

**BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST
WORK SESSION/REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 5, 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 FIFTH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 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: ABSENT	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.

ADJOURNMENT OF WORK SESSION:

Motion by: Patricia Hodges 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: Bernadette Dugan Seconded by: Steven Oglesby
 To approve minutes of August 15, 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 #24-144 re: Payment of Bills
2. Resolution #24-145 re: Appointment of Christopher Smedberg as Part-time Police Officer
3. Resolution #24-146 re: Appointment of Nancy Laney as Alternate Crossing Guard
4. Resolution #24-147 re: Approving Agreement with the Lakehurst Board of Education for a School Resource Officer
5. Resolution #24-148 re: Approving change order for Pine Street & Union Avenue Reconstruction Project

Motion by: Patricia Hodges
To approve consent agenda. 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 Dugan reported that she attended the school board meeting and added that the roof is not completed but it is moving along. Mrs. Dugan noted that there are 410 students enrolled and that backpacks were donated for the students. Mrs. Dugan also reported that the cafeteria is almost completed, and the audit should be done at the end of October. Ms. Dugan further reported that the Historical Society is hosting an event on September 18th at 7:00 p.m. on the history of Lakehurst and Manchester, light refreshments will be served.

Councilman McCarthy reported that the new School Resource Officer was approved for the school. Mr. McCarthy also reported that the Chief of Police said the lake was less eventful this summer and our residents had better access to it. Mr. McCarthy stated that the Fire Company is hosting Food Trucks and Firepits event on Saturday from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00p.m. and that there is no rain date.

Councilman Oglesby reported that the cannabis committee met, and they will forward some recommendations to the ordinance committee for review.

COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC:

Time opened: 7:43 p.m.

Lisa Adams, 550 Route 70, spoke about a real-estate contract that herself and a cannabis company entered into and wanted to make the Borough aware of what kind of business owners they were as the company wants to back out of the deal and move locations after a contract was entered into.

Bruce Margeson, 5 Geneva Road, stated that Frankies Automotive Repair vacated the property and now it is just a gas station. Mr. Margeson reported that tires and debris were left behind and that he is not sure if the code enforcement office is aware. Mr. Margeson also stated that the downtown area, the sidewalks in particular, need to be cleaned up ; grass is growing on them.

Time closed: 7:47 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by: Patricia Hodges
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: 7:48 p.m.

Amy Lowe, RMC
Deputy Municipal Clerk