

**BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 17, 2019
MINUTES**

MEETING OPENED AT 7:30 PM BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT OGLESBY.

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

PUBLIC MEETINGS STATEMENT READ INTO RECORD BY 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 SEVENTEENTH DAY OF JANUARY, 2019, 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

GARY LOWE: PRESENT

JAMES DAVIS: ABSENT

ROBERT McCARTHY: PRESENT

PATRICIA HODGES: PRESENT

STEVEN 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: 7:30 p.m.

NO PUBLIC COMMENTS

Time closed: 7:30 p.m.

Council President Oglesby stated a while back he had spoken to public Works Supervisor Dave Winton about brining the roads before a snow storm adding it doesn't eliminate

Motion by: Patricia Hodges Seconded by: Robin Busch
To approve consent agenda. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

COMMITTEE/COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilwoman Hodges reported there will be a Youth and Recreation Committee meeting on January 21st at 7:30 pm adding the committee will be planning the year's events and all is welcome.

Councilwoman Busch reported the Finance Committee is working on the budget adding budget request have gone out to all Department Heads.

Councilman Lowe reported the Public Safety Committee had a productive meeting with the Lakehurst Volunteer Fire Department adding the fire department is looking into liquidating the old fire trucks.

Councilman McCarthy reported he attended the Board of Education meeting on January 15th. He also reported the Board of Education held an Open House adding he attended that as well. Mr. McCarthy also added the environmental contractor and Serve Pro Contractor were on hand with reports that were coincident with the procedures that were taken to remediate the building along with air quality reports. McCarthy further added with the expanded pre-school program the school enrollment is close to 400 students. Mr. McCarthy further reported the Board of Education announced they are short \$500,000 due to the mold and asbestos removal adding they are researching options for payment.

Council Present Oglesby reported he attended the OEM meeting last night adding there will be an ice rescue drill depending on the weather.

NEW BUSINESS:

FIRST PUBLIC HEARING FOR 2019 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDING:

Motion by: Gary Lowe Second by: Robin Busch
To open the first public hearing for 2019 Community Development Block Grant funding. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

Time opened: 7:40 pm

Borough Administrator Childers stated the Borough will be applying for the Community Development Block Grant to fund for ADA portable bathrooms at Lake Horicon adding the bathrooms will be hooked up to water and sewer and in the winter, they will be removed and brought to Public Works.

Dona Sinton, 501 Rose Street, asked how much the Borough is applying for.

Mr. Childers responded the County makes the final decision on how much the Borough will receive adding the Borough has received in the past an average of \$32,000.

Mrs. Sinton asked will the grant money fund anything else besides the bathroom.

Mr. Childers responded no it will not.

Kevin Oliver, 317 Church Street, asked will the bathrooms be placed at the Lake Horicon.

Mr. Childers responded the bathrooms will be placed by the pavilion adding there is water and sewer hook up located there.

Time closed: 7:43 pm

Motion by: Patricia Hodges

Second by: Robert McCarthy

To close the first public hearing for 2019 Community Development Block Grant funding. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

MAYOR COMMENTS:

Council President Oglesby reminded everyone when it snows, removed your vehicle off the streets so snow plows can do their jobs removing the snow.

COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC:

Time opened: 7:44 pm

Mike Sinton, 501 Rose Street, stated on behalf of the Lakehurst Volunteer Fire Company, he like to thank the Borough and the Council for transferring the title of the 211 Fire Truck to the Fire Department and in return for a payment of one dollar.

Dr. Klohn of Lakehurst Dental, 19 Union Avenue, wanted to bring attention to the new signage in the parking lot next to his office to the Council adding it restricts parking for the public. Dr. Klohn suggested the Council investigate adding more public parking.

Council President Oglesby responded the Council has no say of what goes on in that particular parking lot adding the Council will investigate expanding parking for the public.

Kevin Oliver, 317 Church Street, stated it was brought to his attention that there is a "rumor" that Mr. Oglesby has a vendetta against him because he has chickens. Mr. Oliver added he wanted to make everyone aware he did not know that there was a vendetta until it was brought to his attention and that he is, and always was, compliant in regard to the chicken ordinance.

Rebecca Malden, 202 Cedar Street, asked if a tree can be planted at the Lake Horicon in remembrance of Candace Fleming adding she was a long-time residence of Lakehurst and has since past away.

Council President Oglesby stated the Council does not have a problem with the planting of the tree adding that it is a nice gesture. Mr. Oglesby added that she reach out to Councilman Davis who is on the Shade Tree Committee.

Councilman Lowe suggested that Mrs. Malden also reach out to Public Works Supervisor Dave Winton.

Bruce Margenson, 5 Geneva Road, stated he spoke with Freeholder Tom in regard to the potholes on Brown Avenue and Union Avenue adding Tom reassured him that those roads will be repaved this year. Mr. Margenson also stated the speed of drivers on Brown Avenue are getting worse adding he is aware Lakehurst Police is limited to man power, but something needs to be done for the safety of other drivers.

Mr. Oglesby responded the Council has written to the County on a number of occasions to lower the speed limit but they refuse adding they have done traffic studies and find 35 is adequate.

Jean Roseti, 800 Cedar Street, asked if the Ordinance Committee had met and what the status was.

Mr. Oglesby responded the Ordinance Committee will be meeting next week to start reviewing the ordinances adding the committee will keep the residents abreast.

Mrs. Sinton reminded everyone the Soup-R- Bowl of Chili is Saturday, January 26, 2019.

Time closed: 7:54 pm

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by: Patricia Hodges

Seconded by: Robin Busch

To adjourn meeting. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative. Time: 7:55 pm

Maryanne Capasso
Municipal Clerk