

**BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST
WORK SESSION/REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 20, 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 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 TWENTIETH 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: ABSENT	COUNCILMAN McCARTHY: PRESENT
COUNCILWOMAN DUGAN: PRESENT	COUNCILMAN OGLESBY: ABSENT
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.

Bruce Margeson, 5 Geneva Road, questioned Resolution #24-118, 2025 NJDOT project.

Municipal Clerk Capasso responded the 2025 NJDOT project for Union Avenue, Pine Street, and Myrtle Street will repair the curbs and sidewalks.

Mr. Margeson indicated that the streets mentioned were included in the 2024 NJDOT project.

Mrs. Capasso answered that 2024 NJDOT project repaved the roads and repair a few curbs and sidewalks adding 2025 NJDOT project will repair the remaining curbs and sidewalks along with Myrtle Streets curb and sidewalks.

Time closed: 7:34 p.m.

Councilman Davis reported the Historical Society 4th of July Antique Car Show Event is moving along adding it looks like we have another success on our hands.

Mayor Robbins gave kudos to the Car Show posters at Borough Hall and the Community Center.

Councilman McCarthy reported the Lakehurst Volunteer Fire Department was “flirting” with a sweetheart of a deal for a rescue pumper truck adding it still might materialize. Mr. McCarthy stated that another fire department made a friendly gesture to the Lakehurst Fire Department, and they are hoping to hear back soon.

ADJOURNMENT OF WORK SESSION:

Motion by: James Davis

Seconded by: Bernadette Dugan

To adjourn work session. 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			

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by: Patricia Hodges

Seconded by: Bernadette Dugan

To approve minutes of June 6, 2024 Regular Meeting. 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			

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 #24-117 re: Payment of Bills
2. Resolution #24-118 re: 2025 NJ Department of Transportation Grant application for Union Avenue, Pine Street, and Myrtle Street Project
3. Resolution #24-119 re: Authorizing a salary increase for Crossing Guard Warren Saupe
4. Resolution #24-120 re: Renewal of liquor license for Carlos and Sons, LLC
5. Resolution #24-121 re: Renewal of liquor license for Hanger 21
6. Resolution #24-122 re: Renewal of liquor license for Italy's Best Pizzeria II, LLC.
7. Resolution #24-123 re: Renewal of liquor license for Fleet Reserve Association Branch 124, Inc.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Lakehurst Volunteer Fire Company requesting to solicit for the year 2024

ORDINANCES APPROVED ON FIRST READING:

“AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 25-16A STORMWATER CONTROL IN PINELANDS AREA, CHAPTER 25-3.3 PINELANDS COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND CHAPTER 25-27.48 DESIGN AND PERFORMANCE STANDARDS , WATER QUALITY ENTITLED LAND DEVELOPMENT, OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST, COUNTY OF OCEAN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY” (2024-05)

“AN ORDINANCE AMENDING IN ITS ENTIRETY CHAPTER 25-16 STORMWATER CONTROL, OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST, COUNTY OF OCEAN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY ENTITLED LAND DEVELOPMENT.” (2024-06)

Motion by: James Davis
To approve consent agenda. Roll call vote held.

Seconded by: Patricia Hodges

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

ORDINANCES NOT ON CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion by: Bernadette Dugan Seconded by: James Davis
To approve on second reading and open the public hearing of Ordinance #2024-03 entitled “AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, FIXING AND DETERMINING THE AMOUNT OF SALARIES AND WAGES FOR CERTAIN EMPLOYEES AND OFFICIALS IN THE BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST, IN THE COUNTY OF OCEAN, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY” Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

Time opened: 7:36 p.m.

NO PUBLIC COMMENT

Time closed: 7:36 p.m.

Motion by: Robert McCarthy Seconded by: Bernadette Dugan
To adopt Ordinance #2024-03. 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			

Motion by: Bernadette Dugan Seconded by: Patricia Hodges
To approve on second reading and open the public hearing of #2024-04 entitled “AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST, IN THE COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF UTILITY EQUIPMENT AND TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$92,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, FULLY FUNDED BY THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND” Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

Time opened: 7:37 p.m.

NO PUBLIC COMMENT

Time closed: 7:37 p.m.

Motion by: James Davis
To adopt Ordinance #2024-04. 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			

COMMITTEE/COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilwoman Hodges reported she met with Public Works Department Head Dave Winton to discuss the Community Garden. Ms. Hodges stated that the garden has not been progressing as she hoped, adding Mr. Winton suggested planting pumpkins. Mrs. Hodges went on to say a pumpkin patch will help stabilize the soil, suppress the weeds, and will rehabilitate the garden for next year.

Councilwoman Dugan reported she attended the Board of Education meeting on Tuesday. Ms. Dugan went on to report that construction on the roof will begin soon and construction on the kitchen will be six days a week project.

Councilman McCarthy reported that the borough still does not have a lifeguard and that swimming is strictly prohibited at Lake Horicon. Mr. McCarthy also reported that he attended an OEM meeting earlier today adding the meeting concerned July 3rd fireworks and the July 4th parade and car show. Mr. McCarthy stated that the Police Department, Fire Department, and First Aid Squad have an excellent plan in place for the fireworks at Lake Horicon regarding handicap parking adding the police will be allowing those with handicap placards to enter at Union Avenue and Lake Street to park along the perimeter of the parking lot and added they will have a tent set up for emergency services with extra lighting. Mr. McCarthy went on to state that on July 4th handicap parking will be accessed at Church Street and Lake Street.

Mayor Robbins asked if those who are parked in the handicap spots at the lake on July 3rd need to leave, will they be able to.

Police Chief Kline responded that once you park your car, you will not be able leave till after the fireworks and all pedestrians have cleared the lake.

MAYOR COMMENTS:

Mayor Robbins announced the fireworks display will be July 3rd and the annual parade and car show will be July 4th. Mayor Robbins invited everyone to decorate their bikes and join the parade along Union Avenue at 11:00 a.m. adding he will be walking the parade route.

Mayor Robbins reminded everyone that the next council meeting is July 18th, adding there is only one meeting during the summer months.

COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC:

Time opened: 7:45 p.m.

NO PUBLIC COMMENT

Time closed: 7:45 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION:

Resolution to go into closed session read by Municipal Clerk Capasso:

RESOLUTION

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:

CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS

Time: 7:57 p.m.

Maryanne Capasso, RMC
Municipal Clerk