# BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST REGULAR MEETING AUGUST 17, 2023 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 MARYANNE 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 AUGUST, 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
COUNCILMAN DIMEO: PRESENT
COUNCILWOMAN DUGAN: PRESENT
COUNCILMAN McCARTHY: 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.

NO PUBLIC COMMENT

Time closed: 7:33 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT OF WORK SESSION:

Motion by: James Davis Seconded by: Bernadette Dugan

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 July 20, 2023 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 #23-137 re: Payment of Bills
- 2. Resolution #23-138 re: Appointing Amy Lowe as Deputy Municipal Clerk
- 3. Resolution #23-139 re: Appointing Amyrr Evans as Public Works Laborer
- 4. Resolution #23-140 re: Authorizing Refund of 2023 Tax Overpayments
- 5. Resolution #23-141 re: Authorizing the Cancellation of 2023 Taxes for Block 17, Lot 1.03
- 6. Resolution #23-142 re: Authorizing the Cancellation of 2023 Taxes for Block 17, Lot 3.01
- 7. Resolution #23-143 re: Authorizing the Cancellation of 2023 Taxes for Block 10, Lot 11
- 8. Resolution #23-144 re: Appointing Affordable Housing Engineer
- 9. Resolution #23-145 re: Refund of Escrow Fees for Limelight LLC-Phase II
- 10. Resolution #23-146 re: Canceling Grant Balances

### B. ORDINANCES APPROVED ON FIRST READING:

"AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING CHAPTER XXV OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST, ENTITLED "LAND DEVELOPMENT", TO CREATE A NEW SUBSECTION ENTITLED "PRIVATELY-OWNED SALT STORAGE"" (#2023-19)

Motion by: Bernadette Dugan Seconded by: James Davis To approve consent agenda. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

#### ORDINANCES NOT ON CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion by: Steven Oglesby

Seconded by: Bernadette Dugan
To approve on second reading and open the public hearing of Ordinance #2023-15
entitled: ""AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST, COUNTY OF
OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING CHAPTER XXV OF THE
REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST,
ENTITLED "LAND DEVELOPMENT", TO CREATE A NEW SUBSECTION
ENTITLED "TREE REMOVAL-REPLACEMENT"". Roll call vote held. All votes
affirmative.

Time opened: 7:34 p.m.

### NO PUBLIC COMMENT

Time closed: 7:34 p.m.

Motion by: Bernadette Dugan Seconded by: Steven Oglesby To adopt Ordinance #2023-15. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

Motion by: Steven Oglesby

Seconded by: Bernadette Dugan
To approve on second reading and open the public hearing of Ordinance #2023-16
entitled: "AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST AMENDING
CHAPTER VII OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH
OF LAKEHURST, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ENTITLED
TRAFFIC". Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

Time opened: 7:35 p.m.

### NO PUBLIC COMMENT

Time closed: 7:35 p.m.

Motion by: James Davis Seconded by: Brian DiMeo To adopt Ordinance #2023-16. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

Motion by: Steven Oglesby

Seconded by: Bernadette Dugan
To approve on second reading and open the public hearing of Ordinance #2023-17
entitled: "AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST AMENDING
AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER II, OF THE REVISED GENERAL
ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST, COUNTY OF OCEAN,
STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ENTITLED "ADMINISTRATION"" Roll call vote held. All
votes affirmative.

Time opened: 7:35 p.m.

### NO PUBLIC COMMENT

Time closed: 7:35 p.m.

Motion by: Steven Oglesby Seconded by: Bernadette Dugan

To adopt Ordinance #2023-17. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

Motion by: Steven Oglesby

Seconded by: Brian DiMeo
To approve on second reading and open the public hearing of Ordinance #2023-18
entitled: "AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST, COUNTY OF
OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE
REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH, CHAPTER XXV
ENTITLED "LAND DEVELOPMENT" Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

Time opened: 7:36 p.m.

### NO PUBLIC COMMENT

Time closed: 7:36 p.m.

Motion by: Bernadette Dugan Seconded by: Brian DiMeo

To adopt Ordinance #2023-18. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

### COMMITTEE/COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilman DiMeo questioned the 4<sup>th</sup> of July rescheduled fireworks.

Municipal Clerk Capasso stated Serpico Pyrotechnics affirmed all of October is available.

Councilwoman Dugan stated she had suggested holding off till next year; however, the borough would lose the \$4,000 deposit.

Mr. DiMeo suggested October 28<sup>th,</sup> adding that is the same day as the borough's annual Halloween parade and Proving Ground Church's Fall Festival.

Ms. Dugan suggested New Year's Eve.

Ms. Capasso responded that the contract states Labor Day and New Year's Year are excluded from rescheduling dates.

Mayor Robbins stated if the fireworks are the same day as the festivities, children may be too tired to come out that evening suggesting the fireworks display be held the day before, October 27<sup>th</sup>.

Council President Oglesby suggested the rain date be October 28th.

Mr. DiMeo thanked everyone for their help at National Night Out, adding the Youth and Recreation Committee's sand art activity was a huge success. Mr. Dimeo stated it was a great turnout and a good time was had by all.

Mr. Oglesby reported that the Personnel Committee met with the Chief Financial Officer to start the preliminary research into contract negotiations.

Mayor Robbins added the Personnel Committee will negotiate one contract at a time, the police contract will be first.

Ms. Dugan reported all residents received their tax bills.

Mr. DiMeo asked if the Northeast Housing Agreement has been completed.

Mayor Robbins answered the agreement will be discussed during closed session.

### **MAYOR COMMENTS:**

Mayor Robbins reported that the bid opening for the lease of borough owned property will be August 29<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. at Borough Hall.

Councilwoman Dugan asked when will the retail cannabis establish at the old Burger King Site be opening.

Mayor Robbins responded sometime in October; however, construction is near completion and the signs have been installed.

Mayor Robbins also reported the borough's Master Plan is due for reexamination. Mayor Robbins stated that the borough's engineer, Remington & Vernick, has drafted said plan and needs for two council members, two Land Use Board members, and himself to review the plan. Mayor Robbins further stated that from the governing body he has chosen Councilwoman Dugan and Councilwoman Hodges adding Municipal Clerk Capasso will forward the draft plan for reviewing. Mayor Robbins went on to say that once the review is completed, they will meet with the engineer to discuss recommendations.

### COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC:

Time opened: 7:53 p.m.

### NO PUBLIC COMMENT

Time closed: 7:53

### CLOSED SESSION:

Municipal Clerk Capasso reads resolution to go into closed session:

## **RESOLUTION #23-147**

**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.

The general nature of the subject matters to be discussed is as follows:

### CONTRACT NEGOTATIONS

It is anticipated at this time that the above stated subject matter will be made public.

This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Motion by: Bernadette Dugan Seconded by: Steven Oglesby To approve resolution to go into closed session. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

Time into closed session: 7:54 p.m.

Time out of closed session: 8:03 p.m.

Motion by: Bernadette Dugan Seconded by: James Davis

To end closed session. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

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Motion by: James Davis Seconded by: Brian DiMeo To adjourn meeting. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative. Time: 8:03 p.m.

Maryanne Capasso, RMC Municipal Clerk