

**BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST
WORK SESSION/REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 17, 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 SEVENTEENTH DAY OF DECEMBER, 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: PRESENT	COUNCILMAN LOWE: PRESENT
COUNCILMAN DiMEO: PRESENT	COUNCILMAN McCARTHY: ABSENT
COUNCILWOMAN HODGES: PRESENT	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: 7:33 pm

NO PUBLIC COMMENTS

Time closed: 7:33 pm

Council President Oglesby comment how beautiful the borough looks. Mr. Oglesby stated this year there are more homes decorated then in years past and added the residents did an outstanding job.

Mayor Robbins asked if the questionnaire is also for residents who have wells.

Mr. Oglesby responded wells are a necessity adding those residents too should fill out the questionnaire.

Mr. Oglesby reported the Ordinance Committee has a completed draft of the Lake Ordinance for the council to review and added the committee would like to introduce at the regular meeting in January.

Mayor Robbins stated the next ordinance that needs to be reviewed is the zoning for medical use facilities. Mayor Robbins informed the ordinance committee that doctor offices, or any medical use office, are not a permitted use in the borough.

Mrs. Hodges responded the ordinance does not prohibited the use either.

Mayor Robbins responded the ordinance needs clarity.

Councilman Lowe reported there were a few minor repairs to the garbage trucks including regular maintenance. Mr. Lowe also reported the police department purchase CPR mannequins for training. Mr. Lowe stated a police officer will be receiving training to be a certified instructor adding the officer can then train “in-house” saving the borough money.

MAYOR COMMENTS:

Mayor Robbins reported the owner of the former Burger King property had contacted him to see what business the borough would like to see there. Mayor Robbins stated he mentioned an auto parts store adding the closes one is in Toms River. Mayor Robbins also mentioned the residents are expressing a chicken restaurant like Kentucky Fried Chicken, Popeyes, or Chick-fil-a. Mayor Robbins stated the owner asked if a marijuana dispensary would be considered. Mayor Robbins further stated that he informed the owner that he cannot make that decision. Mayor Robbins went on to say the owner’s son who has been in the business for six years would like to speak to the governing body as well as the Land Use Board, to discuss what the benefits would be to the borough

Council President Oglesby questioned the two hundred feet from the school.

Mayor Robbins responded marijuana is now legal adding that might not be a concern.

Mr. Oglesby stated there are questions for the Land Use Attorney to considered now with regulation changes.

Mayor Robbins stated there is the possibility of the borough benefiting from levying an extra tax on what is being sold.

Mayor Robbins also stated he spoke with Dave Winton, Department Head of Public Works, in regard to next year's Community Development Block Grant adding he would like to utilize the grant to address the removal of trees that are causing sidewalks to lift and to repair of the sidewalks.

COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC:

Time opened: 7:50 pm

Bruce Margenson, 5 Geneva Road, gave kudos to the Public Works Department for an outstanding job in regard to the recent snowstorm. Mr. Margenson also thanked the Mayor and council for their time and for all that they do for the borough.

Time closed: 7:52 pm

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by: Patricia Hodges

Seconded by: Steven Oglesby

To adjourn meeting. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative. Time: 7:52 pm

Maryanne Capasso, RMC
Municipal Clerk