

**BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 15, 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 FIFTEENTH 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: PRESENT

WORK SESSION:

REVIEW OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDA:

Municipal Clerk Capasso reviewed the regular meeting agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:

Time opened: 7:32 p.m.

NO PUBLIC COMMENT

Time closed: 7:32 p.m.

Council President Oglesby reported that the bulkhead at the lake looks fantastic. Mr. Oglesby stated that's it is a shame they must fill the lake and Public Works was unable to finish.

Motion by: Brian Dimeo

Seconded by: Bernadette Dugan

To approve consent agenda. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative with the exception of Councilman Oglesby who abstained to Resolution #2024-070 due to his membership in the Lakehurst First Aid Squad.

COMMITTEE/COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilwoman Hodges reported that the bulkhead looks great, Mr. Winton did a lot more than originally planned. Mrs. Hodges went on to say that the lake should be filled by Monday. Mrs. Hodges stated that they are working on getting compost and seedlings to put in that area to stabilize it. Mrs. Hodges said that the compost from the County will be at no cost to the borough and that she was in talks with the Master Composter for native plants that would do best there. Mrs. Hodges also said that she has volunteers already lined up to rake out of the compost and put the seed down and this should all be completed by the Spring.

Councilman Dimeo reported that the purchase order was issued for the computers.

Councilman Oglesby reported that he was pleased to announce that we have an agreement with both unions.

Mayor Robbins stated that he has signed both MOA's and that word document of the police contract was sent over to the Police Union.

Councilwoman Dugan reported that she met with the CFO, and he is working on preliminary numbers for the budget. Mrs. Dugan also stated that the new cannabis business opened yesterday.

COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC:

Time opened: 7:43 p.m.

Amanda Oglesby, 316 Church Street, stated that wildfire season is approaching and wanted to know if Lakehurst could possibly do an educational campaign.

Mayor Robbins inquired if Mrs. Oglesby had any contacts. Mayor Robbins went on to say that last year was scary and we came very close to losing homes and the ESC building.

Time closed: 7:44 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by: James Davis

Seconded by: Bernadette Dugan

To adjourn meeting. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative. Time: 7:45 p.m.

Amy Lowe, RMC
Deputy Municipal Clerk