

**BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST  
WORK SESSION/REGULAR MEETING  
MAY 20, 2021**

MEETING OPENED AT 7:30 P.M. BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT STEVEN OGLESBY.

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 MAY, 2021, 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	COUNCILMAN LOWE: PRESENT
COUNCILMAN DiMEO: PRESENT	COUNCILMAN McCARTHY: PRESENT
COUNCILWOMAN HODGES: PRESENT	COUNCILMAN OGLESBY: PRESENT
MAYOR HARRY ROBBINS: ABSENT	

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.

NO PUBLIC COMMENT

Time closed: 7:33 p.m.

Councilman DiMeo reported AT&T is no longer providing analog phone lines as of November 1<sup>st</sup> adding the borough is looking into a new phone system. Mr. DiMeo stated he is in the process of receiving quotes from a few providers that provide Voice-over-Internet Protocol (VoIP) adding VoIP is a technology that uses broadband internet. Mr. DiMeo further stated it is the most current technology and is cost efficient. Mr. DiMeo





Councilman Davis reported the Public Works Committee spoke with Public Works Department Head Dave Winton. Mr. Davis stated the Public Works Department's work force is low due to lost personnel and schedule vacation time adding some projects have been put on the "back burner". Mr. Davis also stated finishing touches are being done on the restrooms at the lake like egress and egress exit for ADA, lighting, and cameras outside to monitor vandalism adding the hopes are to have completed for Memorial Day. Mr. Davis further stated "No Parking" and "Park in Designated Areas" signs for the lake will be going in tomorrow.

Councilman McCarthy reported Board of Education meeting was held on May 18<sup>th</sup> adding they will be going into collective bargaining for teacher's contracts. Mr. McCarthy also reported the board hired a new school psychologist, they approved six staff member's children to attend the school for the 2021-2022 school year and recognized three recent retirees yet ignoring a fourth retiree. Mr. McCarthy stated the board's bills totaled \$351,131.19 showing a balance of \$1,306,409.00.

Mr. McCarthy reported the Fire Department last fall purchased new lower pressure hoses and is currently adding an additional five new lengths of hose adding they now have five hoses that are serviceable but are no longer needed. Mr. McCarthy stated the Fire Chief asked if he could ask the mutual aid companies if they can use them and if they cannot, the fire department would like to sell them on Govdeals.

Chief Financial Officer Wayne Sibilis reviewed the 2021 budget. Mr. Sibilis stated the budget was adopted under self-review adding next year the budget will be reviewed by the state. Mr. Sibilis also reported the budget is within the appropriations cap having \$210,546 in the bank for future years and added the budget is within the levy cap having \$97,550 in the bank for future years. Mr. Sibilis went on to report the budget as introduced increased taxes \$41,447 generating a \$0.03 increase adding the increase is due to items the borough has no control over such as increase pension cost, health benefits, and utilities.

Mr. Oglesby thanked the Finance Committee for their hard work in regard to the budget.

Mr. Oglesby stated the borough has a time deadline to consider any ordinances on marijuana sales and distributions adding the Ordinance Committee and the borough attorney will be meeting next week.

Mr. Lowe asked if marijuana can be sold now.

Mr. Oglesby responded as of now no but on August 22, 2021 that could change. Mr. Oglesby stated any municipal regulation or prohibition must be adopted by August 22, 2021 and failure to act by that date shall mean that a period of five years thereafter, the growing, cultivating, manufacturing, selling, and reselling of cannabis and cannabis items shall be permitted uses in all industrial zones, and the retail selling of cannabis items to consumers shall be a conditional use in all commercial and retail zones.

Mr. McCarthy reported Toms River is adopting a Period of Time Ordinance where they are not excepting the sales or distribution of cannabis at this time but giving themselves more time to look at other options adding the borough might want to go that route.

COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC:

Time opened: 7:57 p.m.

Bruce Margenson, 5 Geneva Road, stated there were 75 people at the Lake Horicon yesterday adding the bathrooms need to be open to the public. Mr. Margenson also stated signs need to indicate the Men's Bathroom and Women's Bathroom as well as lightening in the area.

Mr. Margenson expressed his concerns of the Cannabis Ordinance. Mr. Margenson stated there are pros and cons adding he hopes the public will voice the concerns to the Mayor and council.

Time closed: 8:01 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION:

Resolution to go into closed session read:

**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:

**PERSONNEL MATTERS  
CONTRACT NEGOTIATION**

It is anticipated at this time that the above stated subject matter will be made public.

