

**BOROUGH OF LONGPORT REORGANIZATION COMMISSION MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 2305 ATLANTIC AVE
LONGPORT, NJ 08403
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2024 – 4:00 PM**

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm.

Municipal Clerk Kyle read the Opening Statement pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act. A notice of this meeting was emailed to the Press of Atlantic City, The Ocean City Sentinel, the Star Ledger and Courier Post on December 28, 2023. In addition, copies of notices were posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building and filed in the office of the municipal clerk. Notices on the bulletin board have remained continuously posted. Official action may be taken at this meeting.

ROLL CALL:	Nicholas Russo	present
	James P. Leeds, Sr.	present
	Daniel Lawler	absent

Borough Solicitor Affanato, Administrator Porter, CFO Kelly, Engineer Dennis, Chief Culmone, Chief Clayton, and Municipal Clerk Kyle also present.

Mayor Russo provided emergency exit and public comment information.

Approval of Minutes:

Municipal Clerk Kyle requested a motion to approve the minutes from the December 20, 2023, Workshop and Regular Commission Meeting. Commissioner Leeds made a motion, seconded by Mayor Russo, to approve the minutes. All in Favor - ALL AYES. None opposed. Commissioner Lawler – absent.

ORDINANCES:

The following ordinances were introduced for a first reading/ introduction:

First Reading/ Introduction of the following Ordinances: O2024-01 – An Ordinance Creating Chapter 132.1 Privately-Owned Salt Storage; O2024-02 – An Ordinance Amending the Code of the Borough of Longport, Chapter 167-33 Stormwater Management; and O2024-03 – An Ordinance Amending Chapter 20 – Fire Department of the Code of the Borough of Longport, Atlantic County, New Jersey. A second reading and public hearing will be held at the February 21, 2024, Regular Commission Meeting that will follow the 4 pm workshop meeting.

ORDINANCES:

Number	Title
2024-01	An Ordinance Creating Chapter 132.1 Privately-Owned Salt Storage
Purpose	The purpose of this ordinance is to prevent stored salt and other de-icing materials from being exposed to stormwater.

Motion	Motion – Commissioner Leeds, seconded by Mayor Russo to Introduce Ordinance #O2024-01.
All in Favor	ALL AYES. None opposed. Commissioner Lawler – absent.
2024-02	An Ordinance Amending the Code of the Borough of Longport, Section 167-33 Stormwater Management
Purpose	The purpose of this ordinance is to amend Borough Code regarding Flood control, groundwater recharge, and pollutant reduction shall be achieved through the use of stormwater management measures, including green infrastructure Best Management Practices (GI BMPs) and nonstructural stormwater management strategies. The purpose of this ordinance is to establish minimum stormwater management requirements and controls for “major development,” as defined in the Ordinance.
Motion	Motion – Mayor Russo, seconded by Commissioner Leeds to Introduce Ordinance #O2024-02.
All in Favor	ALL AYES. None opposed. Commissioner Lawler – absent.
2024-03	An Ordinance Amending Chapter 20 – Fire Department of the Code of the Borough of Longport, Atlantic County, New Jersey
Purpose	The purpose of this ordinance is amend the Borough’s Code pertaining to the Fire Department. Some amendments include the addition of the duties for the EMS Lieutenant/ Director, addressing, procedures, terms and eligibility for officer positions, and amending the duties of fire lieutenants in the absence of fire captains.
Motion	Motion – Commissioner Leeds, seconded by Mayor Russo to Introduce Ordinance #O2024-03.
All in Favor	ALL AYES. None opposed. Commissioner Lawler – absent.

Public Comment or questions on listed resolutions: R2024-01 through R2024-05:

There were no comments or questions from the public regarding the consent agenda resolutions 2024-01 through 2024-05.

A motion was made by Commissioner Leeds, seconded by Mayor Russo, to adopt the Consent Agenda. All in Favor - All Ayes. None Opposed. Commissioner Lawler – absent.

RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT AGENDA (R2024-01 through R2024-05):

Number	Title
2024-01	Resolution Designating Depository Banks for Funds of the Borough of Longport and Authorizing Officials of the Borough to Sign Necessary Banking Documents MOTION – LEEDS, SECOND- RUSSO, All AYES- none opposed. LAWLER – absent.
2024-02	A Resolution Authorizing a Cash Management Plan MOTION – LEEDS, SECOND- RUSSO, All AYES- none opposed. LAWLER – absent.
2024-03	A Resolution Authorizing the Borough of Longport through the Longport Police Department to Participate in the Defense Logistics Agency, Law Enforcement Support Office, 1033 Program to Enable the Longport Police Department to Request and Acquire Excess Department of Defense Equipment MOTION – LEEDS, SECOND- RUSSO, All AYES- none opposed. LAWLER – absent.
2024-04	Approval of Final Change Order – Water Tank Rehabilitation MOTION – LEEDS, SECOND- RUSSO, All AYES- none opposed. LAWLER – absent.
2024-05	Temporary Budget for Year 2024 MOTION – LEEDS, SECOND- RUSSO, All AYES- none opposed. LAWLER – absent.

BILL LIST

Commissioner Leeds asked if there were any questions on the Bill List. There were none. MOTION – LEEDS, SECOND – RUSSO. ALL IN FAVOR - ALL AYES. NONE OPPOSED. LAWLER – absent.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY REPORT

Commissioner Leeds asked if there were any questions on the Financial Summary Report. There were none. MOTION – LEEDS, SECOND – RUSSO. ALL IN FAVOR - ALL AYES. NONE OPPOSED. LAWLER – absent.

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT:

Nothing further to report.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT:

Nothing further to report.

ENGINEER’S REPORT:

Engineer Dennis indicated that the Amherst Avenue Crosswalk Project is scheduled to begin soon. He noted that the Borough had recently selected the color of the pavers.

COMMISSIONERS REPORTS:

MAYOR RUSSO

Mayor Russo discussed the McGee property on 22nd Avenue. He noted that there has been a great amount of coverage by the media. He asked Solicitor Affanato what the Borough's next steps are regarding the donation of two parcels by the late Ms. McGee. Solicitor Affanato noted that the first step is to determine what the cost would be in accepting the donation. Then he would need to meet with Ms. McGee's attorney to develop deed restrictions on the two properties. Solicitor Affanato said he had an upcoming meeting planned with neighbors of the property that were interested in learning more about the park and contributing funds towards creating the park. He noted that he hoped to have more information for the January 17th Board of Commissioners meeting and may also have a resolution prepared for that meeting. Mayor Russo noted that the Borough already has ordinances established that regulate public parks. Solicitor Affanato noted that there might be the need to adopt additional ordinances specific to this park.

COMMISSIONER LEEDS

Commissioner Leeds commended all Borough employees and thanked them.

COMMISSIONER LAWLER

Commissioner Lawler – absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bob English of Longport asked if there was anything that could be done regarding parking for the potential new park area on 22nd Avenue. He questioned where cars would park especially during the busy summer season. Commissioner Leeds noted that the playground at 33rd Avenue has temporary parking. He suggested the possibility of 1-hour parking in the area. Mr. English questioned if there could be parking in the alley.

Jim Ulmer of Longport noted that he was excited to hear that neighbors of the proposed park were on board with the park area. He asked if a committee could be formed to address the new park. Solicitor Affanato explained that Ms. McGee's will was very specific regarding the park area. There was further discussion on this topic. Mr. Ulmer asked what the timeline was for the project. Solicitor Affanato explained that Ms. McGee's attorney would like to see the project built as soon as possible. He added that the Borough must take into consideration budgetary constraints as well as the requirement to go through a public bidding process. Mr. Ulmer saw the estate donation as positive and noted that maybe other residents would consider the same when estate planning.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION – COMMISSIONER LEEDS, SECOND – MAYOR RUSSO. All AYES- none opposed. Commissioner Leeds – absent. Adjournment – 4:21 pm.