

**BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST
REGULAR MEETING,
NOVEMBER 2, 2023
MINUTES**

MEETING OPENED AT 7:35 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 SECOND DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2023, 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: PPRESENT 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:

Councilwomen Dugan stated that the fireworks and Halloween parade went great adding the weather was perfect.

Councilman McCarthy stated that Public Works, Fire Department and First Aid all did a great job, and it was an excellent fireworks display. Mr. McCarthy also stated the first ordinance tonight is to amend the overweight vehicle penalty for Union and Brown Avenues. Mr. McCarthy also went on to say that the second ordinance up for first reading is to post Cedar Street for speeding vehicles; unmarked roads are assumed to be 25 mph but it needs to be posted to give tickets.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:

Time opened: 7:34 p.m.

NO PUBLIC COMMENT

Time closed: 7:34 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT OF WORK SESSION:

Motion by: James Davis

Seconded by: Bernadette Dugan

To adjourn work session. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by: Bernadette Dugan

Seconded by: Brian DiMeo

To approve minutes of October 19, 2023, Regular Meeting. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

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 #23-171 re: Payment of Bills
2. Resolution #23-172 re: Reappointing John Antonides as Tax Collector
3. Resolution #23-173 re: Authorizing approval of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to establish a dedicated trust rider for Affordable Housing Trust Fund
4. Resolution #23-174 re: Regarding Best Practices Checklist
5. Resolution #23-175 re: Authorizing transfer for Current Fund and Water-Sewer Utility Fund
6. Resolution #23-176 re: Authorizing adjustment to utility account for Block 68; Lot 9
7. Resolution #23-177 re: Authorizing on-premise raffle license for Leisure Knoll Garden Nature Club

ORDINANCES APPROVED ON FIRST READING:

“AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING SECTION 7-20 OF CHAPTER VII ENTITLED TRAFFIC” (#2023-22)

“AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING SECTION 7-33 OF CHAPTER VII ENTITLED TRAFFIC” (#2023-23)

RESIGNATIONS:

- 1) Acceptance of letter of resignation from Crossing Guard Marlana McCann

Motion by: James Davis

Seconded by: Patricia Hodges

To approve consent agenda. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

COMMITTEE/COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilman DiMeo reported that the parade went well and was very well attended, there were about 50 or 60 kids.

Councilman McCarthy stated that the Police Department is currently looking for a new crossing guard. Mr. McCarthy also stated that they are working on the Police contract and will meet with AFSME in November. Mr. McCarthy informed everyone that Proving Ground Church is having First Responders Sunday this coming Sunday and that there will be a BBQ after the service.

Councilwoman Dugan stated that the Borough will receive the full last payment of State Aid because of the Best Practices Checklist.

MAYOR COMMENTS:

ANNOUNCEMENT OF WINNERS OF HALLOWEEN DECORATING CONTEST:

FIRST PRIZE: \$100 KURT & JANET VAN BUSKIRK
604 WILLOW STREET

SECOND PRIZE: \$50 WILLIAM & JESSICA POST
811 OAK STREET

THIRD PRIZE: \$25 PAUL & DONNA KISS
301 PINE STREET

Mayor Robbins reminded everyone that on Saturday, November 4th, is the Rabies Clinic at the Community Center at 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Mayor Robbins also reminded everyone Election Day is November 7th and encouraged everyone to express their right to vote adding polls open at 6 a.m. and closed at 8 p.m. Mayor Robbins also wanted to remind everyone about the Veterans Day Ceremony at Lake Horicon and our next council meeting will be on December 7, 2023.

COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC:

Time opened: 7:56 p.m.

Bruce Margeson, 5 Geneva Road, stated what a great job Municipal Clerk Capasso does.

Karen McPartlin, 17 Lake Shore Drive, questioned why the minutes from the last two Council Meetings are not up on the website. Mrs. McPartlin also stated that the fireworks were very nice.

Municipal Clerk Capasso responded that we just approved the minutes from last meeting tonight and to check the website tomorrow.

Time closed: 7:58 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION:

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

RESOLUTION # 23-178

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

