

**BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST
WORK SESSION/REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 7, 2023
MINUTES**

MEETING OPENED AT 7:30 P.M. BY MAYOR HARRY ROBBINS.

ALL STOOD FOR PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE REMEMBERING FORMER COUNCILMEMBERS THOMAS CONLON AND LINDA SIEMON.

PUBLIC MEETINGS STATEMENT:

“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 SEVENTH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 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:

COUNCILWOMAN HODGES: PRESENT COUNCILWOMAN DUGAN: PRESENT
COUNCILMAN DAVIS: PRESENT COUNCILMAN McCARTHY: PRESENT
COUNCILMAN DiMEO: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.

Council President Oglesby reported that there appears to be more farm animals at the resident's home on Union Avenue. Mr. Oglesby requested that the Code Enforcement Officer completes an inventory every week to ensure the farm is not expanding.

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: Bernadette Dugan
To approve minutes of August 17, 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 #23-148 re: Payment of Bills
2. Resolution #23-149 re: Refund of Escrow Fees for Les & Stephanie Conrad, 14 Pine Street
3. Resolution #23-150 re: Hiring of Roger Rotondi as Crossing Guard
4. Resolution #23-151 re: Hiring Sean Phillips as Part-time Police Officer
5. Resolution #23-152 re: Appointing Martin Lynch as the Municipal Housing Liaison
6. Resolution #23-153 re: Awarding the Lease of Borough Owned Property located at Block 23, Lot 1.01 Agreement to Life Extract LLC
7. Resolution #23-154 re: Authorizing Hold Harmless Agreement with the Lakehurst Board of Education for the Use of the Soccer Field at Fuccile Park
8. Resolution #23-155 re: Approving Agreement with the Lakehurst Board of Education for a School Resource Officer
9. Resolution #23-156 re: Approving Membership in Lakehurst Volunteer Fire Department for Aidan James

Motion by: Patricia Hodges Seconded by: Brian DiMeo
To approve consent agenda. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

ORDINANCES NOT ON CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion by: Bernadette Dugan

Seconded by: Patricia Hodges

To approve on second reading and open the public hearing of Ordinance #2023-19 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 "PRIVATELY-OWNED SALT STORAGE"" 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: Brian DiMeo

To adopt Ordinance #2023-19. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

COMMITTEE/COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilman DiMeo questioned cyber security certification checklist.

Municipal Clerk Capasso responded that she will forward the checklist to both him and the mayor for review.

Council President Oglesby reported the Personnel Committee will be meeting on September 18th with the police union to start contract negotiation. Mr. Oglesby added he hopes to have a report for the next council meeting.

Councilman McCarthy reported the police department is waiting on the arrival of the new police vehicle. Mr. McCarthy also reported with the hiring of the new police officer the police department is now "whole". Mr. McCarty further reported that volunteers are desperately needed for both fire department and first aid squad due to military transfers.

COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC:

Time opened: 7:38 P.M.

Mr. Terry Cain, 705 Cedar Street, reported that the neighbor's structure is falling and has animals living in the backyard. Mr. Cain also reported that the bushes along the curb line

block the line of sight and are dangerous for the children, adding the bushes should only be two feet high.

Mayor Robbins responded that he was made aware that the Code Enforcement Officer is working with the resident; however, tickets will be issued within the next week if the problem is not resolved.

Mr. Bruce Margeson, 5 Geneva Road, expressed his concerns with the location of National Night Out, adding that having it at both the school and the lake made it difficult for attendees to be at both locations. Mr. Margeson stated that Fuccile Park is large enough for all activities, no trouble parking, and enough room to move about.

Mayor Robbins responded that the council would take it under advisement and will discuss with the police department.

Mr. Margeson also expressed his concerns with the Borough looking “dingy” adding the buildings along Union Avenue look dirty and there is high grass that needs to be addressed.

Time closed: 7:50 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by: James Davis Seconded by: Bernadette Dugan
To adjourn meeting. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative. Time: 7:50 P.M.

Maryanne Capasso, RMC
Municipal Clerk