

**BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 4, 2024
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:

“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 FOURTH DAY OF APRIL, 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 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: 7:32 p.m.

NO PUBLIC COMMENT

Time closed: 7:32 p.m.

Councilwoman Hodges commended the Personnel Committee on the police contract.

Council President Oglesby reported Lake Horicon looks fantastic and commended Public Works for a job well done.

ADJOURNMENT OF WORK SESSION:

Motion by: Bernadette Dugan
To adjourn work session. Roll call vote held.

Seconded by: Patricia Hodges

Council	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Council President Oglesby	x			
Councilman Davis	x			
Councilman DiMeo	x			
Councilwoman Hodges	x			
Councilman McCarthy	x			

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by: Brian DiMeo
To approve minutes of March 7, 2024 Regular Meeting. Roll call vote held.

Seconded by: Bernadette Dugan

Council	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Council President Oglesby	x			
Councilman Davis	x			
Councilman DiMeo	x			
Councilwoman Hodges	x			
Councilman McCarthy	x			

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 #24-076 re: Payment of Bills; March 21, 2024
2. Resolution #24-077 re: Payment of Bills; April 4, 2024
3. Resolution #24-078 re: Approving appointment of Jean Verrier as a Part-time Police Officer
4. Resolution #24-079 re: Approving appointment of Bryan LeVance as Water and Sewer Utilities Superintendent.
5. Resolution #24-080 re: Approving appointment of Daniel Dries as Public Works Supervisor

- 6. Resolution #24-081 re: Approving the hiring Anthony Farmer as 90-Day Probationary Public Works Laborer
- 7. Resolution #24-082 re: Approving the hiring Dawn Martinez as Part-Time Clerk-Typist
- 8. Resolution #24-083 re: Membership in Lakehurst Fire Department for Joshua N. Davis
- 9. Resolution #24-084 re: Approving the contract between the Borough of Lakehurst and the Lakehurst Police Association

H. REGISGNATIONS:

- 1. To accept the resignation from Public Works Secretary, Ava Goins

Motion by: Patricia Hodges

Seconded by: Brian DiMeo

To approve consent agenda. Roll call vote held.

Council	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Council President Oglesby	x			
Councilman Davis	x			
Councilman DiMeo	x			
Councilwoman Hodges	x			
Councilman McCarthy	x			

COMMITTEE/COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilwoman Hodges concurred with Council President Oglesby’s comments on the lake and would like to give a big kudos to the Public Works Department.

Councilman DiMeo reported that the Youth and Recreation Committee is working with the Lakehurst Community Collaboration Group that has built up, trying to bring different aspects of the community together. Mr. DiMeo stated that the group is sponsoring a town wide clean up on April 20, 2024, that begins at noon at the Lake Horicon. Mr. DiMeo also noted that lunch will be provided at the lake after the cleanup.

Mayor Robbins stated that the restrooms at the lake are closed but he will speak with David Winton, Public Works Department Head, to see if they can be opened sooner.

Mr. DiMeo stated that the governing body’s laptops are in at Borough Hall and asked everyone to swing by and pick them up. Mr. DiMeo went on to say that the computers are not set up to the individual and to reach out to himself, or Coastal Solutions, if there are any problems setting them up.

Council President Oglesby reported that he has some personnel issues that will be discussed in executive session.

Councilwoman Dugan reported that the Department Heads and the Chief Financial Officer, Wayne Sibilia, had a meeting adding that the budget should be introduced the first meeting in May. Mrs. Dugan also noted that the Youth & Recreation Committee meeting on Monday was good and that a representative from Navy Lakehurst was there adding she could be a valuable resource to the town.

Councilman Davis reported that two of our “fairly important” vehicles at the Public Works are down with drive train issues and that we are moving forward with getting them fixed.

Councilman McCarthy reported that we received one new police vehicle and that we stumbled upon a second unit that was a left over. Mr. McCarthy stated that once the second new vehicle is outfitted then we will auction off the car being retired from the fleet.

COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC:

Time opened: 7:41 p.m.

NO PUBLIC COMMENT

Time closed: 7:41 p.m.

RESOLUTION #24-085

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

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

