

**BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST  
REGULAR MEETING  
MAY 19, 2022  
MINUTES**

MEETING OPENED AT 7:30 P.M. 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 NINETEENTH DAY OF MAY, 2022, 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                      COUNCILWOMAN HODGES: PRESENT  
COUNCILMAN DiMEO: PRESENT                      COUNCILMAN McCARTHY: PRESENT  
COUNCILWOMAN DUGAN: 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: 7:37 p.m.

NO PUBLIC COMMENTS

Time closed: 7:37 p.m.

Councilman Davis reported that he saw on social media a copy of a letter written to our congressional delegation in regard to saving the Cathedral of the Air from the possibility of being sold.

Mayor Robbins reported he is aware of the letter and will be sending out his own letter asking the same. Mayor Robbins added that is a “big part” of history that should not be destroyed.

Mr. Davis also reported there is flooding on one side of Lake Street and the other side is completely dried due to a grate being removed. Mr. Davis stated he spoke with Dave Winton, Public Works Department Head, and asked him to reach out to the county.

Councilman McCarthy reported he will be voting no to Resolutions #22-098 and #22-099 due to the fact that key information is not mentioned in the resolutions. Mr. McCarthy stated it is nothing personal against the person on the resolution adding it has to do with the Personnel Committee who had agreed to creating these positions with the stipulation that the borough continues to receive grant money to fund these positions adding this is not in the resolution.

Mr. McCarthy stated his concerns in regard to the selection of marijuana businesses mentioned in Ordinance #2022-08.

Mayor Robbins stated there will be set number of questions that will be asked to each marijuana business applying for a license adding there will be no conversations.

Mr. McCarthy asked if the borough is establishing those questions.

Mayor Robbins answered the state establishes the questions. Mayor Robbins stated that the committee will only ask those set of questions, the committee will then make the recommendation to the mayor and council who in turn will make the final decision.

Discussion continued regarding the selection of marijuana businesses in the borough.

#### ADJOURNMENT OF WORK SESSION:

Motion by: James Davis

Seconded by: Brian DiMeo

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

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by: Bernadette Dugan

Seconded by: Steven Oglesby

To approve minutes of May 5, 2022 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. Resolution #22-096 re: Payment of Bills
2. Resolution #22-097 re: Municipal Service Fee for Mobile Home Parks
3. Resolution #22-098 re: Appointing Amy Lowe as the Clean Communities Coordinator
4. Resolution #22-099 re: Appointing Amy Lowe as the Recycling Coordinator
5. Resolution #22-100 re: Capital Budget Amendment

B. CORRESPONDENCE:

A request to serve alcohol at a private event.

C. ORDINANCES APPROVED ON FIRST READING:

“AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST, IN THE COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS AND TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$38,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, FULLY FUNDED BY THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND” (#2022-06)

“AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST, IN THE COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING REPAIRS TO A UTILITY VEHICLE AND RELATED EQUIPMENT TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$20,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, FULLY FUNDED BY THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND” (#2022-07)

“AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH, CHAPTER IV ENTITLED “GENERAL LICENSING”, SECTION 4-5 LICENSED MARIJUANA OPERATIONS” (#2022-08)

Motion by: James Davis

Seconded by: Bernadette Dugan

To approve consent agenda. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative with the exception of Councilman McCarthy who voted no to Resolutions #22-098 and #22-099.

## COMMITTEE/COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilwoman Dugan reported Public Works will be hauling beach sand, getting the beach ready. Ms. Dugan also reported that Dave Winton, Public Works Department Head, emailed the county in regard to the road reconstruction of Union Avenue, making them aware of the July events happening and added he is waiting on a response.

Mayor Robbins added he has a call in to Scott Waters, the Supervisor of Ocean County Roads Department.

Councilman Davis reported the restrooms at Lake Horicon are repaired and back in working condition. Mr. Davis also reported the pavilion has been reroofed and the steel beam has been installed adding there are a few cosmetics to finish. Mr. Davis stated he is impressed with how much money was saved with having the project done in-house.

Mayor Robbins asked how much was saved.

Mr. Davis answered the borough saved about \$30,000.00.

Mayor Robbins gave kudos to Public Works.

Mr. Davis also reported that the Giberson Memorial Bench has been installed at Lake Horicon and added the family will be in town on Saturday for the dedication. Mr. Davis stated he also had Mr. Giberson's name added to the Memorial Walk.

Councilman DiMeo asked if water inside the surveillance cameras at Lake Horicon been repaired.

Mr. Davis responded Mr. Winton is looking into the matter.

Councilman McCarthy report a Public Safety meeting was had with the department heads as well as Fire Chief Danny Dries. Mr. McCarthy stated the idea of the Fire Department's efforts in creating a "savings" to replace all the Scott Packs in a functional matter is doable according to Chief Financial Officer Wayne Sibia. Mr. McCarthy added the mechanism would be to establish a Capital Improvement Fund on good faith with the governing body and the Fire Department, with their efforts to raise \$30,000.00 in five years from their annual allotments. Mr. McCarthy further stated if the Fire Department should receive a grant within that time frame, this mechanism will allow them to use the money for other items they see fit. Mr. McCarthy stated the Capital Improvement Fund is done through an ordinance that requires two readings.

Mayor Robbins asked if the Fire Department would receive less money in their budget each year.

Mr. McCarthy responded yes adding the money will come of the top each year and Mr. Sibia will place that money into a Capital Improvement Fund.

Mr. McCarthy also reported that Police Chief Kline is having an issue with no crossing guards adding he has advertised with no avail. Mr. McCarthy stated Chief Kline petitioned the school administration to create a crossing guard stipend position for paraprofessional adding the police department would conduct the training.

Mr. McCarthy also stated that the administration is agreeable to the idea and feel it is something that will work. Mr. McCarthy further stated that he directed Municipal Clerk Capasso to reach out to JIF in regard to the insurance coverage and as to whether the crossing guards are considered school employees or borough employees. Mr. McCarthy went on to say the stipend position salary is paid out twice annually making it more “appealing”.

#### COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC:

Time opened: 8:14 p.m.

NO PUBLIC COMMENTS

Time closed: 8:14 p.m.

#### 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:

#### PERSONNEL MATTERS/CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS

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

