

**BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST  
REGULAR MEETING  
DECEMBER 1, 2022  
MINUTES**

MEETING OPENED AT 7:30 P.M. BY MAYOR 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 FIRST DAY OF DECEMBER, 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: ABSENT	COUNCILMAN McCARTHY: ABSENT
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.

PRESENTATION TO GIRL SCOUT SILVER AWARD RECIPIENTS: ISABEL DiMEO AND MOLLY PEASE

Mayor Robbins presented Certificate of Achievement to Girl Scout Silver Award recipients Isabel DiMeo and Molly Pease.

Council President Oglesby stated the Silver Award is the highest Girl Scout award for a 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> girl to achieve. Mr. Oglesby reported that he attended the Girl Scout award ceremony and added the depth and research that goes into the projects shows maturity and hope for the future.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:

Time opened: 7:38 p.m.

NO PUBLIC COMMENT

Time closed: 7:38 p.m.

Councilwoman Hodges gave kudos to the families of the Girl Scout Silver Award recipients adding it is important for a Girl Scout to have that structure and support from their families.

Council President Oglesby reported that the street light outage that he reported over five months ago has not been repaired and that a reminder be sent to JCP&L.

Mr. Oglesby stated the Holiday Lights along Union Avenue look wonderful and gave kudos to the Public Works Department for putting up the display.

Mr. Oglesby reported that he attended a municipal manager's meeting on November 9<sup>th</sup> and added that there is talk in regard to possible state funding to municipalities to help offset the employee health benefits that are increasing next year. Mr. Oglesby also reported that there is going to be a significant rate increase at the Ocean County Landfill adding Michael Fiore, County Administrator, asked the towns to send him the amount that they are being "hit" with. Mr. Oglesby stated that there was no talk about the landfill closing.

Mayor Robbins reported that both the borough and their employees are facing an increase to the health insurance benefits and added the borough is looking into joining a cooperative health insurance with the Joint Insurance Fund brokerage, Conner and Strong.

ADJOURNMENT OF WORK SESSION:

Motion by: James Davis

Seconded by: Bernadette Dugan

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by: Steve Oglesby

Seconded by: Bernadette Dugan

To approve minutes of November 3, 2022 Regular Meeting. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative with the exception of Councilman Davis who abstain due to his absence at the November 3<sup>rd</sup> Regular Meeting.

## 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 #22-173 re: Payment of Bills
2. Resolution #22-174 re: 2022 Citizen of the Year
3. Resolution #22-175 re: Current Fund and Water-Sewer Utility Fund Transfer
4. Resolution #22-176 re: Chapter 159 for CY2022 American Rescue Plan-Firefighter Grant
5. Resolution #22-177 re: Authorizing FY 22 Homeland Security Grant for Portable Radios Agreement
6. Resolution #22-178 re: Performance Bond Reduction for Provco Pinegood Lakehurst LLC
7. Resolution #22-179 re: Release of Performance Bond for Limelight LLC
8. Resolution #22-180 re: Award of Contract for 2022NJDOT funded Rose and Pine Street Curb and Sidewalk Project to A. Takton Concrete Corporation
9. Resolution #22-181 re: Accepting Maintenance Bond and release of Performance Bond for 2021 CDBG Orange Street Mill and Overlay Project

### ORDINANCES APPROVED ON FIRST READING:

“ 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, SECTION 4-1 ENTITLED “MERCANTILE LICENSING”; AND CHAPTER XIII, SECTION 13-2.1 ENTITLED “LANDLORD REGISTRATION AND LICENSE REQUIRED” (#2022-13)

“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 V, ENTITLED “ANIMAL CONTROL”, BY ADDING SECTION 14” (#2022-14)

Motion by: James Davis

Seconded by: Steve Oglesby

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

ORDINANCES NOT ON CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion by: Steve Oglesby

Seconded by: Patricia Hodges

To approve on second reading and open the public hearing of Ordinance #2022-12 entitled: "BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR WATER TREATMENT PLANT UPGRADES, APPROPRIATING \$805,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$805,000 BONDS AND NOTES TO FINANCE A PORTION OF THE COSTS THEREOF, AUTHORIZED IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST, IN THE COUNTY OF OCEAN, NEW JERSEY". Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

Time opened: 7:44 p.m.

NO PUBLIC COMMENT

Time closed: 7:44 p.m.

Motion by: Patricia Hodges

Seconded by: Bernadette Dugan

To adopt Ordinance #2022-12. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

COMMITTEE/COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilwoman Hodges reported that the Finance Committee met with the department heads last week to begin the budget process. Mrs. Hodges stated that there is a lot to consider adding there are significant increases in pension costs and health benefit costs. Mrs. Hodges also stated the department heads are prepared and are receptive to discussing options and being creative.

Council President Oglesby reported the Ordinance Committee has been working on the Animal Ordinance and added First Reading is on the agenda this evening. Mr. Oglesby stated the committee's concern is the animal's safety and welfare especially now with the weather getting colder and no proper shelter.

Mayor Robbins informed the Ordinance Committee that the Code Enforcement Officer would like to meet with them to give some input on ordinances that are "tying his hands".

Councilwoman Dugan reported Public Works has put up the holiday lights along Union Avenue adding they look beautiful. Ms. Dugan also reported equipment is being prepared for snow removal and the bathrooms at Lake Horicon have been winterized.

Mayor Robbins remarked how fortunate the borough is to have the Public Works Department and Public Works Department Head. Mayor Robbins stated when the borough has a large amount of snow, the Public Works Department gets the job done under budget and that includes the overtime, salt, and sand.

Councilman Davis apologized for missing the past meeting due to health reasons.

## MAYOR COMMENTS:

Mayor Robbins invited everyone to the Annual Tree Lighting that will be held on Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Center. Mayor Robbins stated Santa will be visiting and refreshments will be served.

## 2022 CITIZEN OF THE YEAR:

Mayor Robbins presented Bruce Margeson the 2022 Citizen of the Year Award and the “Key to the City”. Mayor Robbins stated that although Mr. Margeson does not always agree with the governing body and comes up to the microphone and says his peace, he always thanks the governing body for all that they do. Mayor Robbins also pointed out that Mr. Margeson “pounded the pavement” for the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration and collected quite a few donations to offset the costs. Mayor Robbins thanked Mr. Margeson for his dedication to the Borough of Lakehurst and added that he is truly appreciated.

## COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC:

Time opened: 7:54 p.m.

Bruce Margeson, 5 Geneva Road, questioned the amendments to the Animal Ordinance.

Council President Oglesby answered the Ordinance Committee added Farm Animals to the Animal Ordinance and added there is one particular property in the borough that has a horses, pigs, goats, and other animals without the proper shelter as well as the adequate land to raise the animals. Mr. Oglesby stated the property owner is protected with the animals they have now; however, they cannot replace them or breed them. Mr. Oglesby also stated this ordinance will also stop other residents from having farm animals on their property.

Mayor Robbins stated that ASPCA will be contacted in regard to the proper shelter for the animals and if the resident cannot provide the proper shelter, the animals will have to be removed from the property.

Mr. Margeson asked about an ordinance for feral cats adding there are three cats that roam about Baker’s Village.

Mayor Robbins responded that Animal Control comes out on a regular basis adding they do trap them.

Mr. Margeson commented that the lights along Union Avenue look very nice.

Time closed: 8:02 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION:

Resolution to go into closed session read 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:

**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: Steve Oglesby

Seconded by: Patricia Hodges

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

Time into closed session: 8:03 p.m.

Time out of closed session: 8:18 p.m.

Motion by: James Davis

Seconded by: Bernadette Dugan

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

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by: Bernadette Dugan

Seconded by: James Davis

To adjourn meeting. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative. Time: 8:18 p.m.

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Maryanne Capasso, RMC

Municipal Clerk