

**BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST  
WORK SESSION/REGULAR MEETING  
JANUARY 21, 2021  
MINUTES**

MEETING OPENED AT 7:30 PM BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT OGLESBY.

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 TWENTY-FIRST DAY OF JANUARY, 2021, 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 McCARATHY: PRESENT
COUNCILWOMAN HODGES: PRESENT	COUNCILMAN OGLESBY: PRESENT
MAYOR HARRY ROBBINS: ABSENT	

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

NO PUBLIC COMMENT

Time closed: 7:35 pm

Council President commented on how wonderful the Holiday Wreaths look lit up along Union Avenue and added he gotten many complaints from the residents.



Motion by: James Davis

Seconded by: Brian DiMeo

To approve/release executive session minutes of December 3, 2020. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative with exception of Councilwoman Hodges who abstained due to her absence at the meeting of December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

#### 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. Resolution #21-043 re: Payment of Bills
2. Resolution #21-044 re: 2021 Salaries for non-contractual employees
3. Resolution #21-045 re: To Adopt Change in Procedure Claimant Certifications
4. Resolution #21-046 re: Authorizing Preparation of Bid Specifications for the NJ DOT-Funded Lake Street Construction Project
5. Resolution #21-047 re: Authorizing Shared Services Agreement with the Ocean County Prosecutor's office for "Move Over" Law Enforcement Program
6. Resolution #21-048 re: Authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding with Ocean Health Services, Inc, and the Borough of Lakehurst Police Department for "On Point" Program
7. Resolution #21-049 re: Rescinding Resolution #20-080
8. Resolution #21-050 re: Raffle license for VFW Post10061

#### ORDINANCES APPROVED ON FIRST READING:

"AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST AMENDING CHAPTER VII OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ENTITLED "TRAFFIC"" (#2021-01)

"AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER X OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ENTITLED "PARKS, LAKES, and RECREATION AREAS "" (#2021-02)

Motion by: Patricia Hodges

Seconded by: Gary Lowe

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

## COMMITTEE/COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilwoman Hodges reported members of the Finance Committee met with Wayne Sibilia, Chief Financial Officer, to discuss the budget timeline adding it could change due to COVID-19.

Mrs. Hodges also reported the Ordinance Committee has finalized the Lake Ordinance and is now reviewing the Land Development Ordinance.

Councilman DiMeo reported the Youth and Recreation committee met to discuss the possibility of having an event remotely due COVID-19 restraints.

Councilman Lowe reported for the Building and Grounds Committee adding bids are now being taken for roof repair at Borough Hall. Mr. Lowe also reported the fireplace at the lake's pavilion will be remove due to corrosion adding it is a safety hazard and the expense is not feasible.

Councilman Davis added the money saved from not repairing the fireplace will be used for increasing the electrical service panel. Mr. Davis stated it makes more sense for essential upgrades then the aesthetics in the background.

Mr. Lowe also reported internet service will be installed at the water plant for compliance with the upgrades and at the Community Center for JIF training.

Mr. Davis reported the 2021 Department of Transportation project will consist of Lake Street, concrete and curbing on the south side of Route 70 and asphalt on the north side of Route 70.

Mr. Davis further reported Public Works will be removing approximately 110 Pears Trees that are overgrown and damaging sidewalks. Mr. Davis stated the borough is preparing a letter to residents making them aware of the tree removal and if they wish to keep the tree in front of their residency, they we will be held with future liability for damage.

Mr. Davis also reported electric will be run to the new portable bathrooms that are schedule to be delivered the second week of February adding the Public Works Department Head is pricing equipment to have the bathroom put in place.

Mr. Davis went on to report that street signs will be changed adding the signs will be different sizes, this has to do with the speed limits and size of street.

Mr. Davis stated Barker's Village had presented a map of their new trash location. Mr. Davis also stated the problem with the new location is that Barker's Village has on-street parking making it difficult for the borough garbage truck to fit on the street and added if it should snow, the borough would have the burden of removing the snow. Mr. Davis

further added the Public Works Committee discussed meeting with the borough attorney in regard to garbage pick up at both trailer parks.

Councilman McCarthy reported that on January 5<sup>th</sup> the Board of Education had a Reorganization Meeting via Zoom. Mr. McCarthy stated the position of President and Vice-President remain the same, Jimmy Malden and Davis Burton respectfully. Mr. McCarthy added Amy Lowe, who was filling in for Dean Hetzel, has been elected formally to fill the vacant seat and Joel Merkin is a new member replacing Joanne Septor. Mr. McCarthy also stated no committee appointments were made, they were tabled and added they announced that there will be no regular business meeting in January. Mr. McCarthy went on to say that an emergency meeting was called on January 13<sup>th</sup> due to the Board of Education receiving a letter from the teacher's association. Mr. McCarthy further stated the teacher's association had concerns to reopening the school to the students adding there are no substitutes if a teacher should call out sick. Mr. McCarthy stated after hearing from both the teachers and parents, the Board of Education decided to reopen this past Tuesday.

Council President Oglesby reported the Mayor, Public Works Supervisor Bryan LeVance, and himself met with representatives from the Air Force, Manchester Township, and Manchester's Engineers to discuss the water main tie-in. Mr. Oglesby stated due to contract negotiations, he will talk more about the conversation during executive session.

#### MAYOR COMMENTS:

Council President Oglesby spoke on the Mayor's behalf stating the Public Safety Committee will remain the same for the year 2021, Councilman McCarthy and Councilman Lowe.

#### COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC:

Time opened: 7:54 pm

Bruce Margenson, 5 Geneva Road, stated there is still no fencing around the trash receptacles at Barker's Village adding the receptacles are not secure causing trash to blow everywhere.

Attorney Ian Goldman responded he is in contact with the attorney for Barker's Village adding the attorney does want to come up with a solution that is satisfactory with everyone. Mr. Goldman stated the owner has concerns with the current location due to outsiders dumping garbage there and added they would like to move the area inside the trailer park. Mr. Goldman further stated he had concerns with a location inside the trailer park due to the roads, not only the weight of the garbage truck but the garbage truck not being able to fit.

Council President Oglesby stated the borough does not pick-up garbage for commercial businesses adding the consensus of the table is the borough should not make exceptions for trailer parks.

Mr. Goldman responded he would like to come up with a resolution that works for everyone.

Councilman McCarthy asked why the fence was removed.

Mr. Margenson responded the fence started to deteriorate and they decided to remove it.

Mr. McCarthy indicated the owner of Barker's Village is failing to maintain their property.

Mr. Margenson stated his concern is the rodents and wildlife such as coyotes.

Mr. Oglesby responded the borough attorney, and the code enforcement officer, will be working on a solution.

Mr. Margenson also stated the Sunoco Station is an "eye sore" adding cars and trucks are park everywhere and tires are piling up.

Mr. Oglesby responded he will make the code enforcement officer aware of the situation.

Mr. Margenson asked about the 100-year anniversary celebration.

Mr. Oglesby responded the celebration will be next year adding public safety comes first.

Councilman Davis questioned the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Car Show.

Mr. Oglesby responded the car show draws big crowds adding the borough does not want to do that until the pandemic is under control.

Alan Hurley, 219 Cedar Street, asked if the roof on Borough Hall that needs replacing is a flat roof or a shingle roof.

Councilman Lowe responded it is a shingle roof.

Police Chief Matthew Kline presented to the council, and the public, the benefits of Ocean Health Services On-Point Program. Chief Kline stated the program assists law enforcement agencies with special needs such as emotionally disturbed persons, medical issues, substance abuse issues, depression and so on. Chief Kline also stated the program is designed to help the public and assist the police department in getting individuals help they need whether it be depression, homelessness, malnourished, addictions, family crisis, and more. Chief Kline further stated many agencies have implemented this program and have had great success with the community they serve. Chief Kline went on

to say this is not an employee assistance program it is a program designed to help the community that we serve and added the program would allow a social worker to be on site at Lakehurst Police Department one day a week for any referrals. Chief Kline stated over the past several years, the police have seen an increase in emotionally disturbed persons and opiate addiction. Chief Kline also stated any issues the police department encounters that they feel a social worker can assist, the police can refer the person to the assigned social worker adding the social worker would start assisting and helping the person with whatever their needs may be. Chief Kline further stated although they would only be at the police department one day a week, they take the referrals from us 24/7.

Chief Kline reported the first year with the program would be covered by a county grant with no cost to the borough and added the following year the cost would be \$17,500. Chief Kline stated this is a great opportunity to test the program free of charge and added if Lakehurst Police Department can help one person get on their feet, or get the help they need, it is a win for everyone. Chief Kline further stated he will provide a report with the statistics for the year 2020 to show that this is a program the borough could use.

Time closed: 8:13 pm

CLOSED SESSION:

Resolution read by Municipal Clerk Capasso 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.

Motion by: Robert McCarthy

Seconded by: Brian DiMeo

To approve resolution to go into closed session. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

Time into closed session: 8:13 pm

Time out of closed session: 8:29 pm

Motion by: James Davis

Seconded by: Steven Oglesby

To end closed session. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by: Gary Lowe

Seconded by: James Davis

To adjourn meeting. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative. Time: 8:29 pm

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Maryanne Capasso, RMC  
Municipal Clerk