

**BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST  
REGULAR MEETING  
MARCH 7, 2019  
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:

“IN COMPLIANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 10:4-6, 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 SEVENTH DAY OF MARCH, 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: ABSENT

JAMES DAVIS: PRESENT

ROBERT McCARTHY: PRESENT

PATRICIA HODGES: PRESENT

STEVEN OGLESBY: PRESENT

MAYOR HARRY ROBBINS: PRESENT

WORK SESSION:

REVIEW OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDA:

Municipal Clerk Capasso reviewed the regular meeting agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:

Time opened: 7:32 p.m.

Brian Dimeo, 300 Poplar Street, questioned the gallon of paint from Sherwin Williams Paint Store for \$139.00 on the bill's list.

Borough Administration Childers responded it is five gallons of paint.

Mr. Dimeo then questioned the reimbursements for lunch for \$241.00 on the bill's list.

Mr. Childers responded that was for lunch meetings.

Mr. Dimeo asked about having meetings at Borough Hall.

Mayor Robbins responded that he has a full-time job and added there are occasions that he will take his lunch and meet with the Borough Administrator to discuss business matters.

Mr. Dimeo questioned the adjustment to utility account for Block 15, Lot 1. adding is this something we commonly do.

Mayor Robbins responded yes.

Mr. Dimeo asked what kind of proof does a resident or business owner supply to get an adjustment.

Mayor Robbins responded if a resident or business owner that usually pays a minimum quarterly water/sewer bill and then gets an unusually high water/sewer bill chances are they had a leak. Mayor Robbins added the Borough will then reimburse the sewer portion of the bill.

Mr. Dimeo asked does the resident or business owner need to show proof the leak has been repaired

Mayor Robbins responded Public Works went to this location to confirm there was a leak.

Jean Roseti, 800 Cedar Street, questioned some items on the bills list that say what item was purchased and at what store, ex. Lowes, bookcase, but some bigger ticket items just mention store and not the item.

Mr. Childers responded those items are for the renovations for Borough Hall adding some receipts were not itemized.

Mrs. Roseti questioned a Staples purchase that was paid through petty cash when the Borough has a procurement card for Staples.

Municipal Clerk Capasso responded that particular item from Staples was purchased on the weekend adding Borough Employees do not carry the procurement card with them.

Mrs. Roseti asked why the reimbursement wasn't paid through a purchase order.

Mrs. Capasso responded smaller ticket items under \$50.00 can be reimbursed through petty cash.

Dona Sinton, 501 Rose Street, questioned tolls and parking being paid through petty cash.

Mayor Robbins responded that is a question for the CFO.



6. #19-064: Resolution re: Hiring Liam McBride as Temporary 120-Day Public Works Laborer
7. #19-065: Resolution re: Regarding an adjustment to utility account for Block 15, Lot 1; Acct. # 114-0
8. #19-066: Resolution re: Resolution regarding raffle license for St. John's R.C. Church

Motion by: Patricia Hodges

Seconded by: Robin Busch

To approve consent agenda. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative with the exception of Steven Oglesby who abstained from Resolution #19-064 due to he is a relative of Liam McBride.

#### COMMITTEE/COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilwoman Hodges reported the Family Bowling Night that was scheduled for March 9<sup>th</sup> has been postponed and is rescheduled for March 16<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Hodges also reported the Youth and Recreation Committee in a joint venture with Nova Care on How to Prevent Sports Injuries adding the presentation will begin at 6:00 pm Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup> with different speakers and light refreshments. Mrs. Hodges further reported Youth and Recreation will be holding a big event on July 13<sup>th</sup>, the Community Barbeque along with the cardboard boat race. Mrs. Hodges encouraged everyone to save their cardboard.

Councilwoman Busch reported the Finance Committee will be meeting the Borough's CFO and Administrator Childers on March 13<sup>th</sup> to discuss the budget.

Council President Oglesby reported the Ordinance Committee have met adding they began reviewing the Land Use Ordinance.

Councilman McCarthy reported the Board of Education will be having a tentative adoption budget meeting on March 19<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. McCarthy also reported he met with Public Works Supervisor Dave Winton adding they both agree to meet at the end of every month to discuss the happenings at public works.

#### COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC:

Time opened: 7:47 pm

Tim Sinkewitz, 613 Poplar Street, asked when will work begin on the Fuccile Park.

Mayor Robbins responded in the contract with the Board of Education it states one person from the Governing Body and one person from the Board of Education will meet in the spring to discuss what will be done.

Mr. Sinkewitz asked what the opinion of the Mayor and Council on illegalizing marijuana.

Mayor Robbins responded there has been no discussion as of yet.

Jean Roseti, 800 Cedar Street, asked if there is any discussion on the Lakehurst Elementary School.

Mayor Robbins responded the school does have an extremely high bill that needs to be paid. Mayor Robbins suggested that the residents should attend the Board of Education meeting on March 19<sup>th</sup> and discuss their concerns there.

Mrs. Roseti stated at the last council meeting the council stated the Board of Education came to the council looking for assistance.

Mayor Robbins responded the Board of Education did come to the council asking if the council can bond for them. Mayor Robbins stated the council did look into it adding there is no legal way we could bond for the school, even if we wanted to. Mayor Robbins also stated even if the council did bond for the Board of Education, it would lower the borough's bond ability.

President Council Oglesby stated the Borough's Bond Counselor even said it would be illegal for the council to bond for the school.

Alan Hurley, 219 Cedar Street, questioned the money that will renovate Fuccile Park.

Mayor Robbins responded the money received from the lots sold adding the money was split between the Board of Education and the Borough of Lakehurst. Mayor Robbins also added he does not have the figures in front of him to give an exact amount of what was received.

Dona Sinton, 501 Rose Street, asked how will the information from the Ordinance Committee meetings be relayed to the public.

Council President Oglesby responded if there is something to report then it will be brought to a council meeting. Mr. Oglesby added at the moment the Ordinance Committee is just reviewing the zoning ordinance, looking at what needs to be changed, what needs to be updated. Mr. Oglesby also added that they will also be looking at new state laws because the ordinances need to reflect that as well.

Mrs. Sinton questioned if the current zoning reflects what can be done at the present time.

Mr. Oglesby responded that is correct.

Mrs. Sinton questioned the new owners of La Bove want to put an adult daycare adding that it does not fit the criteria for B-2 Highway Business Zone.

Mayor Robbins responded the council was told by our zoning officer that it is a permitted use. Mayor Robbins stated that all zoning questions should be presented to the zoning board.

Mr. Oglesby stated for a legal opinion regarding zoning he recommends these questions be asked to the attorney of the land use board.

Mrs. Sinton asked when are the Land Use meetings.

Mr. Oglesby responded it is the fourth Monday of the month.

Mrs. Sinton asked is that the meeting that gets cancelled if there is nothing on the agenda.

Mayor Robbins responded that is correct.

Mrs. Sinton voiced her concerned about someone getting their foot in the door and then switching it to something else.

Mayor Robbins responded he understands Mrs. Sinton's concerns adding it will not happen. Mayor Robbins stated if you see something going on, report it to the police or the code enforcement official.

Brian Dimeo, 300 Poplar Street, stated the Lakehurst Volunteer Fire Company had their installation dinner at La Bove a few weeks ago adding they stated work is being done. Mr. Dimeo also added an OPRA was filed asking for permits on La Bove and no permits have been found.

Mayor Robbins stated he will have the building inspector go to the La Bove site and see if work is being done.

Time closed: 8:05 pm

CLOSED SESSION:

Municipal 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.

