

**BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 2, 2023
MINUTES**

MEETING OPENED AT 7:30 P.M. BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT 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 FEBRUARY, 2023, 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: ABSENT
COUNCILWOMAN DUGAN: 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: 7:32 p.m.

NO PUBLIC COMMENT

Time closed: 7:32 p.m.

Councilwoman Hodges reported the Ordinance Committee has two ordinances for discussion this evening.

Municipal Clerk Capasso stated both ordinances came from the advice of Police Chief Kline. Mrs. Capasso read into record the title of Ordinance #2023-01 “AN

ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST, OCEAN COUNTY, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, CREATING NEW CHAPTER 9 OF THE BOROUGH CODE TO ESTABLISH REGULATIONS AND PRESCRIBE PENALTIES FOR EXCESSIVE CONSUMPTION OF MUNICIPAL SERVICES”. Mrs. Capasso explained this ordinance will allow the police officers to ticket property owners who are repeat offenders of public nuisances. Mrs. Capasso also explained that the ordinance defines public nuisances and excessiveness.

Mrs. Capasso read into record the title of Ordinance #2023-02 ““AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST AMENDING CHAPTER III OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ENTITLED POLICE REGULATIONS” Mrs. Capasso explained this ordinance will enforce no smoking in public places, such as Lake Horicon, and will allow the police department to place “No Smoking” signs in designated areas.

Council President Oglesby questioned the smoking at the community center adding there are ashtrays located at the entrance of the building. Mr. Oglesby went on to say that if and when the ordinance is past, all ashtrays need to be removed from the property.

Councilwoman Dugan answered the ordinance states the community center is a public facility asking when the community center is rented, does the community center become a non-public place.

Borough Attorney Ian Goldman responded the community center is public facility whether rented or not.

Mr. Goldman suggested the word “Cannabis” be added to the “Smoking” definition for reinforcement.

Mrs. Capasso stated Police Chief Kline wanted consumption and possession of any cannabis products to be its own ordinance adding smoking is allowed in certain areas whereas cannabis is not.

Ms. Dugan responded the ordinance states the definition of smoking as the burning of, inhaling from, exhaling the smoke from, or the possession of a lighted cigar, cigarette, pipe or any other matter or substance which contains tobacco, or any other matter that can be smoked or inhaled, or the inhaling or exhaling of smoke or vapor from an electronic smoking device adding cannabis is covered.

Councilman Davis asked if Ordinance #2023-01, Excessive Consumption of Municipal Service, will apply to repeat offenders that leave excessive garbage after a tenant moves out of a rental property.

Mr. Oglesby answered Ordinance #2023-01 applies only to emergency services adding debris on a property would be a code enforcement issue.

ADJOURNMENT OF WORK SESSION:

Motion by: James Davis

Seconded by: Steven Oglesby

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by: Brian DiMeo

Seconded by: Bernadette Dugan

To approve minutes of December 15, 2022 Work Session/Regular Meeting. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative with the exception of Councilman Davis who abstained due to his absence at the December 15th regular meeting.

Motion by: Bernadette Dugan

Seconded by: James Davis

To approve minutes of January 1, 2023 Reorganization 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 #23-048 re: Payment of Bills
2. Resolution #23-049 re: 2023 Salaries for non-contractual employees
3. Resolution #23-050 re: To Adopt Procedure Claimant Certifications
4. Resolution #23-051 re: Authorizing the Amendment to a Prior Settlement Agreement
5. Resolution #23-052 re: Authorizing the Amendment to a Prior Resolution of Support
6. Resolution #23-053 re: Transfer (Current Fund)
7. Resolution #23-054 re: Professional services agreement for engineering fees for NJEIT Grant for the Water Treatment Plant Rehabilitation Project
8. Resolution #23-055 re: Shared Services Agreement with OC Prosecutor's Office for Participation in Traffic Safety Program Known as F.A.S.T.
9. Resolution #23-056 re: Approving professional services contract appointing Phoenix Advisors, LLC to provide financial advisory Services

Motion by: James Davis

Seconded by: Bernadette Dugan

To approve consent agenda with the addition of Ordinance #2023-01 and Ordinance #2023-02. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative with the exception of Councilwoman Hodges who voted no to Resolutions #23-051 and #23-052.

COMMITTEE/COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilwoman Hodges reported she met with Public Works Department Head David Winton who stated the remaining portion of Orange Street will be repaved through the CDBG grant and sidewalk and curbs will be replaced on Pine Street this spring through the NJDOT grant. Mrs. Hodges also reported that the truck body that Mr. Winton has been waiting on will be delivered in April.

Councilman DiMeo reported there will be a Youth and Recreation Committee meeting on Monday, February 6th, at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Center.

Councilwoman Dugan reported the Finance Committee had a meeting with Chief Financial Officer Wayne Sibia and the department heads who presented the budgets adding the budgets seem to be “realistic” considering the borough’s constraints. Ms. Dugan stated the Finance Committee is waiting on figures from the state and added the hopes is to introduce the budget at the March 2nd meeting.

Councilman Davis reported he will be attending the Board of Education meeting next week.

Council President Oglesby reported the Personnel Committee will be meeting with the department heads next week.

COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC:

Time opened: 7:56 p.m.

NO PUBLIC COMMENT

Time closed: 7:56 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by: James Davis

Seconded by: Bernadette Dugan

To adjourn meeting. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative. Time: 7:56 p.m.

Maryanne Capasso, RMC
Municipal Clerk