

**BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST  
REGULAR MEETING  
FEBRUARY 21, 2019  
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 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 TWENTY-FIRST DAY OF FEBRUARY, 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

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:

Municipal Clerk Capasso reviewed the regular meeting agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:

Time opened: 7:33 pm

Dona Sinton, 501 Rose Street, questioned the hiring of a temporary clerk.

Mayor Robbins responded there is a process for disposing records and that process requires a Municipal Clerk who holds a certification and where as Municipal Clerk Capasso does not hold that certificate as of yet.

Time closed: 7:35 pm

Council President Oglesby stated he brought fliers of frequently asked questions of salmonella for anyone who is concerned.

ADJOURNMENT OF WORK SESSION:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by: James Davis                                      Seconded by: Steven Oglesby  
To approve minutes of February 7, 2019 Work Session/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. #19-057: Resolution re: Payment of Bills
2. #19-058: Resolution re: Hiring a Temporary Clerk

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

ORDINANCES NOT ON CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion by: Steven Oglesby                                  Seconded by: James Davis  
To approve on second reading and open the public hearing of Ordinance #2019-01 entitled: "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" (#2019-01). Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

Time Opened: 7:37 pm

Jean Roseti, 800 Cedar Street, asked how much the water and sewer rates are increasing.

Mayor Robbins responded the rates are increasing about six dollars. Mayor Robbins stated the last time the rates increased it favored the businesses, the businesses were not

raised as much as the residents. Mayor Robbins also stated the water and sewer rates are on the Borough's website and can be compared to the new rates.

Discussion was held regarding new sewer rates. Mayor Robbins stated the new sewer rates for 2019 are \$106.94 and on the following page of the ordinance shows the new sewer rates for 2020 are \$109.61.

Time Closed: 7:43 pm

Motion by: Steve Oglesby                      Seconded by: James Davis  
To adopt Ordinance #2019-01. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

#### COMMITTEE/COUNCIL REPORTS:

Council President Oglesby stated he and the Mayor met with representatives Mr. Malden, Mr. Parlman, and Ms. Fuhring of Lakehurst Elementary School and will discuss that meeting during closed session.

Councilman Davis reported he met with the Fourth of July Car Show Committee on Tuesday night. Mr. Davis stated the committee sent out 273 pre-entries and they began the planning for the event.

Mr. Davis also reported the Veterans Memorial Walk is coming along adding he is getting a committee together and has enlisted the Boy Scouts to do research on the Borough veterans.

Mr. Davis stated he met with the Ocean County Republican screening committee on Saturday and fell short of the endorsement.

Councilman McCarthy reported he will be meeting with Public Works Supervisor next week. Mr. McCarthy also reported there was no Board of Education meeting last week due to lack of quorum.

#### COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC:

Time opened: 7:45 pm

Dona Sinton, 501 Rose Street, stated she was unable to stay at the last council meeting to see what action was taken at the closed session. Mrs. Sinton questioned the "new face" at the council table.

Mayor Robbins responded a new Borough Attorney, Ian Goldman, was appointed. Mayor Robbins added he appointed a screening committee that interviewed a few attorneys and Mr. Goldman was the one who "came out ahead".

Mrs. Sinton asked if Mr. Goldman was from the same firm as the previous attorney.

Mayor Robbins responded Mr. Goldman is not from the same firm.

Time closed: 7:47 pm

CLOSED SESSION:

Clerk Capasso 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: Steven Oglesby

Seconded by: Robert McCarthy

To approve resolution to go into closed session. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

Time into closed session: 7:47 pm

Time out of closed session: 8:03 pm

Motion by: Robin Busch

Seconded by: James Davis

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

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by: James Davis

Seconded by: Robin Busch

To adjourn meeting. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative. Time: 8:03 pm

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Maryanne Capasso  
Municipal Clerk