEMBER, 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.”

OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED TO COUNCILWOMAN-ELECT ROBIN BUSCH:

Municipal Attorney Sean Gertner administered oath of office to Councilwoman-elect Robin Busch.

ROLL CALL:

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

WORK SESSION:

REVIEW OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDA:

Deputy Municipal Clerk Capasso reviewed regular.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:

Time opened: 7:35 pm

Alana Scott, 611 Willow Street, stated the Borough of Lakehurst’s chicken ordinance is exactly like Camden County’s chicken ordinance.

Council President Oglesby responded some phrases were appropriate to use adding important parts of the ordinance are different like zoning and lot sizes.

Mrs. Scott asked if other chicken owners in the Borough were contacted to create the ordinance.

Mr. Oglesby confirmed he did speak with other chicken owners.

Mrs. Scott responded that she and other chicken owners in the Borough were not contacted and feel the ordinance is confrontational.

Mr. Oglesby responded the Borough was not aware of all the chicken owners in the Borough as there is no list.

Mayor Harry Robbins responded the Ordinance Committee is looking for volunteers to sit on the chicken advisory board.

Mrs. Scott questioned the education that will be required for chicken owners.

Mr. Oglesby responded the chicken ordinance is still in the preliminary stages adding the education aspects have not been established as of yet. Mr. Oglesby stated there are chicken experts that volunteered to come in or if the chicken owner prefers, they can complete a commercial program instead.

Mrs. Scott asked if the 4-H program is acceptable for education and if children under the age of 18 attend the 4-H program as well, can they be exempt from the ordinance.

Borough Attorney Sean Gertner responded the chicken advisory board is being established to look over the criteria and to make determinations.

Mrs. Scott stated children four years of age to eighteen years of age can be members of the 4-H Club, yet the ordinance is not allowing the younger generation to tend to the chickens.

Ms. Scott further stated the Chicken Ordinance excluded livestock.

Mr. Oglesby responded livestock will be addressed when all ordinances are updated adding the chicken ordinance had three goals. Mr. Oglesby further added one goal was the safety of the public regarding issues like salmonella, secondly, safety for the chicken as the Borough doesn't want overcrowding and thirdly, to encourage backyard chicken raising.

Mrs. Scott stated she and other chicken owners' concerns are the education and not allowing children under eighteen to tend to the chickens.

Mr. Gertner responded the purpose of the ordinance is to give structure adding the chicken advisory board will listen to these concerns and possibly could reduce the age restriction.

Mrs. Scott asked if the chicken advisory board being created so chicken owners will go to them with concerns and not the Mayor and Council adding it will be huge effort for the chicken advisory board.

Mrs. Scott further asked when the chicken advisory committee members go into chicken owners' backyards, will they have a police officer and the code enforcement officer escorting them.

Mr. Oglesby responded the purpose of the chicken advisory board is to act as an intermediary, so police and animal control do not have to be called.

Mrs. Scott stated this is the first time she has heard of a chicken advisory board adding Camden County has a chicken advisory board because they don't have a 4-H Club in their county where as Ocean County has two. Ms. Scott further added the 4-H Club does educate chicken owners on how to take care of chickens.

Mr. Oglesby responded the first year Camden County adopted the chicken ordinance, they made changes and after the second year, they adjusted the ordinance again.

Mrs. Scott stated Camden County's ordinance is for the entire county, this is Borough of Lakehurst, do we need a chicken advisory board adding can we just come together as a group to discuss the issue.

Councilwoman Hodges responded the chicken advisory board is to come together to discuss issues and to give structure adding they will also enforce if someone is not following the "rules".

Mr. Gertner stated the municipality and its residents are better served by its own then by an organization.

Mrs. Scott asked how the chicken ordinance originated and asked if the number of chickens are known and how many complaints have been made.

Mr. Oglesby responded there have been several complaints and the Borough is finding out that there are quite a few chicken owners.

Jean Roseti, 800 Cedar Street, asked how many complaints were made in regard to chickens.

Mr. Oglesby responded he did not have a number.

Mrs. Roseti asked how she could find out the number of complaints that been made regarding chickens adding would the Borough Hall have that information or the Police Department.

Mayor Robbins responded the Police Department.

Dona Sinton, 501 Rose Street, questioned if the number of complaints is not known then how the Borough knows a chicken ordinance is needed.

Mrs. Hodges responded the Borough does not know number but does know there has discussions regarding chickens adding there needs to be some type of structure in place

Municipal Clerk Dugan responded the Borough does not have an ordinance regarding chickens adding the Borough now has an ordinance to address any complaints that are in violation of the ordinance.

Mrs. Sinton stated the Chicken Ordinance says the cost for a chicken license is ten dollars, asking is that ten dollars a chicken or ten dollars for the property that has the chickens.

Mr. Oglesby responded it is ten dollars per property, per year.

Mrs. Sinton asked why the Borough doesn't create a chicken advisory board to create an ordinance that fits the Borough.

Mr. Gertner responded the chicken ordinance is to create a level of structure even in the chicken advisory board.

Mrs. Sinton stated the residents that own chickens were not involved asking why they were not asked.

Mayor Robbins responded the Council, and himself, did not know who the chicken owners were adding now that the ordinance was introduced, they are more aware.

Mr. Oglesby stated the purpose of the chicken advisory board is have people who are experienced raising chickens will enlighten and encourage new chicken owners.

Mrs. Sinton stated reports on social media say that Council President Oglesby's neighbor has chickens and that is why the chicken ordinance was introduced. Mrs. Sinton questioned a possible conflict of interest.

Mr. Oglesby stated he does not have a complaint against his neighbor with regard to chickens.

Mrs. Sinton questioned the bill's list that shows a charge for police emergency euthanization.

Mrs. Dugan responded there are times when the police are called regarding a deceased animal on the road.

Time closed: 8:02 pm

Councilwoman Busch remarked the holiday lights look festive.

Mayor Robbins stated he attended the league of municipalities and spoke with vendors in regard to new holiday lights.

Council President Oglesby stated he and the Mayor met with the Mayor of Manchester to discuss potential share services.

#### ADJOURNMENT OF WORK SESSION:

Motion by: Robin Busch                      Seconded by: Patricia Hodges  
To adjourn work session. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by: Patricia Hodges                      Seconded by: Robert McCarthy  
To approve minutes of November 1, 2018 Regular 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.

#### RESOLUTIONS:

1. #18-187: Resolution re: 2018 Citizens of the Year
2. #18-188: Resolution re: Payment of Bills
3. #18-189: Resolution re: *Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over 2018 Year End Holiday Crackdown*
4. #18-190: Resolution re: Proceeds of sale of Block 46; Lots 3.01, 3.02, and 3.03
5. #18-191: Resolution re: Chapter 159 for Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Year End Holiday Crackdown
6. #18-192: Resolution re: Current fund transfer
7. #18-193: Resolution re: Membership in Lakehurst First Aid Squad for Huan Mckenzie
8. #18-194: Resolution re: Approving professional services contract with Remington and Vernick Engineers for GIS water system

- location and mapping.
9. #18-195: Resolution re: Hiring Melissa Biondi and Warren Saupe as alternate crossing guards.
  10. #18-196: Resolution re: Accepting maintenance bond and release of performance Bond for the 2017 CDBG Lake Horicon Park Playground Equipment project

**ORDINANCES APPROVED ON FIRST READING:**

“AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER V OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ANIMAL CONTROL” (#18-16)

Motion by: Patricia Hodges                      Seconded by: Robin Busch  
To approve consent agenda. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative with the exception on Council President Oglesby who abstained from Resolution #7 due to being a member of the Lakehurst First Aid Squad.

**COMMITTEE/COUNCIL REPORTS:**

Councilwoman Hodges announced the Youth and Recreation Committee, along with NovaCare, will be making ornaments for the Community Christmas Tree adding doors will at 5:00 pm at the Community Center and that pizza and drinks will be served. Ms. Hodges further added tree lighting will be 7:00 pm with a visit from Santa and hot chocolate and cookies will be served.

Council President Oglesby stated the Chicken Advisory Board is looking for volunteers.

Mr. Oglesby also stated that OEM did not have a meeting in November adding their next meeting will be in January.

Councilman McCarthy stated he attended the Board of Education meeting on November 20 and it was announced portion of the school building is ready for occupancy.

**MAYOR COMMENTS:**

Mayor Robbins announced Lakehurst Volunteer Fire Department is holding Breakfast with Santa this Sunday, December 9, at the Community Center at 9:00 am to 12:00 pm for \$5.

**COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC:**

Time opened: 8:06 pm

Michele Dimeo, 300 Poplar Street, questioned if Santa will be at the Tree Lighting.  
Mayor Robbins confirmed that Santa will be attending the Tree Lighting.

Time closed: 8:07 pm

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  
POTENTIAL LITIGATION

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: 8:10 pm

Time out of closed session: 8:58 pm

Motion by: Steven Oglesby                      Seconded by: Robin Busch  
To end closed session. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by: Robin Busch

Seconded by: Steven Oglesby

To adjourn meeting. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative. Time: 8:58 pm

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Maryanne Capasso  
Deputy Municipal Clerk