## BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST REGULAR MEETING, DECEMBER 21, 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 TWENTY-FIRST DAY OF DECEMBER, 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: ABSENT
COUNCILMAN DIMEO: PRESENT
COUNCILWOMAN HODGES: PRESENT
COUNCILMAN McCARTHY: 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: 7:31 p.m.

Bruce Margeson, 5 Geneva Road, wanted a little insight into what the shared services were with Plumstead.

Municipal Clerk Capasso explained that we would be helping them with sewer billing and trash collection billing. Mrs. Capasso went on to explain that most work can be done right in our offices as we utilize the same software.

Municipal Attorney, Ian Goldman, explained that the Borough is providing basic CFO and billing services for a fee.

Time closed: 7:34 p.m.

Councilman McCarthy reported that other than attending many committee meetings this month, he has nothing for work session.

#### ADJOURNMENT OF WORK SESSION:

Motion by: Brian Dimeo Seconded by: Bernadette Dugan To adjourn work session. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by: Patricia Hodges Seconded by: Bernadette Dugan To approve minutes of December 7, 2023 Regular Meeting. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative with the exception of Councilman McCarthy who abstained due to his absence at the December 7<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting.

Motion by: Patricia Hodges Seconded by: Brian DiMeo To approve/release executive session minutes of December 2, 2022. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative with the exception of Councilman McCarthy who abstained due to his absence at the December 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 #23-190 re: Payment of Bills
- 2. Resolution #23-191 re: Current Fund Transfer
- 3. Resolution #23-192 re: Authorizing Second Amendment to T-Mobile Lease Agreement
- 4. Resolution #23-193 re: Appointment Joseph A. Ciaurro as a Police Officer
- 5. Resolution #23-194 re: Raffle Licenses for VFW Post 10061
- 6. Resolution #23-195 re: Approving shared services agreement with the Plumsted Municipal Utilities Authority
- 7. Resolution #23-196 re: Authorizing a stipend in connection with a Shared Service Agreement with Plumstead Municipal Utilities Authority for Wayne Sibilia
- 8. Resolution #23-197 re: Authorizing a stipend in connection with a Shared Service Agreement with Plumstead Municipal Utilities Authority for Renee James.

9. Resolution #23-198 re: Authorizing a stipend in connection with a Shared Service Agreement with Plumstead Municipal Utilities Authority

for Kori Brennan.

10. Resolution #23-199 re: Authorizing a stipend in connection with a Shared Service Agreement with Plumstead Municipal Utilities Authority

for Pamela Heinzman

11. Resolution #23-200 re: Authorizing Cancellation of 2023 Tax for Bl. 36, L. 12

12. Resolution #23-201 re: Hold Harmless Agreement for Snow Removal

Motion by: Bernadette Dugan 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 on Ordinance #2023-24 entitled: "AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER IV, OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST, ENTITLED "GENERAL LICENSING" (#2023-24) Roll call vote. All votes affirmative.

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Time opened: 7:37 p.m.

#### NO PUBLIC COMMENT

Time closed: 7:37 p.m.

Motion by: Bernadette Dugan Seconded by: Robert McCarthy

To adopt Ordinance #2023-24. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

Motion by: Patricia Hodges Seconded by: Bernadette Dugan To approve on second reading and open the public hearing on Ordinance #2023-25 entitled: "AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING CHAPTER XIII OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST ENTITLED "HOUSING AND PROPERTY MAINTENANCE" TO CREATE A NEW SUBSECTION ENTITLED "LEAD-BASED PAINT INSPECTIONS" (#2023-25) Roll call vote. All votes affirmative.

Time opened: 7:37 p.m.

#### NO PUBLIC COMMENT

Time closed: 7:37 p.m.

Motion by: Brian DiMeo Seconded by: Bernadette Dugan To adopt Ordinance #2023-25. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative with the exception of Council President Oglesby.

## COMMITTEE/COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilwoman Dugan wanted to commend the residents on the holiday lights, they are beautiful. Mrs. Dugan also wanted to wish everyone Happy Holidays and Best Wishes for 2024.

Councilman McCarthy stated that the new police vehicle is in. Mr. McCarthy also stated that the vehicle still needs lettering and other finishing touches. Mr. McCarthy further stated that the Fire Company has had a change in their line officers, the Public Safety Committee is currently waiting for a copy of their certifications; come January the list will be certified.

Councilman Oglesby stated that the Personnel Committee had met with the LPA and AFSME and added progress is being made but the contracts will not be in place by the end of 2023.

### **COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC:**

Time opened: 7:38 p.m.

Ankur Rungra, CEO of High Profile, 145 Route 70, wanted to give an update on their opening. Mr. Runga stated that the store received their state license last week as well as their state inspection. Mr. Rungra also stated that he is aware that the Borough is talking about amending the ordinance to include the need for armed security service for cannabis shops. Mr. Rungra went on to explain that he currently operates 24 stores in different states, and they do not use armed security. Mr. Runga further stated that the state of New Jersey does not require armed security and added his store has many security protocols in place. Mr. Rungra stated if the Borough amends the ordinance, he is ready to comply, but he does not feel it is necessary at this time.

Micheal McQueeny, attorney for High Profile, 1035 Avenue of the Americas, stated that he represents dozens of license operators that include a large portion without armed security. Mr. McQueeny stated that there is no state requirement for armed security and that the store has high security built in that mitigates the need for armed security. Mr. McQueeny also noted that the bulk of the products are in a limited access area.

Bruce Margeson, 5 Geneva Road, wanted to acknowledge the Lakehurst Volunteer Fire Company for their Santa run last week. Mr. Margeson stated that they go above and beyond.

Time closed: 7:51 p.m.

## **CLOSED SESSION:**

Municipal Clerk Capasso reads resolution to go into closed session:

## **RESOLUTION #23-202**

**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:

#### PERSONNEL MATTERS

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

This resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

Time into closed session: 7:52 p.m.

Time out of closed session: 8:12 p.m.

Motion by: Brian DiMeo Seconded by: Bernadette Dugan

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

# ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by: Brian DiMeo Seconded by: Bernadette Dugan To adjourn meeting. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative. Time: 8:12 p.m.

Maryanne Capasso, RMC Municipal Clerk