# BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST WORK SESSION/REGULAR MEETING OCTOBER 5, 2023 MINUTES

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

ALL STOOD FOR 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 FIFTH DAY OF OCTOBER 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
COUNCILMAN DAVIS: PRESENT
COUNCILMAN DIMEO: PRESENT
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MAYOR HARRY ROBBINS: PRESENT
COUNCILMAN OGLESBY: PRESENT

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.

Councilwomen Dugan reported that herself and Councilwoman Hodges met with the Master Plan Committee.

Councilman Oglesby reported that he is looking into grant writing for trees and landscaping. Mr. Oglesby added that he will be reviewing and will discuss it at a later meeting.

Councilman McCarthy reported that from the minor storm, there was debris that was not removed from the sidewalks for the students to walk to school. Mr. McCarthy noted that the borough should remind residents to keep sidewalks clear.

### ADJOURNMENT OF WORK SESSION:

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

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by: Bernadette Dugan Seconded by: Patricia Hodges

To approve minutes of September 21, 2023 Regular Meeting. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative with the exception of Councilman DiMeo who abstained due to his absence at the September 21<sup>st</sup> Regular Meeting.

### 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 #23-161 re: Payment of Bills

2. Resolution #23-162 re: Approving the acceptance of the 2022 Municipal Audit

3. Resolution #23-163 re: Award of Contract for 2023 NJDOT funded Pine Street and Union Avenue Project to S & G Paving.

4. Resolution #23-164 re: Authorizing Shared Service Agreement with Ocean

County Prosecutors office for Drug Recognition Expert

Callout Program

5. Resolution #23-165 re: Authorizing Shared Service Agreement with Ocean

County Prosecutors office for Driving While Intoxicated

Program

6. Resolution #23-166 re: Authorizing Shared Service Agreement with Ocean

County Prosecutors office for "Move Over" Law Enforcement Program

7. Resolution #23-167 re: Authorizing Emergency Contract for Potable Water Well

8. Resolution #23-168 re: Auction of Surplus Item

#### B. ORDINANCES APPROVED ON FIRST READING:

"AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST AMENDING CHAPTER VII OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDIANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ENTITLED "TRAFFIC" PERMITTING THE USE OF LOW-SPEED VEHICLE" (#2023-20)

"ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST, IN THE COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING REPAIRS TO A POTABLE WATER WELL TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$94,354.00 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, FULLY FUNDED BY THE CAPITAL IMROVEMENTS FUND" (#2023-21)

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

#### COMMITTEE/COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilman DiMeo report that the Youth and Recreation Committee will be having a meeting on Monday, October 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

Council President Oglesby reported that the Personal Committee is meeting with the Police for contract negotiations.

Councilwoman Dugan reported that the 2022 audit was received and it was a good audit.

Councilman Davis reported that there is an open house on October 14<sup>th</sup> at the Emergency Services Complex; Fire Department, First Aid Squad and the Police Department will be in attendance.

Councilman McCarthy stated that he is involved in negotiations with the Police Department and things are moving forward. Mr. McCarthy also stated that the VIN number for the new police vehicle was received but they are still awaiting the arrival of the new vehicle. And as always, our volunteer First Aid and Fire Departments are always looking for members.

### **COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC:**

Time opened: 7:38 P.M.

Karen McPartlin, 17 Lakeshore Drive, asked for clarification on what a low-speed vehicle was.

Mayor Robbins responded that it is a street legal golf cart.

Gerry Nieuwenhuizen, 601 Poplar Street, questioned a big tree located in the right of way on Lilac Street and wanted to know if the town could do anything.

Mayor Robbins responded that the Borough does not remove trees but if the sidewalk is an issue, we can have public works grind it down.

Council President Oglesby questioned if the tree was healthy.

Brenda Duffy, 410 Union Avenue, questioned a warning that she received from the Code Enforcement Officer for a tree that was in the right of way on a county road.

Mayor Robbins instructed Mrs. Duffy to reach out to the County.

Barbara Williams, 297 Union Avenue wanted to know about possibly having a lighted Christmas tree at the lake. Mrs. Williams stated that if the town gave the "o.k." that she would find a group to fund the project.

Mayor Robbins questioned all the other holidays that would not be represented. Mayor Robbins said the Council will discuss it and get back to her.

Donna Sinton, 501 Rose Street wanted to know if the vehicles on GovDeals were available to other departments before the auction.

Mayor Robbins responded that the vehicles were seized so they must be sold and added that the vehicles were not in good shape.

Time closed: 7:48 P.M.

## ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by: Bernadette Dugan Seconded by: Patricia Hodges To adjourn meeting. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative. Time: 7:49 P.M.

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Maryanne Capasso, RMC Municipal Clerk