

**BOROUGH OF LONGPORT COMMISSION WORKSHOP MEETING  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 2305 ATLANTIC AVE  
LONGPORT, NJ 08403  
THURSDAY, AUGUST 2, 2018 – 8:30 AM**

Meeting was called to order and Municipal Clerk Conlon read the Opening Statement pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act.

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

Engineer Carter, Chief Culmone, Municipal Clerk Conlon, Code Enforcement Officer and Planning Board Secretary Blum, Building Department Head and Mel-JIF Representative Hirsch, Zoning and Floodplain Manager Funk, and Deputy Municipal Clerk Kyle also in attendance.

Mayor's announcement regarding emergency exits and public comment period.

Damen Tomassi of 3311 Ventnor Avenue, the developer of InstaAccess an app that allows beach patrons to pay for beach tags with credit cards. Mr. Tomassi discussed how the program works and compared it to the application the borough is currently using. There was further discussion on the app and the potential use of InstaAccess for the following year.

**COMMISSIONER LEEDS:**

Commissioner Leeds noted that the Engineer's Report covered several of the topics he wished to discuss. Commissioner Leeds questioned if the borough is considering banning the use of plastic straws in Longport. There was further discussion on how to address both plastic bags and straws in the borough.

**COMMISSIONER LAWLER:**

None.

**ENGINEER CARTER:**

Engineer Carter noted that Mr. Yost is working on the specs for the new well. He added that he will be meeting with Commissioner Lawler to discuss water/ sewer capital work. Engineer Carter said he would like to add a change order resolution to the next commission meeting's agenda. There was discussion on adding two Handicapped Parking spaces on 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue and how to regulate them. He noted that the Public Works Complex remediation project is moving forward. Engineer Carter added that he is waiting to hear from the State regarding whether or not an area near the Point on Atlantic Avenue is considered a dune, and what impact that might have on potential parking. Engineer Carter discussed a NJDOT grant to address flooding on 29<sup>th</sup> Avenue and the possibility of adding sidewalk on 29<sup>th</sup> Avenue where there is currently brickwork. There was further discussion regarding the potential sidewalk. He noted that the borough hall elevator is on schedule for completion in mid-August. Engineer Carter discussed an OPRA request regarding a 2015 fair housing decision. He also discussed the beach maintenance permit and concerns with potential future protected species. Engineer Carter discussed a LED streetlight located on 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue and neighbors' complaints that it is too bright. There was discussion that included changing

the type of bulb to reduce the amount of glare. Engineer Carter also discussed a resolution from the Longport Planning/Zoning Board that includes zoning changes for the governing body to review.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:**

Absent.

**LIBRARIAN'S REPORT:**

Librarian Gerhardt noted that the Longport Public Library had a successful first year anniversary event. He added that approximately 70 people attended. Librarian Gerhardt noted that the library will have an author event tomorrow that will include refreshments. He added that many of the events are being sponsored in a way similar to the borough's social luncheon program.

**MUNICIPAL CLERK'S REPORT:**

Municipal Clerk Conlon discussed a request from the owner of Catch restaurant to place a tent in front of the building for a wedding in September. He also discussed an upcoming internship program with Jewish Family Services.

**BRUCE FUNK:**

Mr. Funk came to discuss amendments to the Chapter 167 Watershed Management Plan and Chapter 99 of the municipal code. He discussed the borough's history in the National Flood Insurance Program and the Community Rating System.

The Governing Body took a brief one-minute recess. Mayor Russo made a motion to recess with a seconded by Commissioner Leeds. All In Favor – Yes. None opposed. Recess at 9:14 am.

Motion to re-adjourn by Commissioner Lawler, seconded by Mayor Russo. All In Favor: Yes. None opposed. Meeting re-adjourned at 9:16 am.

Mr. Funk continued discussion on Chapter 167 and Chapter 99. Mr. Funk's main concerns include the definition of enclosure and that he would be interested in a compromise of 2 feet above the Base Flood Elevation. The current elevation is at 1 foot above BSE, Mr. Funk recommended that it be increased to 3 feet above the BFE. There was further discussion on the appearance of homes in the borough versus the municipality's CRS designation. Mr. Hirsch, Head of the Building Department and Mel-JIF representative discussed the potential of newer homes becoming obsolete if the BFE is increased to 2 feet. There was further discussion on the topic. Mr. Funk requested changes to the ordinance and noted that the ordinance has an August 28<sup>th</sup> deadline.

**MISCELLANEOUS:**

No further discussion.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

MOTION- Commissioner Lawler, SECOND- Commissioner Leeds. ALL IN FAVOR - All AYES- none opposed. (9:39 am)