

**BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST
WORK SESSION/REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 4, 2021
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 FOURTH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 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: PRESENT

WORK SESSION:

ANNOUNCEMENT OF WINNERS OF HALLOWEEN DECORATING CONTEST:

FIRST PRIZE: \$100 WILLIAM & JESSICA POST
811 OAK STREET

SECOND PRIZE: \$50 KURT & JANET VAN BUSKIRK
604 WILLOW STREET

THIRD PRIZE: \$25 MATTHEW APPLGATE
610 WILLOW STREET

REVIEW OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDA:

Municipal Clerk Capasso reviewed the regular meeting agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:

Time opened: 7:35 p.m.

Bruce Margenson, 5 Geneva Road, asked why the totals from the Bills List is not on the agenda.

Mayor Robbins answered the totals have never been on the agenda but did recommend visiting the website where the Bills List is listed.

Mr. Margenson stated that he visited the website this morning and the agenda was not listed.

Municipal Clerk Capasso responded due to the office being closed on Tuesday for Election Day and the internet down on Wednesday, the agenda was not posted until this afternoon.

Time closed: 7:36 p.m.

Councilman DiMeo reported the switch over of the phones went well adding the phones are now being used for both incoming calls and outgoing calls. Mr. DiMeo stated the intercom at the police department has a few minor issues but are being worked out.

Council President Oglesby reported there will be a Personnel discussion during Executive Session regarding police staffing.

Councilman Lowe asked about the water line tie in with Manchester Township.

Mayor Robbins responded that the matter is “still in the works”. Mayor Robbins stated now that the election is over, he and Council President Oglesby will reach out to Mayor Hudak and the new administrator to meet and to start a working relationship with the new administration.

Councilman Davis questioned Resolution #21-133.

Municipal Clerk Capasso responded the Borough Engineer denied Limelight’s request for a Performance Bond release due to Limelight not addressing the “punch list” items.

ADJOURNMENT OF WORK SESSION:

Motion by: James Davis

Seconded by: Patricia Hodges

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by: Patricia Hodges

Seconded by: Gary Lowe

To approve minutes of October 21, 2021 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 #21-129 re: Payment of Bills
2. Resolution #21-130 re: Authorizing preparation of bid specifications for CDBG Funded Orange Street Mill and Paving
3. Resolution #21-131 re: Authorizing FY 21 Homeland Security Grant for Portable Radios Agreement
4. Resolution #21-132 re: Chapter 159 for Homeland Security Grant
5. Resolution #21-133 re: Release of Performance Bond for Limelight, LLC Denied

Motion by: James Davis

Seconded by: Brian DiMeo

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

ORDINANCES NOT ON CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion by: _Steven Oglesby

Seconded by: Gary Lowe

To approve on second reading and open the public hearing of Ordinance #2021-09 entitled: "AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, MAKING THE PROVISIONS OF SUBTITLE ONE OF TITLE 39 WITH VARIOUS TRAFFIC REGULATIONS APPLICABLE TO 800 ROUTE 70, BLOCK 15 LOT 1 AND REGULATING THE USE OF SAID ROADWAYS, STREETS, DRIVEWAYS, AND PARKING LOTS BY MOTOR VEHICLES". Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

Time opened: 7:41 p.m.

NO PUBLIC COMMENTS

Time closed: 7:41 p.m.

Motion by: James Davis

Seconded by: Brian DiMeo

To adopt Ordinance #2021-09. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

COMMITTEE/COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilwoman Hodges reported the Ordinance Committee is meeting regularly on Wednesday nights adding the ordinance review is ongoing. Mrs. Hodges stated the committee plans on meeting two more times with the hopes of completing the first volume and added that she and Municipal Clerk Capasso will reach out to General Code to see what the process is to have the revisions completed. Mrs. Hodges further stated the committee will begin reviewing the Land Use Ordinances at the beginning of the new year.

Mrs. Hodges tasked Clerk Capasso with requesting the 2022 Budget from all department heads by the November 30th. Mrs. Hodges reported that the Finance Committee will meet the first week of December to review the budgets.

Councilman DiMeo reported the Youth and Recreation Committee will be having their monthly meeting this coming Monday, November 8th at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Center.

Council President Oglesby congratulated the “victors” of the election.

Councilman Lowe reported all fire truck inspections have been completed and added the security cameras for both Borough Hall and Lake Horicon have been ordered.

Councilman McCarthy reported there were ten On-Point referrals this past month adding he spoke with the Chief Kline discussing the alarming rate. Mr. McCarthy stated that Chief Kline had also spoken to the Chief Financial Officer and the Finance Committee who have assured him that On-point will be in the Police Department’s budget next year.

COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC:

Time opened: 7:46 p.m.

Bruce Margenson, 5 Geneva Road, question the cost of the security cameras.

Mayor Robbins answered the cost of the security cameras at Borough Hall and Lake Horicon are approximately \$14,000.

Mr. Margenson asked if the cameras are infrared.

Councilman Lowe responded in the affirmative.

Mayor Robbins added that he will be meeting with JCP&L next week to discuss the lighting at lake.

Mr. Margenson stated last week when he had visited the lake, the restrooms were closed adding he thought the purpose of having the permanent restrooms was to have them open year-round.

Mayor Robbins responded the bathrooms are to be opened till Veterans' Day adding the restrooms will then be winterized till Memorial Day.

Mr. Margenson asked about the watermain replacement project on Union Avenue adding last year the County said they were going to pave the road this year and it is still has not been completed.

Mayor Robbins answered the watermain project is still being reviewed by the Borough Engineer. Mayor Robbins stated the County will not pave the road until the project is completed adding when the County paves the road, the municipality can not dig the road up for five years. Mayor Robbins also stated that the County did promise they will pave Brown Avenue come this Spring.

Bob Vosseller, Manchester Times Reporter, asked the Mayor and Council if they knew Chief Chinery, the first Police Chief of Lakehurst adding he is working on a story for the paper.

Councilman Davis answered he grew up in Lakehurst when Chief Chinery was the Police Chief adding he went to school with his sons. Mr. Davis stated Chief Chinery was a friend and a mentor to him and had helped him get into law enforcement. Mr. Davis also stated they rode motorcycles together when he retired and was a good human being.

Mr. Margenson stated the Police Department is doing a profile on Chief Chinery and added they have articles on him from back when the Manchester Times was known as the Penny Paper.

Time closed: 7:53 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.

