

**BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST
WORK SESSION/REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 17, 2022**

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 SEVENTEENTH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2022, 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 McCARTHY: ABSENT
COUNCILMAN DiMEO: PRESENT	COUNCILMAN OGLESBY: PRESENT
COUNCILWOMAN HODGES: PRESENT	MAYOR ROBBINS: PRESENT

WORK SESSION:

APPOINTMENT OF BERNADETTE DUGAN AS COUNCILMEMBER TO FILL
VACANCT SEAT:

Motion by: Steven Oglesby Seconded by: Patricia Hodges
To approve Resolution #22-057A to appoint Bernadette Dugan as councilmember. Roll
call vote held. All votes affirmative.

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE BY MAYOR ROBBINS:

Mayor Robbins administered the oath of office to Councilwoman Dugan.

REVIEW OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDA:

Municipal Clerk Capasso reviewed the regular meeting agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:

Time opened: 7:35 p.m.

NO PUBLIC COMMENTS

Time closed: 7:35 p.m.

Council President Oglesby asked the status of the trees to be planted along Union Avenue.

Mayor Robbins responded that David Winton, Public Works Department Head, had a price for the trees adding he can start ordering.

Mr. Oglesby stated that Mr. Winton also needs to change the sidewalk area adding he can start digging that up.

Mayor Robbins stated he like to see the job completed by the 4th of July.

Mr. Oglesby question the watermain project and the repaving of Union Avenue.

Mayor Robbins answered negotiations have reopened up with Manchester Township as well as the Federal Government in regard to the watermain replacement and the interconnect with Manchester. Mayor Robbins also added he has met with the Ocean County Engineering Department, and they are going to mill and pave Center Street as well as Union Avenue from circle to circle. Mayor Robbins stated that there is usually a three-year waiting period before you can open a county road after it has been paved; however, when the watermain project takes place, the county will allow the borough to open the road and repave half the road instead of repaving curb to curb.

Mr. Oglesby stated that the Fire Department requested to use the engine bay at the ESC building for soccer practice. Mr. Oglesby also stated he had a few questions; he would like to know how many children will be using the bays and the ages. Mr. Oglesby further stated that although the borough's insurance is ok with it, he has some concerns with equipment that is hanging on the walls, if the soccer ball hits the wall, he does not want anything to fall, and someone gets hurt. Mr. Oglesby went on to say, before the governing body makes a decision, we need those questions answered.

Mayor Robbins directed Municipal Clerk Capasso to invite a representative from the Fire Department to the next council meeting.

Councilman Davis reported Mr. Winton stated that one police vehicle is in direr need of repair that will cost about \$2,000.00.

Mayor Robbins stated that the Finance Committee will reach out to Mr. Winton.

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: Steven Oglesby

Seconded by: Brian DiMeo

To approve minutes of February 3, 2022 Work Session/Regular Meeting. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative with the exception of Councilwoman Dugan who abstained due to not being a member of council at the February 3rd meeting.

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 #22-058 re: Payment of Bills
2. Resolution #22-059 re: Transfer (Utility Fund)
3. Resolution #22-060 re: Authorizing sidebar agreement for Borough of Lakehurst Police Department
4. Resolution #22-061 re: Appointment of Kori Brennan as Class II Land Use Board Member
5. Resolution #22-062 re: Appointment of Jeff Emmons as Alternate Land Use Board Member
6. Resolution #22-063 re: Approving Membership in Lakehurst Fire Department for Sue A. Clark
7. Resolution #22-064 re: Approving Membership in Lakehurst Fire Department for Russell E. Clark
8. Resolution #22-065 re: Cadet Membership in Lakehurst First Aid Squad for Elizabeth Cadmus
9. Resolution #22-066 re: Urging Governor Murphy and Legislation to Reconsider the New Jersey turnpike Authority Annual Toll Increase
- ~~10. Resolution re: Opposing the Extension of Executive Orders by Governor~~
~~_____ Murphy Beyond the Public Health Emergency~~
11. Resolution #22-067 re: In Support of Senate Bill S-1106 Which Prohibits Mandatory Use of Medical Devices by Minors without Informed Parental Consent

Motion by: James Davis
To approve consent agenda. Roll call vote held.

Seconded by: Bernadette Dugan

- Councilwoman Hodges voted yes on resolutions #1-9 and voted no to resolutions #10-11
- Councilman Dimeo voted yes on all resolutions.
- Council President Oglesby voted yes on resolutions #1-7 and #11, abstained from resolution #8 for he is a member of the First Aid Squad, and voted no to resolution # 10
- Councilwoman Dugan voted yes on resolutions #1-9 and voted no to resolutions #10-11
- Councilman Davis voted yes on all resolutions.

Resolution #10 NOT PASSED.

COMMITTEE/COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilwoman Hodges reported the Ordinance Committee is moving along adding they are meeting regularly, working through the Land Use Ordinances.

Councilman DiMeo reported Youth and Recreation Committee will be meeting on March 7th at 7:00 p.m. at the Lakehurst Community Center.

Council President Oglesby commended both Councilwoman Hodges and Municipal Clerk Capasso for their very hard work on updating the ordinances adding it shows and does not go unappreciated.

Mayor Robbins echoed Mr. Oglesby and thanked Mr. Oglesby as well adding it is a group effort.

Councilwoman Dugan thanked the governing body for choosing her and added these are “big shoes” to fill. Ms. Dugan stated Councilman Lowe was a great councilman but was even a better man.

Councilman Davis welcomed Ms. Dugan to the governing body.

COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC:

Time opened: 7:46 p.m.

NO PUBLIC COMMENTS

Time closed: 7:46 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by: Bernadette Dugan

Seconded by: Patricia Hodges

To adjourn meeting. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative. Time: 7:47 p.m.

Maryanne Capasso, RMC
Municipal Clerk