

**BOROUGH OF LONGPORT COMMISSION WORKSHOP MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 2305 ATLANTIC AVE
LONGPORT, NJ 08403
THURSDAY, May 9, 2019 – 9 AM**

Meeting was called to order and Municipal Clerk Kyle 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, Solicitor Agnellini, CFO Kelly, and Municipal Clerk Kyle also in attendance.

MAYOR RUSSO

Mayor Russo discussed a 'Path to Progress' resolution slated for the May 15, 2019, commission meeting agenda. He discussed the sunseting of Chapter 78 relief and the 2% arbitration cap. The mayor also noted that he was not in favor of the sunseting of the Chapter 78 relief and the 2% arbitration cap. Mayor Russo also noted that the PBA contract is currently being negotiated and that these changes might affect negotiations. There was further discussion on the Path to Progress resolution.

Mayor Russo also discussed two handicapped parking spaces added to 16th Avenue and noted that there is no overnight parking. Commissioner Leeds discussed the sign for the parking. He also discussed cleaning up the area near the spaces. Mayor Russo noted that he heard from a local group that is interested in donating money to beautify the area. He is going to request that the group submit a plan to Commissioner Lawler for that area.

Mayor Russo discussed the Atlantic City Marathon that coincided with Palm Sunday this year, adding that he thought the noise levels from the amplified music were loud. He is writing a letter to the JCC requesting that at future races there is no amplified music as Longport is a residential community. There was further discussion on the noise levels.

Commissioner Leeds brought up an issue regarding fire fighters at the state level that the Governor had previously addressed.

Commission Lawler discussed beach access for the public works department. He stressed that access was needed in order to prepare beaches for the Memorial Day weekend. Solicitor Agnellini noted that he has been in contact with the NJ DEP and he was hoping to have the plan ready for approval at the May 15th commission meeting. Solicitor Agnellini also noted that either the Mayor or the Chief of Police could declare a public safety emergency to clean debris off the beach. It was noted that there are pieces of lumber that have washed up on the beach with nails sticking out of it. Solicitor Agnellini suggested taking photographs of the debris. He also discussed that the borough does have permission to clear the walkways. He also noted that he will prepare a letter to the NJ DEP to limit it to cleaning debris. He noted that the State could issue a fine. Engineer Carter noted the importance of documenting everything in writing. He also discussed the beach maintenance permit and the history of the public access plan. Solicitor Agnellini also noted that the State is requiring an easement to the street ends as

part of the access plan. He noted that this ordinance would be on the next meeting's agenda. He also discussed a signage ordinance.

Commissioner Lawler discussed property address changes. Solicitor Agnellini noted that he did attend a Planning/Zoning Board meeting to discuss potential changes to the ordinance. He added that he can revise the ordinance for determining property addresses. He noted that it could be based on where the front door is located; however, it was noted that there are some homes that have a door on the corner of their property and this would also need to be addressed in the ordinance.

Commissioner Leeds noted that the June 19th Commission meeting is at the same time as a local school's graduation and suggested changing that meeting date. It was decided that the meeting would be rescheduled to June 18th at 9 am. There was also discussion on changing the next workshop meeting. The meeting was rescheduled from May 30 at 9 am to May 15th at 4 pm.

Municipal Clerk Kyle noted that one bid was received for the beach vending license in the amount of \$25,300. Solicitor Agnellini briefly discussed the beach vending license bids. He suggested the possibility of including in the next bid what previous sales figures were.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Engineer Carter reviewed the Engineer's Report of May 9, 2019. He discussed an outside consultant for the new water well and the upcoming sewer/water bond ordinance. He also discussed a roof leak that was related to the windows. He reviewed ongoing bulkhead work throughout the borough. (*Chief Culmone in attendance 9:37 am*). Engineer Carter noted that the flashing lights on 22nd Avenue were coming down. He noted that the borough hall electrical relocation work would begin soon and that the generator location is OK with the police and fire departments.

Commissioner Leeds discussed sand building up behind the bulkhead from Coolidge to 36th avenues and questioned if it was dune related. There was further discussion on the sand accumulation behind the dunes.

Mayor Russo noted that the borough is removing its davits from the beach and requested that Solicitor Agnellini inform the NJ DEP of their removal.

Engineer Carter continued reviewing the Engineer's Report. He discussed a contract award to Hackney for 29th Avenue roadway improvements. He discussed an ordinance from the Planning/Zoning Board that would prohibit the use of temporary generators by contractors. There was further discussion regarding generator use in the borough. Engineer Carter discussed resubmitting the beach maintenance permit. He also discussed the fish and wildlife component and working with Margate on it. He also discussed the fire department boat lift and having one contact person. He discussed the Water Quality Assessment Plan and the need to determine/ study the potential financial impact. He noted the need for further studies and updated maps. Engineer Carter recommended not formally adopting the plan unless required by the State. He also discussed water/sewer rates and how borough rates compare to other municipalities. He continued to review the Engineer's report. Engineer Carter also asked about the electric vehicle charging station's location. Mayor Russo noted that it would be located behind borough hall. Engineer Carter discussed major issues with borough hall's HVAC system, including that the system is leaking Freon. He and Solicitor Agnellini will work to address the issues with the contractor.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor Agnellini noted that the new tax assessor has come across a few issues, including a situation where one property owner paid four tax bills, where there should only have been two (tax bills) and that the owner is owed a refund.

MISCELLANEOUS

CFO Kelly discussed that the court is required to update its video conferencing system. She noted that this system could be used by commissioners for board meetings. CFO Kelly noted that the cost for the new system is approximately \$6,000 and that the court is looking to have grant funds approved for its purchase.

Mayor Russo noted that the fire department has changed the route of the American Mile fun so that it begins and ends by the Historical Society.

CFO Kelly noted that a confirming resolution will be on the next meeting's agenda to move forward with the bond sale.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION- LAWLER, SECOND- LEEDS. ALL IN FAVOR - All AYES- none opposed. (10:09 am)