

**BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST
WORK SESSION/REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 17, 2022
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 SEVENTEENTH DAY OF MARCH, 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 COUNCILWOMAN HODGES: PRESENT
COUNCILMAN DiMEO: PRESENT COUNCILMAN McCARTHY: PRESENT
COUNCILWOMAN DUGAN: PRESENT COUNCILMAN OGLESBY: PRESENT
MAYOR HARRY ROBBINS: PRESENT

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.

Bruce Margenson, 5 Geneva Road, questioned Ordinance #2022-03.

Mayor Robbins explained Ordinance #2022-03 will be open to public comment at the April 21st meeting. Mayor Robbins also explained that the public will be able to ask the borough's Chief Financial Officer, Wayne Sibia, questions on the budget at the April 21st meeting as well.

Council President Oglesby stated the budget will be on the website for review.

Councilwoman Dugan added a paper copy of the budget is available at Borough Hall.

Time closed: 7:35 p.m.

Council President Oglesby reported that he and the Finance Committee attended a Budget Seminar in Trenton and added that he learned a few things that the borough might want to implement for next year's budget.

ADJOURNMENT OF WORK SESSION:

Motion by: James Davis
To adjourn work session. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

Seconded by: Bernadette Dugan

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by: Steven Oglesby
To approve minutes of March 3, 2022 Regular Meeting. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

Seconded by: Bernadette Dugan

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 #22-074 re: Payment of Bills
2. Resolution #22-075 re: Equal Employment Opportunity
3. Resolution #22-076 re: Self-examination of 2022 Municipal Budget
4. Resolution #22-077 re: Awarding of contract for CDBG funded Orange Street Mill and Overlay project to Swift & Sons Inc.
5. Resolution #22-078 re: Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement Between the Borough of Lakehurst and Martin W. Lynch for Reassessment Program
6. Resolution #22-079 re: Appointment of John Kern as a Reassessment Field Inspector
7. Resolution #22-080 re: Authorizing shared services agreement with Manchester Township to provide Municipal Court services

B. ORDINANCES APPROVED ON FIRST READING:

“AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK” (#2022-03)

Motion by: James Davis

Seconded by: Patricia Hodges

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

ORDINANCES NOT ON CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion by: Patricia Hodges

Seconded by: Steven Oglesby

To approve on second reading and open the public hearing of Ordinance #2022-02 entitled: “AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR A SPECIAL EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION OF \$54,395 FOR THE PREPARATION AND EXECUTION OF A COMPLETE PROGRAM OF REASSESSMENT OF REAL PROPERTY FOR USE OF THE LOCAL ASSESSOR OF THE BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST, IN THE COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY”. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

Time opened: 7:37 p.m.

NO PUBLIC COMMENT

Time closed: 7:38 p.m.

Motion by: Steven Oglesby

Seconded by: Brian DiMeo

To adopt Ordinance #2022-02. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

NEW BUSINESS:

INTRODUCTION OF 2022 MUNICIPAL BUDGET:

Motion by: Patricia Hodges

Seconded by: Bernadette Dugan

To approve Resolution #22-081 Introduction of the 2022 Municipal Budget. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

COMMITTEE/COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilwoman Hodges reported the Finance Seminar that she had attended was very informative. Mrs. Hodges stated there are procedural items that the borough might want to look at for next year's budget. Mrs. Hodges commended Councilman DiMeo, the Chief Financial Officer, and Department Heads for working on the budget adding it was workable as can be.

Councilman DiMeo thanked Councilwoman Hodges for her efforts as well in regard to the budget adding it was a challenge this year. Mr. DiMeo stated he too went to the Finance Seminar further adding it was informative.

Mr. DiMeo reported the Youth and Recreation Committee had a meeting this past week. Mr. DiMeo stated they are working on a few events and that more information will be coming.

Councilwoman Dugan reported Dave Winton, Public Works Department Head, is preparing the soil for the trees that will be planted along Union Avenue and added that Mayor Robbins has received funding for the trees.

Mayor Robbins thanked Dr. Brian Klohn for generously donating the money to purchase all the trees that are being planted along Union Avenue. Mayor Robbins stated Dr. Klohn has done a lot for the borough over the years.

Ms. Dugan stated the trees will be planted by April 1st.

Councilman Davis reported Mr. Winton is waiting notice from Arnold Steel to pickup the steel that is needed to repair the pavilion at Lake Horicon.

Mr. Davis stated he would like the borough to do something special for Dr. Klohn adding the donation for the trees was more than generous.

Mayor Robbins suggested dedicating a tree to Dr. Klohn adding the borough could put a dedication brick next to a tree.

Council President Oglesby suggested the tree in front of Dr. Klohn's office should be the dedicated tree. Mr. Oglesby also suggested the tree in front of Borough Hall should be dedicated to Councilman Lowe adding he fought for the trees to be replaced when they were removed last year.

Councilman McCarthy reported new guardrails are being installed along Route 70. Mr. McCarthy also reported that the Board of Education meeting had been rescheduled for March 22nd adding the tentative budget adoption will be held that meeting.

COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC:

Time opened: 7:45 p.m.

Bruce Margenson, 5 Geneva Road, stated the playground at Lake Horicon looks great and asked if it is possible to get more mulch at the playground.

Mayor Robbins responded Public Works will address the playground this Spring.

Mr. Margenson reported the curbing along Pine Street by the Presbyterian Church is deteriorating.

Mayor Robbins answered the curbing will be address with this year's DOT grant.

Mr. Margenson commented how Dr. Klohn has "far exceeded" his generosity this year adding he like to see him be presented with a plaque.

Mayor Robbins stated Dr. Klohn has been awarded Citizen of the Year in the past adding he has done a lot for the borough including his participation with the police golf outing.

Time closed: 7:48 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by: Patricia Hodges

Seconded by: Brian DiMeo

To adjourn meeting. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative. Time: 7:49 p.m.

Maryanne Capasso, RMC
Municipal Clerk