

**BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST  
REGULAR MEETING  
FEBRUARY 1, 2024  
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 FEBRUARY, 2024, 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 ROBBINS: ABSENT	

WORK SESSION:

REVIEW OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDA:

Municipal Clerk Capasso reviewed the regular meeting agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:

Time opened: 7:33 p.m.

NO PUBLIC COMMENT

Time closed: 7:33 p.m.

Council President Oglesby reported that the cost of the Fourth of July fireworks for 2024 will increase by 4% adding that last year's cost was \$13,000.00 and now the cost is \$13,500.00. Mr. Oglesby stated the July 3, 2024, date is open at this time, and the borough needs to secure the date.





Mr. McCarthy also stated that as for Public Safety, the DCA received an anonymous complaint about the Lakehurst Volunteer Fire Company. Mr. McCarthy stated that a meeting was held, and Lakehurst has nothing igneous but there are a few things that they need to work on. Mr. McCarthy went on to say that they are still waiting on the new patrol unit to get back from having the light and cage installed.

Councilman Davis asked if our new patrol unit was subject to the big Ford recall.

Councilman McCarthy stated not that he was aware of.

Council President Oglesby asked if there were any thoughts on the release of the borough owned property on Route 70 in Manchester Township.

Councilwoman Hodges stated that if the borough designates it as Green Acres property, the borough can still own the property but not pay taxes. Mrs. Hodges also stated that the property can be used as a buffer and gives the borough Green Acres credit, asking why not do that.

Council President Oglesby asked if there was a property size minimum for the Green Acres Program

Councilman Davis stated that he agrees with Mrs. Hodges, and we should just let it be.

Council President Oglesby stated that he agrees as well.

Municipal Attorney Goldman requested that the Council let him investigate it a little more. Mr. Goldman stated that the property may be of use to somebody down the road.

Council President Oglesby stated that the Personnel Committee will be having a meeting with the LPA Union Representative on Monday and a meeting with the AFSME Union on Thursday and hopefully they will have a resolution to the contracts.

Councilwoman Dugan stated that we should table the fireworks and speak to the CFO.

Councilman Dimeo stated that we need to get the word out to the Community that funds need to be raised in order to keep events like this going but he feels comfortable to go ahead and have the firework this year.

Councilman Dimeo motioned to have the fireworks and it was seconded by Councilwoman Hodges. A roll call vote was held. All votes affirmative.

COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC:

Time opened: 7:54 pm

NO PUBLIC COMMENT

Time closed: 7:54 pm

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by: Patricia Hodges

Seconded by: Brian DiMeo

To adjourn meeting. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative. Time: 7:55 pm

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Amy Lowe, RMC  
Deputy Municipal Clerk