

**BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST  
WORK SESSION/REGULAR MEETING  
JANUARY 16, 2020  
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 SIXTEENTH DAY OF JANUARY, 2020, 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:

COUNCILMAN DAVIS: ABSENT                      COUNCILMAN LOWE: ABSENT  
COUNCILMAN DIMEO: PRESENT                COUNCILMAN McCARTHY: PRESENT  
COUNCILWOMAN HODGES: PRESENT        COUNCILMAN OGLESBY: PRESENT  
MAYOR HARRY ROBBINS: PRESENT

ANNOUNCEMENT OF 2019 HOLIDAY LIGHTING CONTEST WINNERS:

FIRST PLACE:                      BRIAN & MICHELLE DIMEO  
\$100                                      300 POPLAR STREET

SECOND PLACE:                      RESIDENT  
\$50                                      502 CHESTNUT STREET

THIRD PLACE:                      CASEY MCPARTLIN  
\$25                                      507 UNION AVE

BEST MOBILE HOME:                BRUCE & ANNE MARGENSON  
\$50                                      5 GENEVA ROAD

BEST BUSINESS:                      THREE B'S BAR & BISTRO  
Plaque                                      314 ROUTE 70

WORK SESSION:

REVIEW OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDA:

Municipal Clerk Capasso reviewed the regular meeting agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:

Time opened: 7:34 pm

Dona Sinton, 501 Rose Street, questioned the appointment of municipal court judge when the Borough of Lakehurst has shared services with Manchester Township for court services.

Mayor Robbins responded the borough has their own judge, prosecutor, and public defender adding the borough is “sharing” the court room, court administrator, and court clerks.

Time closed: 7:35 pm

Councilman DiMeo stated a newly elected official seminar is being held by the New Jersey League of Municipalities that he would like to attend.

Mayor Robbins responded he and Council President Oglesby attend when they first were elected adding the seminar is very informative.

Council President Oglesby stated he will be attending a Certified Public Manager course adding the knowledge he gains from the course will make him a better council member. Mr. Oglesby also stated the course is every Friday beginning February 7<sup>th</sup> through December 18<sup>th</sup> adding the cost of the course is \$3700 that the borough will be funding.

Mayor Robbins stated a resolution will be added to the consent agenda approving Council President Oglesby to attend the Certified Public Manager course.

ADJOURNMENT OF WORK SESSION:

Motion by: Patricia Hodges

Seconded by: Steven Oglesby

To adjourn work session. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by: Steven Oglesby

Seconded by: Patricia Hodges

To approve minutes of December 19, 2019 Work Session/Regular Meeting. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative with the exception of Councilman DiMeo who abstained as he was not a member of the governing body at the time.





Council, that particular item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.

A. RESOLUTIONS:

1. #20-042: Resolution re: Payment of Bills
2. #20-043: Resolution re: Appointment of Municipal Court Judge
3. #20-044: Resolution re: Appointment of Alternate Public Defender
4. #20-045: Resolution re: Award of contract to Martin A. Ackley Assoc. for NJDOT required Core Testing for NJDOT FY2019 Project
5. #20-046: Resolution re: Change Order for Pine Street Curb and Sidewalk Reconstruction Phase II Project
6. #20-047: Resolution re: Accepting Maintenance Bond and Release of Performance Bond for Pine Street Curb and Sidewalk Reconstruction Phase II Project
7. #20-048: Resolution re: Reduction of Performance Bond for Limelight, LLC
8. #20-049: Resolution re: Authorizing Shared Services Agreement with the O.C. Prosecutor's office for Drug Recognition Expert Program
9. #20-050: Resolution re: Authorizing Shared Services Agreement with the O.C. Prosecutor's office for Driving While Intoxicated Program
10. #20-051: Resolution re: Hiring John Wisniewski as Public Works Labor
11. #20-052: Resolution re: Approving Steven Oglesby to attend a Certified Public Manager course

Motion by: Patricia Hodges

Seconded by: Robert McCarthy

To approve consent agenda. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative with the exception of Council President Oglesby abstained from Resolution #20-052 as it pertains to him and Councilman DiMeo who abstained from Resolution #20-051 for he is a relative.

COMMITTEE/COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilwoman Hodges reported the Public Works Committee met with Dave Winton, Department Head, adding Mr. Winton reported the Community Center will be painted next month and light fixtures will be replaced. Mrs. Hodges also reported public works is in "good shape" for snow removal. Mrs. Hodges further reported Mr. Winton will be getting specs and quotes for the portable bathrooms at Lake Horicon with hopes to have them in place for the summer.

Mrs. Hodges stated Lake Horicon was drained with hopes of cold weather to "kill off" the weed population adding unfortunately that did not happen. Mrs. Hodges further stated the Department of Environmental Protection requires the lake to be filled by February 20<sup>th</sup>.

Mrs. Hodges stated there is a sinking problem at the ESC building that has been an ongoing issue adding Mr. Winton will get a complete assessment of the building to see how the borough can address the issue.

Mayor Robbins responded he has spoken to the borough engineer requesting a quote to get a structural engineer to assess the ESC building.

Mrs. Hodges reported Mr. Winton has order the dugouts for Fuccile Park and Willow Street will be repaved in March of this year.

Mrs. Hodges stated the Ordinance Committee received the Land Use Ordinance back from the codified company along with notes of what changes need to be made. Mrs. Hodges also stated the committee will be meeting twice a month to complete the codification.

Councilman DiMeo reported he met with Councilwoman Hodges in regard to Youth and Recreation adding a meeting is planned for January 29<sup>th</sup>.

Council President Oglesby reported he and the Mayor met with the CFO and the borough engineer in regard to phase two of the water main replacement adding they modified the plans to bring it a little more into financial feasibility for the borough. Mr. Oglesby stated the non-critical issues went on the “back burner” adding Union Avenue is the main priority because the county road department will be repaving within a year. Mr. Oglesby also stated there will be a connection running from Center Street to Pine Street to the water tower adding the existing connection runs under the driveway that is between the two buildings making it not practical. Mr. Oglesby further stated this new connection will be a 12-inch line adding this will help the borough produce water. Mr. Oglesby reported the borough will be helping Manchester Township by selling them water to help their needs.

Mr. Oglesby reported the Personnel Committee will have a report during executive session regarding contract negotiations.

Councilman McCarthy reported the Board of Education had their reorganization meeting on January 7<sup>th</sup> adding all officers and liaisons remain the same. Mr. McCarthy stated Ms. Fuhring had a press release regarding the state aid that was received to help offset the budget. Mr. McCarthy also stated the press release stated the state aid was \$651,122 adding it will not fix the budget in its entirety adding special education and transportation cost have become a challenge. Mr. McCarthy further stated the press release stated that Ms. Fuhring stated that the district is in “the mist” of some major cuts adding Ms. Fuhring did not mention what the major cuts were. Mr. McCarthy reported he hopes to have answers for the next council meeting.

Mr. McCarthy reported the Public Safety Committee is looking to put together a meeting before the next council meeting.

COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC:

Time opened: 7:51 pm

Bruce Margenson, 5 Geneva Road, questioned the repaving of Brown Avenue and Union Avenue.

Mayor Robbins responded the borough would like to replace the water mains and sewer lines before the county repaves.

Mr. Margenson stated someone from the borough should attend the county road department meetings to represent the borough.

Mayor Robbins responded he has not gotten an invite from the county to attend the meeting.

Time closed: 7:55 pm

CLOSED SESSION:

Resolution read 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.

