BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST WORK SESSION/REGULAR MEETING MAY 21, 2020 MINUTES

MEETING OPENED AT 7:30 PM BY MAYOR HARRY ROBBINS.

MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR THOSE LIVES AFFECTED BY THE CORONAVIRUS.

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 PUBLISHED IN THE ASBURY PARK PRESS AND POSTED ON THE BOROUGH WEBSITE, THAT A WORK SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL IS SCHEDULED FOR THE TWENTY-FIRST DAY OF MAY, 2020, WITH THE WORK SESSION TO BEGIN AT THE HOUR OF 7:30 P.M. AND THE REGULAR MEETING TO BEGIN IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS MEETING AT WHICH TIME, THE BUSINESS OF THE BOROUGH WILL BE CONDUCTED."

ROLL CALL:

COUNCILMAN DAVIS: PRESENT COUNCILMAN LOWE: PRESENT COUNCILMAN DIMEO: PRESENT COUNCILMAN McCARTHY: PRESENT COUNCILWOMAN HODGES: ABSENT COUNCILMAN 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 pm

NO PUBLIC COMMENTS

Time closed: 7:32 pm

Councilman DiMeo stated the Youth and Recreation Committee will be hosting a "Chalk-it Up" contest from May 22nd through May 27th adding the theme is our appreciation for our frontline workers. Mr. DiMeo also stated participants can send a picture of their artwork to the Youth and Recreation Facebook page.

Council President Oglesby reported on April 30th he and Mayor Robbins attended a coronavirus conference call with Ocean County Freeholders in regard to reimbursement for all COVID-19 related expenses. Mr. Oglesby stated the reimbursement rate is 100% for all qualified expenses and added the expenses covered are expenses that were not budgeted. Mr. Oglesby also stated expenses not covered are loss revenue and possibly overtime adding overtime is "iffy", it must be marked specifically and only for COVID-19. Mr. Oglesby further stated there is 106 million dollars available for Ocean County. Mr. Oglesby went on to say that the Freeholders will distribute the money to those municipalities that send a list of expenditures and a detailed explanation of justifications and added FEMA will evaluate and if disqualified, money will have to be repaid in full.

Mr. Oglesby thanked Public Works for extending their leaves and brush pick up on Fridays and for electronics pick up on Wednesdays.

Councilman Lowe questioned the elected officials training course online.

Municipal Clerk Capasso responded two council members have taken the course.

Mayor Robbins suggested for Mrs. Capasso to resend the link for the training.

Councilman McCarthy stated he is still waiting for a response from the fire department request for portable radios.

ADJOURNMENT OF WORK SESSION:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by: Gary Lowe Seconded by: James Davis To approve minutes of May 7, 2020 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.

A. RESOLUTIONS:

1. #20-082: Resolution re: Payment of Bills

2. #20-083: Resolution re: Authorizing USDA Loan for Watermain Replace Project

Phase I

3. #20-084: Resolution re: Authorizing the Tax Collector to Process Third Quarter

"Estimated" Tax Bills, Due August 1, 2020

4. #20-085: Resolution re: Authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding with Ocean

Health Services for EAP Services

Motion by: Steven Oglesby Seconded by: Brian DiMeo

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 #2020-03
entitled: "AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST, COUNTY OF
OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE
REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST
AMENDING CHAPTER II ADMINISTRATION, SECTION 2-19 POLICE
DEPARTMENT" Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

Time opened: 7:43 pm

NO PUBLIC COMMENTS

Time closed: 7:43 pm

Motion by: James Davis Seconded by: Steve Oglesby

To adopt Ordinance #2020-03. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

COMMITTEE/COUNCIL REPORTS:

Council President Oglesby reported the Negotiation Committee will discuss the Police Chief's contract during executive session.

Councilman Lowe questioned the portable bathrooms at Lake Horicon.

Municipal Clerk Capasso stated the first bid opening the borough received no bids, the second bid opening the one bid received was priced too high and the second bid received did not include all specs adding the governing body can now award the contract without public advertising.

Mayor Robbins suggested the Public Works Committee contact Dave Winton, Public Works Department Head, to discuss.

Councilman Davis reported due to COVID-19 the Memorial Day Ceremony is cancelled and added the 100 names that were going to be added that day were given to Mr. Winton to be place at the memorial walk.

Councilman McCarthy reported the Board of Education meeting scheduled for May 19th was cancelled. Mr. McCarthy stated the school website mentions virtual learning continues as well as distribution of school meals adding there is no mention of 8th grade graduation or summer learning.

Mrs. Capasso stated she had spoken to the school secretary in regard to the recipient of the Mayor's Award for Academic Excellence adding the secretary stated the school will be holding a "drive-in" graduation at St. John's Church on June 15th.

Mr. McCarthy reported the Public Safety Committee met with Police Chief Kline adding Chief Kline reported the E-Ticket program is complete and is now live. Mr. McCarthy also stated Chief Kline stated the police department is down two police officers.

Mayor Robbins suggested for Mrs. Capasso to contact Civil Service and request a certified list and added let Chief Kline hire from the list.

COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC:

Time opened: 7:50 pm

Bruce Margenson, 5 Geneva Road, thanked everyone for their services.

Dona Sinton, 501 Rose Street, stated she was happy to see chicken ordinance on the borough website and added she hopes to see more in the future.

Tara Oliver, 317 Church Street, asked about the sidewalk chalk contest.

Councilman DiMeo responded the information is on the Youth and Recreation Facebook page.

Mrs. Oliver questioned the trees that were cut down by Lake Horicon.

Mayor Robbins responded the trees were cut down to make room for the portable bathrooms.

Mrs. Oliver asked if the borough will have a firework display this 4th of July.

Mayor Robbins responded he and the governing body will vote tonight if there will be there will be firework display adding the firework vendor needs to know by tomorrow so he can make arrangements with the U-Haul company who will be transporting the fireworks.

Councilman Davis asked if the borough has a good "rapport" with the vendor is it possible to for the deposit be refunded if the borough decides not to have the display.

Municipal Clerk Capasso responded the borough will lose portion of the deposit since the vendor will lose his deposit with U-Haul.

Councilman Lowe stated the borough would be taking a risk having a large gathering adding he thinks it's in the best interest of the borough to have a "bigger" display next year.

Mr. Davis added the Car Show is planned for next year as well and added it will be the borough's 100th anniversary.

Council President Oglesby stated having a crowed of 3,000 people is not a good idea and added if the vendor is willing to wait till next year then let's wait.

Consensus reached for no firework display for the year 2020.

Ron Crocker, representative from JCP&L, was present to let the residents of the borough know that JCP&L will not disconnect power during coronavirus pandemic. Mr. Crocker stated in the next week or two JCP&L will be trimming trees to protect everyone from future storms.

Mayor Robbins asked status of LED streetlights.

Mr. Crocker responded he will look into it and report back.

Councilman McCarthy asked what the deciding factor of when the grace period will end.

Mr. Crocker responded JCP&L will continue to address the no grace period. Mr. Crocker stated residents can call 1-800-662-3115 if they are having a problem making payments, JCP&L can make arrangements and get them outside resources as well.

Mr. Oglesby asked Municipal Clerk Capasso to post a link to JCP&L and the Lakehurst Youth and Recreation Facebook page for residents to access.

Mrs. Capasso responded she will have on there first thing in the morning.

Time closed: 8:04 pm

CLOSED SESSION:

Resolution to go into closed session read into record by 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 NEGOTATION

It is anticipated at this time that the above stated subject matter will be made public.

This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Motion by: Brian DiMeo Seconded by: Steven Oglesby To approve resolution to go into closed session. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

Time into closed session: 8:04 pm

Time out of closed session: 8:12 pm

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

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by: Brian DiMeo Seconded by: Steven Oglesby To adjourn meeting. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative. Time: 8:12 pm

Maryanne Capasso, RMC Municipal Clerk