

**BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST
WORK SESSION/REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 18, 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 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 EIGHTEENTH DAY OF JUNE, 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: PRESENT
COUNCILMAN DiMEO: PRESENT COUNCILMAN McCARTHY: PRESENT
COUNCILWOMAN HODGES: PRESENT COUNCILMAN OGLESBY: PRESENT
MAYOR HARRY ROBBINS: PRESENT

WORK SESSION:

PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATE OF PARTICIPATION AS A STATE FINALIST IN THE 26TH ANNUAL LOUIS BAY 2ND FUTURE MUNICIPAL LEADERS SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION TO JAZMIN DOLOR.

Mayor Robbins presented a Certificate of Participation as a State Finalist from the New Jersey State League of Municipalities sponsored contest.

REVIEW OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDA:

Municipal Clerk Capasso reviewed regular meeting agenda.

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. #20-091: Resolution re: Payment of Bills
2. #20-092: Resolution re: 2021 NJ DOT Municipal Aid grant application for Lake Street
3. #20-093: Resolution re: 2021 NJ DOT Municipal Aid grant application for Rose Street
4. #20-094: Resolution re: Award of contract to Martin A. Ackley Assoc. for NJDOT required Core Testing for NJDOT FY2016 Project
5. #20-095: Resolution re: Change Order for Poplar Street Road Reconstruction Project
6. #20-096: Resolution re: Online auction for purchase of electricity supply services
7. #20-097: Resolution re: Mayor's Award for Academic Excellence

Motion by: Robert McCarthy

Seconded by: Patricia Hodges

To approve consent agenda. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

COMMITTEE/COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilwoman Hodges reported Public Works will be removing some of the Pear Trees along Union Avenue that are causing problems. Mrs. Hodges added several spots where the trees are located are also outlets adding if it is an outlet that the borough keeps, Public Works will place a planter over it and if it is an outlet that is removed, Public Works will concrete the area.

Council President Oglesby report the Personnel Committee will discuss the AFSCME contract during executive session.

Councilman McCarthy reported he attended the Board of Education meeting and added Board Member Dean Hetzel has resigned. Mr. McCarthy stated all appointments for contractual services for the 2020-2021 school year have been approved. Mr. McCarthy also stated the school superintendent received a bonus of \$3,587. Mr. McCarthy further stated bill payments for June 16th were \$304,875.84. Mr. McCarthy went on to say that five tuition free students were approved and added the tuition rate for non-resident students is \$4,000 a year.

Mr. Oglesby asked was there a reason as to why the superintendent received a bonus.

Mr. McCarthy responded it is a performance-based incentive bonus adding she receives three of them annually.

Mr. McCarthy reported he received a low bid for the portable radios the Fire Department is requesting adding he and the Finance Committee will be setting up a meeting with the Chief Financial Officer once he receives the statues of the Fire Department's contribution.

Mr. McCarthy also reported the detention facility at the Police Department was inspected and is in full compliance. Mr. McCarthy stated the Police Records has moved over to the county records management system known as Spillman Records Management. Mr. McCarthy further stated this system is less expensive, it is maintained by the county, it frees up the officers due to the county dispatchers "plugging in" most of the information that the officers had to do, and to accommodate this systems, six printers were purchased for the police vehicles and added the printers were purchased with forfeiture money.

Mr. McCarthy stated the police department is looking for qualified lifeguards.

COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC:

Time opened: 7:56 pm

Bruce Margenson, 5 Geneva Road, asked what the bonus for school superintendent is based on adding a bonus is for a "job well done" and Lakehurst Elementary School is no longer number one.

Councilman McCarthy responded he does not know the parameter for the performance-based bonus and added it might not be made public. Mr. McCarthy stated that is a question for the Board of Education adding their meetings are the 2nd Tuesday of the month.

Mr. Margenson asked if the borough will be having National Night Out.

Municipal Clerk Capasso responded it is rescheduled for October 6th, 2020.

Mr. Margenson stated geese "droppings" are all along the shoreline.

Council President Oglesby responded experts say nothing you can do to the geese for a long time adding you have to keep changing it up. Mr. Oglesby also stated the borough has tried lights on the lake, dogs barking, bang pots, and "rattle" the eggs, nothing has worked.

Mayor Robbins stated Lake Horicon is a beautiful lake and wants everyone to enjoy it and added he will have Public Works Department Head investigate other options.

Mr. Margenson stated at Barker's Village there are some low-income seniors living only on social security and added they are paying \$600 a month for pad rental. Mr. Margenson also stated the rent goes up every year with zero capital improvement. Mr. Margenson asked if the borough could help with rent control.

Mayor Robbins responded the borough could help if they had a housing authority.

Mr. Margenson stated the owner of Barker's Village receives money from the state due to Barker's Village claiming they are low-income housing.

Mayor Robbins responded borough attorney Ian Goldman will investigate if the borough can do anything legally.

Mr. Margenson also stated the dumpsters at Barker's Village use to have a fence around it to deter outsiders from dumping there and added the fence is no longer there.

Mrs. Capasso stated the code enforcement officer had issued a warning last week in regard to the fence. Mrs. Capasso also stated she will ask him on Tuesday when he is in if the time as lapse to replace the fence and added if it has, a ticket will be issued.

Mayor Robbins welcomed Bob Vosseller of the Manchester Times.

Mr. Vosseller stated he was happy to attend to the council meeting adding it is always a pleasure.

Time closed: 8:08 pm

CLOSED SESSION:

Resolution to go into closed session read:

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:

