

**BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 16, 2023
MINUTES**

THE 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 SIXTEENTH DAY OF MARCH, 2023, 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: 7:33 p.m.

NO PUBLIC COMMENT

Time closed: 7:33 p.m.

Councilman DiMeo questioned the property maintenance at 6 Union Avenue.

Mayor Robbins responded Borough Attorney Ian Goldman sent a letter to the property owner.

Council President Oglesby reported that the Ordinance Committee met with the Code Enforcement Officer to go over concerns of the governing body.

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: Steven Oglesby

Seconded by: Brian DiMeo

To approve minutes of March 2, 2023 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.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. Resolution #23-073 re: Payment of Bills
2. Resolution #23-074 re: Appointment of Vanceanthony Pelino as Police Officer
3. Resolution #23-075 re: Professional Services Contract for Engineering Services Master Plan
4. Resolution #23-076 re: Professional Services Contract for Engineering Services Stormwater Management Plan & Stormwater Control Ordinance
5. Resolution #23-077 re: Professional Services Contract for Engineering Services Stormwater Pollution Plan
6. Resolution #23-078 re: Authorizing shared services agreement with Manchester Township to provide Municipal Court Services
7. Resolution #23-079 re: Refund of Escrow Fees for 117 Union Road LLC

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 XIII ENTITLED “HOUSING AND PROPERTY MAINTENANCE”, SECTION 13-4 RESERVED”
(#2023-06)

“AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST AMENDING SECTION 7-4 OF CHAPTER VII OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE

BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY,
ENTITLED TRAFFIC” (#2023-07)

RESIGNATIONS:

1. To accept resignation from Police Officer William Bowers
2. To accept resignation from Police Officer Jacob Schilling
3. To accept resignation from Police Officer Anthony D’Angelo

Motion by: James Davis

Seconded by: Patricia Hodges

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

ORDINANCES NOT ON CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion by: Bernadette Dugan

Seconded by: Steven Oglesby

To approve on second reading and open the public hearing of Ordinance #2023-04 entitled: “AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH, CHAPTER VIII ENTITLED “TOWING” PERTAINING TO FEES”. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

Time opened: 7:36 p.m.

NO PUBLIC COMMENT

Time closed: 7:36 p.m.

Motion by: Steven Oglesby

Seconded by: Bernadette Dugan

To adopt Ordinance #2023-04. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

Motion by: Robert McCarthy

Seconded by: Bernadette Dugan

To approve on second reading and open the public hearing of Ordinance #2023-05 entitled: ““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 X, TITLED “PARKS, LAKES, AND RECREATION AREAS”. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

Time opened: 7:36 p.m.

Bruce Margeson, 5 Geneva Road, voiced his concerns in regard to no smoking in your own personal vehicle while parked at Lake Horicon.

Mayor Robbins responded that most people who smoke in their vehicle will have their window rolled down and unfortunately that smoke fills the air at the lake. Mayor Robbins stated that if “down the road” the Police Department feels there are no issues with people smoking in their vehicle, the governing body can amend the ordinance.

Mayor Robbins answered the Cannabis Committee will send the applicants a Letter of Intent that states the conditions that need to be met before the committee considers their application.

Municipal Clerk Capasso stated that in order for the applicant to get approval from the state, the applicant needs a Resolution of Support from the borough; however, the Resolution must specify that license applicants that receive state approval first in time shall be deemed approved by the municipality until the local license limit is reached.

Mr. Oglesby asked if the applicants need Land Use Board approval first.

Mayor Robbins responded the Cannabis Committee is giving Letter of Intent because both applicants do not have a location adding the Letter of Intent states the first applicant to have an approved location will be considered for the license.

COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC:

Time opened: 7:55 p.m.

Bruce Margeson, 5 Geneva Road, questioned the applicants who received a Letter of Intent.

Mayor Robbins explained that the Cannabis Committee received two applications for the B-2 Highway Business Zone, in the Western Corridor adding both applicants do not have a confirmed location. Mayor Robbins stated that the Cannabis Committee does not want to give a license and then have them “sit on it” for a year and then turn around and sell it. Mayor Robbins went on to say the Letter of Intent will ensure the Cannabis Committee that the applicant has true intentions of obtaining a license and opening a retail cannabis business.

Mr. Margeson asked if the jersey barrier located on Route 70 by the new Wawa will be extended to prohibit left-hand turns.

Mayor Robbins responded that Route 70 is a state highway, and the state was made aware of the jersey barrier needing to be extended.

Time closed: 7:58 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION:

Municipal Clerk Capasso reads resolution to go into closed session:

RESOLUTION #23-080

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**

