

**BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST  
WORK SESSION/REGULAR MEETING  
OCTOBER 19, 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 NINETEENTH 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    COUNCILWOMAN DUGAN: PRESENT  
COUNCILMAN DAVIS: PRESENT        COUNCILMAN McCARTHY: PRESENT  
COUNCILMAN DiMEO: PRESENT        COUNCILMAN OGLESBY: ABSENT  
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: 7:32 P.M.

NO PUBLIC COMMENT

Time closed: 7:32 P.M.



Motion by: James Davis

Seconded by: Bernadette Dugan

To approve consent agenda. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

**ORDINANCES NOT ON CONSENT AGENDA:**

Motion by: Bernadette Dugan

Seconded by: Brian DiMeo

To approve on second reading and open the public hearing of Ordinance #2023-20 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" PERMITTING THE USE OF LOW-SPEED VEHICLE"

Time opened: 7:40 P.M.

No Public Comments

Time closed: 7:40 P.M.

Motion by: James Davis

Seconded by: Patricia Hodges

To adopt Ordinance #2023-20. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

Motion by: James Davis

Seconded by: Bernadette Dugan

To approve on second reading and open the public hearing of Ordinance#2023-21 entitled: "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 IMPROVEMENTS FUND"

Time opened: 7:41 P.M.

No Public Comments

Time closed: 7:41 P.M.

Motion by: Bernadette Dugan

Seconded by: Brian DiMeo

To adopt Ordinance #2023-21. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

## COMMITTEE/COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilman DiMeo stated that the Youth and Recreation Committee met and discussed different events to have throughout the year. Mr. DiMeo also wanted to remind everyone that the fireworks are on October 27<sup>th</sup> at dusk and the Halloween Parade is October 28<sup>th</sup> with lineup at 10:45 a.m. in front of Borough Hall.

Councilwoman Hodges stated that Councilwoman Dugan and herself met with the borough's engineer, Remington & Vernick, along with the Land Use Board Chair David Burton and Member Haily Dries in regard to the Master Plan and that they went through it thoroughly. Mrs. Hodges also stated that they revised parts and removed projects that were already completed. Mrs. Hodges further stated we have a solid plan, and the task is complete.

Councilwoman Dugan just want to remind everyone about the fireworks.

Councilman McCarthy stated that one of the officers was successfully accepted into SWAT Training. Mr. McCarty also stated that the officers will be returning to 10-hour shifts with Wednesdays being training days because it is an overlap day.

Councilman McCarthy stated the Fire Company's open house went well and that they had a few applicants. Mr. McCarthy also stated that currently one member of the Fire Department is attending fire school.

Councilman McCarthy stated that during the fireworks, the entrance to Lake Horicon at Lake Street and Union Avenue will be closed and that all perimeter parking will be designated for handicap. Mr. McCarthy also stated that Ridgeway Fire Company as well as Whiting Fire Company will be present. Mr. McCarthy stated that 3 new 700 pages were purchased for the Fire Company. Mr. McCarthy further stated that the Fire Company should be commended for their budget, they are doing really well. Mr. McCarthy went on to say that the Fire Company would like to purchase ice rescue equipment.

## MAYOR COMMENTS

Mayor Robbins stated that Halloween is coming and to be aware of the kids on the streets.

## COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC:

Time opened: 7:47 P.M.

Bruce Margenson, 5 Geneva Road, inquired about the officer that was accepted into SWAT Training. Mr. Margenson also stated that he is aware of the Police negotiation and that we have more money coming in from the “pot shops” and that the governing body should consider paying them more. Mr. Margenson would like to see cops stay in Lakehurst.

Mayor Robbins stated that the whole table would like to stop the revolving door.

Mr. Margenson stated that this past week the Cedar Post had an event and it was a phenomenal time. Mr. Margenson stated that small businesses are the backbone of the town and that he feels the Mayor and Council should send a thank you letter.

Mayor Robbins stated that they are very involved in the town and that they are great people.

Time closed: 7:52 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by: Bernadette Dugan                      Seconded by: Patricia Hodges  
To adjourn meeting. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative. Time: 7:52 P.M.

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Maryanne Capasso, RMC  
Municipal Clerk