

**BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 6, 2024
MINUTES**

MEETING OPENED AT 7:30 P.M. BY MAYOR HARRY ROBBINS.

ALL STOOD FOR 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 MEETING 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 SIXTH DAY OF JUNE, 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

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 Davis	x			
Councilman DiMeo			x	
Councilwoman Dugan	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 #24-098 re: Payment of Bills
2. Resolution #24-099 re: Appointing Municipal Clerk Capasso as Employee Benefits Clerk
3. Resolution #24-100 re: Appointing Deputy Municipal Clerk Lowe as Employee Benefits Clerk
4. Resolution #24-101 re: Approving membership in Lakehurst Fire Department for Marvin E. Dolor
5. Resolution #24-102 re: Approving membership in Lakehurst Fire Department for Rory I. James
6. Resolution #24-103 re: Approving membership in Lakehurst Fire Department for Jerry L. Thomas
7. Resolution #24-104 re: Hiring Christopher Bier as Part-time Police Officer
8. Resolution #24-105 re: Hiring Anthony Farmer as a Permanent Public Works Laborer
9. Resolution #24-106 re: Approving Clerk 2 Provisional Appointment for Kori Brennan
10. Resolution #24-107 re: Approving Clerk 3 Provisional Appointment for Renee James
11. Resolution #24-108 re: Authorizing 2024 salaries for non-contractual employees
12. Resolution #24-109 re: Raffle Licenses for Lakehurst Historical Society
13. Resolution #24-110 re: Raffle Licenses for Lakehurst Volunteer Fire Company
14. Resolution #24-111 re: Mayor's Award for Academic Excellence
15. Resolution #24-112 re: Renewal of liquor license for Lakehurst VFW Post
16. Resolution #24-113 re: Renewal of liquor license for Best Liquors
17. Resolution #24-114 re: Authorizing An Update to A Shared Services Agreement for Municipal Court Facilities and Personnel Between Manchester Township and The Borough of Lakehurst

B. ORDINANCES APPROVED ON FIRST READING:

Time opened: 7:39 p.m.

NO PUBLIC COMMENT

Time closed: 7:39 p.m.

Motion by: Brian DiMeo Seconded by: Seven Oglesby
To adopt Ordinance #2024-02. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

RESOLUTIONS NOT ON CONSENT AGENDA:

- 1. Resolution #24-115 re: Authorizing the Budget to be Read by Title Only

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

PUBLIC HEARING ON 2023 MUNICIPAL BUDGET:

Motion by: Bernadette Dugan Seconded by: Brain DiMeo
To open public hearing on 2024 Municipal Budget. Roll call vote held.

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

Time opened: 7:40 p.m.

NO PUBLIC COMMENT

Time closed: 7:40 p.m.

Motion by: Brian DiMeo Seconded by: Bernadette Dugan
To close public hearing on 2024 Municipal Budget. Roll call vote held.

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

COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC:

Time opened: 7:45 p.m.

Bruce Margeson, 5 Geneva Road, did you ask for comments on the budget.

Mayor Robbins responded yes.

Mr. Margeson also asked if the lake is closed to swimming.

Councilman McCarthy responded yes, without a lifeguard there is no swimming

Mr. Margeson stated that the barriers at the lake should be raised to bench height and that would be more practical.

Mr. Margeson also gave information on the petition he circulated in reference to the farm animals in town. Mr. Margeson stated that by not letting them replace animals that they are essentially being put out of business and that he implores the Council to reconsider the ordinance.

Mayor Robbins questioned whether the petition was to have the matter placed on the ballot.

Mr. Margeson stated that no it was just for the Council to revisit the ordinance and if the outcome was not favorable then he would want it placed on the ballot.

Robin Busch, 407 Union Avenue questioned the removal of the Bradford Pears in town and wanted to know if they would be replaced.

Mayor Robbins stated not at this time and that people are steering away from them now.

Councilwoman Dugan stated that they are starting with the diseased ones first.

Council President Oglesby stated that Quonset Cherry Trees were brought up by Councilman Lowe but due to budget constraints we were not able to do them at this time.

Robin Busch also questioned the subject of the petition.

Mayor Robbins stated that we are not going to call it a petting zoo, the residence by the lake with farm animals has a traveling petting zoo. Mayor Robbins further stated that the petition is for the owners of the traveling petting zoo to be able to replace the animals when they expire.

Robin Busch also requested permission to plant a corkscrew willow tree in the back of the lake in remembrance of Becky Malden.

Mr. Oglesby stated that he was all for it.

Mayor Robbins stated that he did not have a problem with that.

Bruce Margeson, 5 Geneva Road stated that it is a mobile petting zoo and that there are no vicious animals.

Mayor Robbins questioned was there anything said about the animals being vicious, adding that we all know what animals are there.

Crystal Parker, 206 Pine Street, wanted to give more information about the Mental Health Workshop that Councilman DiMeo spoke about earlier. Mrs. Parker stated that the workshop is for any adults working with young people on Tuesday, July 16th from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Proving Ground Church. Ms. Parker also stated that this is a free course and lunch will be provided but you must registrar.

Mayor Robbins asked if there was a flyer and possibly putting them up in the windows of local businesses.

Time closed: 7:58 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by: Brian DiMeo
To adjourn 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 Dugan	x			
Councilwoman Hodges	x			
Councilman McCarthy	x			

Time: 7:58 p.m.

Amy Lowe. RMC
Deputy Municipal Clerk