

BOROUGH OF LONGPORT
COMMISSION MEETING
December 16, 2015
4:30 pm

PURSUANT TO THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT, ADEQUATE NOTICE OF THIS MEETING HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAW.

Flag Salute- Meeting called to order.

Open Public Meeting Announcement

Roll Call – Mayor Nicholas Russo, Commissioner Jim Leeds and Commissioner Dan Lawler. Also present: Solicitor Pat Agnellini, Engineer Richard Carter, CFO Jenna Kelly, Municipal Clerk Strawder, Chief Clayton, Chief Culmone and Deputy Clerk Monica Kyle.

Mayor Russo - Fire exit announcement and public speaking time limit.

Approval of minutes for the 12/2/15 regular and 12/10/15 workshop commission meeting. Commissioner Leeds made a motion to accept the minutes. Commissioner Lawler seconded the motion. ALL IN FAVOR – ALL AYES - none opposed.

*The following ordinance had a second reading and public hearing:
Public Hearing on ordinance:*

O2015-16 an Ordinance Amending Chapter 134 – Races of the Code of the Borough of Longport as it Pertains to Safety and Well Being.

There was no public comment.

Mayor Russo made a motion to approve, with a second by Commissioner Lawler. Roll Call Vote: Mayor Russo – Yes, Commissioner Leeds – Yes, and Commissioner Lawler – Yes. ALL IN FAVOR – YES. None opposed.

Public Comment/Questions on Resolutions listed on this agenda (3 minutes/person) - Offered to the public:

There were no comments from the public on the resolutions.

Resolutions:

R2015-118 Resolution Appointing Pamela Tomassi Certified Tax Collector for the Borough of Longport. Donna was thanked for her service. Commissioner Leeds made motion to approve and seconded by Commissioner Lawler. ALL IN FAVOR – ALL AYES – none opposed.

R2015-119 Resolution Appointing David Miller, CJ Adams, Risk Management Consultant for the Borough of Longport 2016. Commissioner Leeds discussed the resolution. Commissioner

Leeds made a motion to approve with a second by Mayor Russo. ALL IN FAVOR - ALL AYES – none opposed.

R2015-120 Resolution Setting Dates and Hours for Beach Picnicking and BBQ 2016. Mayor Russo made a motion to approve and seconded by Commissioner Lawler. ALL IN FAVOR – ALL AYES – none opposed.

R2015-121 Resolution Awarding Professional Service Contract 2016 – GARCIA/ Ford, Scott & Associates. Commissioner Leeds discussed the resolution adding that there was no change in the fee. Commissioner Leeds made a motion to approve and seconded by Commissioner Lawler. ALL IN FAVOR – ALL AYES – none opposed.

R2015-122 Resolution Appointment of Pacifico Agnellini, Esq. as Borough Solicitor 2016. Mayor Russo made a motion to approve and seconded by Commissioner Lawler. ALL IN FAVOR – ALL AYES – none opposed.

R2015-123 Appointing Prosecutor for Borough of Longport - TRIPICIAN. Mayor Russo made a motion to approve and seconded by Commissioner Leeds. ALL IN FAVOR – ALL AYES – none opposed.

R2015-124 Resolution Awarding Professional Service Contract/Public Defender – SWIFT. Mayor Russo made a motion to approve and seconded by Commissioner Leeds. ALL IN FAVOR – ALL AYES – none opposed.

R2015-125 Resolution Opposing Removal of Dispatch Services to Atlantic County. Mayor Russo and Commissioner Lawler discussed the resolution. Mayor Russo made a motion to approve and seconded by Commissioner Lawler. ALL IN FAVOR – ALL AYES – none opposed.

R2015-126 Resolution Authorizing Transfer of Appropriations. Commissioner Leeds discussed the resolution. Commissioner Leeds made a motion to approve and seconded by Commissioner Lawler. ALL IN FAVOR – ALL AYES – none opposed.

Bill Pay List and Financial Report Summary:

Commissioner Leeds asked if there were any questions on the Bill Pay List. Being none, he made a motion to approve the Bill Pay List, with a second by Mayor Russo. ALL IN FAVOR – ALL AYES – none opposed. Commissioner Leeds read the summary into the record. Commissioner Leeds asked if there were any questions on the Financial Report Summary. There were no questions. Commissioner Leeds made a motion to approve the Financial Report Summary, Commissioner Lawler seconded. ALL IN FAVOR – ALL AYES – none opposed.

Commissioners' Reports:

Mayor Russo reported that the seasonal holiday beach tags were sold out; however, there were still senior beach tags left. He announced the upcoming January Commission meetings. Mayor Russo reported that he spoke at today's social luncheon regarding the upcoming board of education referendum. He added that the next luncheon is scheduled to be held on January 20th. He thanked the Longport Beach Patrol for sponsoring today's luncheon.

Solicitor Agnellini added, regarding the upcoming school board referendum, the Margate has a formula set by statute that specifies how much is charged per student.

Commissioner Leeds had no reports for today.

Commissioner Lawler reported that Longport's current water license operator had announced his retirement and that the borough would need to proceed with finding a new license holder. There was further discussion on this topic.

Mayor Russo noted that he would like to discuss water bills at the next commission workshop meeting. Engineer Carter also discussed excess water usage.

Engineer Carter announced that the work on the water tower is complete.

Clerk Strawder asked if a proclamation should be done for Mr. Klein, the current water license operator upon his retirement.

Public Comment:

Francine Kenny of 225 N. 36th Avenue, Longport, came before the mayor and commissioners to express her concern regarding sidewalk snow removal. She added that she was at a previous meeting to express these concerns and wanted to find out if there was any follow up. She said it is an issue for year round residents. Further discussion continued on the issue of sidewalk snow removal. Mayor Russo asked that this be added for discussion at the next commission workshop meeting in addition to Atlantic Avenue parking.

Ms. Kenny also asked if Longport's students could also be sent to Ocean City's grammar schools. There was further discussion on this topic.

With nothing further to discuss and no additional public comment, Commissioner Leeds made a motion to adjourn, with a second by Commissioner Lawler. ALL IN FAVOR - ALL AYES – none opposed.

Meeting adjourned at 5:13 pm.