

**BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST
REGULAR MEETING,
JUNE 2, 2022
MINUTES**

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 SECOND DAY OF JUNE, 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: ABSENT	COUNCILWOMAN HODGES: PRESENT
COUNCILMAN DiMEO: PRESENT	COUNCILMAN McCARTHY: ABSENT
COUNCILWOMAN DUGAN: PRESENT	COUNCILMAN OGLESBY: PRESENT
MAYOR HARRY ROBBINS: ABSENT	

WORK SESSION:

PRESENTATION BY GIRL SCOUT ISABEL DiMEO REGARDING SILVER AWARD PROJECT:

Isabel DiMeo presented a proposal to build a pantry box to earn her Girl Scouts Silver Award. Ms. DiMeo stated people cannot always get the items they need due to not having enough time to go to the store, not enough money to buy items, or a vehicle to get to the store. Ms. DiMeo also stated that she is working with different volunteer organizations to help stock the pantry and added she will also work with area stores and agencies that help people in need. Ms. DiMeo further stated she welcomes community members, fellow girl scouts, and boy scout troops to help keep the pantry stocked. Ms. DiMeo went on to say the pantry box will be made of a mixture of wood and composite material, the roof out of asphalt shingles, and the interior will have shelving made of plywood. Ms. DiMeo passed out a schematic of the pantry.

Councilwoman Dugan stated the pantry box is similar to a lending library box.

Ms. DiMeo responded yes and added that the pantry box will have shelves inside to store a variety of items.

Ms. Dugan commended Ms. DiMeo for putting a lot of thought into her community regarding the pantry box.

Councilwoman Hodges asked if the pantry box will be always accessible.

Ms. DiMeo responded yes.

Mrs. Hodges also asked if someone can also leave items for those in need.

Ms. DiMeo responded yes.

Mrs. Hodges questioned the location of the pantry box.

Council President Oglesby suggested either in front of Borough Hall or in the parking lot where it is will lit and security cameras are available.

Mrs. Hodges questioned the time frame in regard to when the box needed to be completed.

Ms. DiMeo responded that it needs to be completed by September.

Mr. Oglesby asked if there are any objections to the pantry box being built in front of Borough Hall.

All in agreement.

REVIEW OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDA:

Municipal Clerk Capasso reviewed the regular meeting agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:

Time opened: 7:42 p.m.

NO PUBLIC COMMENT

Time closed: 7:42 p.m.

Councilwoman Hodges stated she is happy to report the ordinances are finally codified and thanked Municipal Clerk Capasso for all her hard work.

Councilwoman Dugan commended Public Works for preparing the Memorial at Lake Horicon for the ceremony and added the ceremony was well attended. Ms. Dugan reported the ADA ramps are being installed along Union Avenue and Brown Avenue by the county. Ms. Dugan further reported that Mr. Winton met with the Borough Engineer in regard to the 2023 NJDOT grant adding they are looking at Pine Street, Union Avenue and Division Street in the Westlake section of Lakehurst.

Municipal Clerk Capasso reported that she received a few complaints from residents in regard to the ADA ramps that were replaced last year through a NJDOT grant are now being replaced again adding the residents felt it was a “waste of taxpayers’ money”.

Ms. Dugan stated unfortunately it is the county that is replacing ramps and the borough does not have a say on county roads.

MAYOR COMMENTS:

Council President Oglesby spoke on behalf of Mayor Robbins reminding everyone to get out and vote on Primary Election Day, June 7th adding this is the time to express your opinion.

COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC:

Time opened: 7:52 p.m.

Bruce Margenson, 5 Geneva Road, stated his concerns of out-of-towners coming to Lake Horicon in large numbers.

Council President Oglesby stated that the borough cannot legally prevent out-of-towners coming to the lake adding it is a public access area. Mr. Oglesby also stated the borough does have an ordinance that prohibits portable tents and designates parking in certain areas. Mr. Oglesby further stated he will reach out to Police Chief Kline to ensure the police are enforcing the regulations. Mr. Oglesby went on to say he understands the concern adding it can be frustrating when you cannot enjoy the lake due to overcrowding.

Time closed: 7:56 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION:

Resolution to go into closed session read:

RESOLUTION

