

**BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST  
WORK SESSION/REGULAR MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 19, 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 NINETEENTH 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: PRESENT	COUNCILWOMAN HODGES: PRESENT
COUNCILMAN DiMEO: PRESENT	COUNCILMAN McCARTHY: PRESENT
COUNCILWOMAN DUGAN: PRESENT	COUNCILMAN OGLESBY: ABSENT
MAYOR HARRY ROBBINS: PRESENT	

REVIEW OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDA:

Municipal Clerk Capasso reviewed the regular meeting agenda.

WORK SESSION:

Councilwoman Hodges reported that the Public Works Committee had a meeting with the Public Works Department Head Dave Winton, they are looking for guidance on the bathrooms down at the lake and how long to keep them open.

Discussion was held and consensus was made to keep the bathrooms open till after the Halloween Parade.

Councilwoman Hodges also stated that Mr. Winton is looking at putting in a limited schedule bulk pickup four times a year beginning January 1, 2025, with the first pickup being in March.

Mayor Robbins stated that an ordinance should be put together for the governing body to review and discuss.

**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: 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: Brian DiMeo  
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 Absent	
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 #24-149 re: Payment of Bills
2. Resolution #24-150 re: Reappointing John Antonides as Tax Collector
3. Resolution #24-151 re: Approving maintenance bond and release of performance bond for the 2023 NJDOT Pine Street & Union Avenue Reconstruction Project
4. Resolution #24-152 re: Approving Hold Harmless Agreement for the use of the soccer field located at Harold J. Fuccile Memorial Sports Complex

Motion by: Patricia Hodges

Seconded by: Bernadette Dugan

To approve consent agenda. 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			

COMMITTEE/COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilwoman Hodges reported that at the Public Works meeting, Mr. Winton stated that borough's recycling rate was at 50%, which is good. Mrs. Hodges also reported that there are only a few pear trees left to come down, and that project will be wrapped up. Mrs. Hodges further reported that 150 ft of bulkhead was installed at the lake and there is approximately 100 ft left on the south side of the dock and all the bulk heading will be completed. Mrs. Hodges stated that the decking on the foot bridge needs to be redecked and that Mr. Winton would like to put a roof on top. Mrs. Hodges reported that a few cedar trees had fallen, and that Mr. Dries milled them and that is the lumber that will be used to complete the project. Mrs. Hodges also reported that she met with Bryan LeVance and everything is business as usual; Mr. LeVance stated that all the paperwork has been submitted for the Water Plant upgrade and that the fire hydrants in town have been painted.

Councilman DiMeo reported that the Cannabis committee received an email and that a meeting will be held to discuss the other cannabis location.

Councilwoman Dugan reported that she attended the school board meeting and added that the roof is still underway and should be completed in four weeks. Mrs. Dugan also reported that kitchen at the school will be open on September 23<sup>rd</sup> with the ribbon cutting

on September 30, 2024 at 9:00 am. Mrs. Dugan stated that the Finance Committee will meet tomorrow night to discuss the upcoming budget.

Councilman McCarthy reported that the Police Department is working at full capacity. Mr. McCarthy also stated that the Fire Company just graduated four new fire fighters from Ocean County Fire Academy. Mr. McCarthy stated that he met with the First Aid Department and the vehicle and building are in good shape. Mr. McCarthy did note that membership is in dire straits. Mr. McCarthy also noted the Fire House is having an open house is October 8<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC:

Time opened: 7:46 p.m.

No Public Comment

Time closed: 7:46 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: 7:47 p.m.

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Amy Lowe, RMC  
Deputy Municipal Clerk