

**BOROUGH OF LONGPORT COMMISSION MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 2305 ATLANTIC AVE
LONGPORT, NJ 08403
WEDNESDAY, August 7, 2019 – 4:30 PM**

Meeting was called to order and the flag salute was conducted.

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, Fire Chief Clayton, and Municipal Clerk Kyle also in attendance.

Emergency exit/fire drill/ public speaking limit – Mayor Russo.

Approval of minutes- Municipal Clerk Kyle requested a motion to approve the minutes of the July 10, 2019, Board of Commissioners Meeting and the July 24, 2019, Board of Commissioners Meeting. Mayor Russo made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Leeds to approve the minutes for the July 10, 2019, and July 24, 2019, Board of Commissioners Meetings. ALL AYES- none opposed.

Mayor Russo changed the order of the agenda to have the Commissioner’s Reports addressed at this time.

Mayor Russo requested that Fire Chief Clayton discuss a new stipend program instituted by the Longport Volunteer Fire Department to cover Emergency Medical Technician Duty Crews during the busy summer season and to also discuss the fire boat lift. Chief Clayton discussed the EMT Duty Crew summer program. He noted that it worked out very well and there are funds to help extend the program through to Sept. 6th. The hours covered by crews are from 8 pm to 6 am.

Chief Clayton noted he met with Engineer Carter and Joe Stewart to discuss where the fire boat lift would be located. Engineer Carter also discussed the potential location and some issues with different locations. He explained that the recommended location is approximately eight feet from the fishing pier and suggested adding a fence on the Margate side to protect the boat from potential fishing lines being cast into the boat. Engineer Carter discussed access to the boat. The addition of a ramp was also discussed. He noted that if the location is agreeable he would begin working on the NJ Department of Environmental Protection permit. He discussed the original permit for the floating dock and some potential issues to take into consideration.

Chief Clayton noted that he would like to extend the EMS duty crew stipend program through to Dec. 31st and asked the governing body for consideration of an extension. Mayor Russo noted that the program has been very successful and that the borough’s emergency response times have been swift. Chief Clayton stated the average response in the county is 12 minutes is and the borough’s is around four minutes. He also noted, that the program started May 24th and since that time mutual aid has not been needed at night. Comm. Leeds asked if the program would continue through the winter? Chief Clayton noted that he would evaluate and discuss this with the governing body soon. Comm. Lawler

asked about the stipend fee, as the fee noted it was hourly. It was noted that the stipend is per shift and that rates vary per position. Anthony Vicchiarrelli, Fire Department Association President, thanked the Governing Body for providing the Longport Volunteer Fire Department with the opportunity to have this program. He added that it has been very successful.

Ordinances – Second Reading/ Public hearing on Ordinance O2019-14 – An Ordinance Amending 2019-04 Salary, Wages, and Compensation in year 2019.

Number	Title
14	An Ordinance Amending 2019-04 Salary, Wages and Compensation in Year 2019
Purpose	The purpose of this Ordinance is to amend the salary, wages and compensation in the Department of Public Affairs and Public Safety for the Deputy Court Administrator.
Public Hearing	No one wished to speak.
Motion	Motion – Commissioner Lawler, seconded by Commissioner Leeds to approve Ordinance #O2019-14.
Roll Call Vote	Mayor Russo – Yes. Commissioner Leeds – Yes. Commissioner Lawler – yes. ALL AYES. None opposed.

Public Comment on listed resolutions:

Joe Baumgardner of 3306 Winchester Avenue had questions about Resolution 2019-94 – A Resolution Authorizing a Professional Services Contract to Kyle + McManus Associates for the Preparation of a Vacant Land Analysis Report. Solicitor Agnellini addressed Mr. Baumgardner’s questions. He noted that this resolution would be withdrawn at this meeting. He also explained that the report would address the Council on Affordable Housing requirements as he believed the report would demonstrate that Longport does not have vacant land available to develop for affordable housing.

Mayor Russo made a motion to WITHDRAW Resolution 2019-94 – A Resolution Authorizing a Professional Services Contract to Kyle + McManus Associates for the Preparation of a Vacant Land Analysis Report, seconded by Commissioner Leeds. ALL IN FAVOR – yes. None opposed.

No further comment on the listed resolutions.

RESOLUTIONS

Number	Title
2019-94	A Resolution Authorizing a Professional Services Contract to Kyle + McManus Associates for the Preparation of a Vacant Land Analysis Report <u>MOTION TO WITHDRAW</u> - RUSSO, SECOND- LEEDS, All AYES- none opposed.
2019-95	A Resolution Authorizing the Disposal of Surplus Property - HUMVEE MOTION - RUSSO, SECOND- LAWLER, All AYES- none opposed.
2019-96	A Resolution Authorizing the Adoption of the New Jersey Citizen Participation Plan <i>*Mayor Russo discussed the resolution. Commissioner Leeds expressed his concern about passing this resolution, including how adopting the resolution might impact future requests and requirements from the NJ DEP.</i> MOTION-RUSSO, SECOND-LEEDS, All AYES- none opposed.
2019-97	A Resolution Authorizing a Change Order to a Non Fair and Open Professional Services Contract for Municipal Financial Advisors MOTION-LEEDS, SECOND-LAWLER, All AYES- none opposed.

BILL PAY LIST

Commissioner of Finance and Revenue, Jim Leeds, Sr. asked if there were any questions on the bill pay list of August 7, 2019. There were none. MOTION – LEEDS, SECOND – LAWLER. ALL IN FAVOR- ALL AYES/ NONE OPPOSED.

COMMISSIONERS REPORTS

Mayor Russo announced that this Friday, August 9th, will be the South Jersey Lifeguard Championship races and asked everyone to come and support the Longport Beach Patrol. He read a letter into the record commending the Longport Beach Patrol from a family in Somers Point.

Mayor Russo announced that the Wounded Warrior parade would take place on September 10th.

He also stated that from January 1, 2019, to June 30, 2019, the borough did not have any environmental complaints from the Environmental Unit of the Atlantic County Public Health Department.

Mayor Russo also announced that fireworks are scheduled for this Saturday, August 10th around 9 pm. The rain date was the following Saturday.

Commissioner Leeds – nothing further to report.

Commissioner Lawler – nothing further to report.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Engineer Carter reminded the governing body about an electrical shutdown scheduled to take place on Saturday for approximately eight hours to replace electrical equipment. He noted that emergency generators would be running to help power the fire and police departments. However, he added that

the HVAC would not be operating during that period in Borough Hall. Engineer Carter asked for the Governing Body's agreement to work on the permit for the boat lift. He discussed a bicycle group interested in legislation for 'complete streets.' He explained that the borough's streets are already deemed "complete." He noted that the borough might be asked to become a member by this group or the State and he suggested not becoming a member as the borough's streets already comply.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor Agnellini discussed the Municipal Public Access Plan. He noted there was a group of residents that he recently met with that had concerns about the street end easement ordinance. He noted that he explained the process to the group and also provided a draft of the ordinance to them. He said that the group had counsel present at the meeting and they requested the ability to comment on the ordinance. He noted that he is waiting for their commentary. He noted that he also had received comments from the NJ Department of Environmental Protection that he needs to address.

Engineer Carter discussed steps on the bulkhead at 13th Avenue and the bay. He said there is a great amount of erosion there and a pile of rocks. He noted that it was possible there could be a 15 foot drop from those steps. He also discussed that more sand is accumulating at the Point and that there currently is a temporary way to access the bay. He noted that from a safety standpoint, the borough might not want to place steps at 13th Avenue and the bay. Comm. Lawler noted that the Point area does have a nice beach area there now. Engineer Carter explained that it would be difficult to carry a kayak over the steps. Mayor Russo noted that it had been represented to the NJ DEP that the borough is providing access to the bay. Solicitor Agnellini noted that the area at 13th and the bay is unstable as the sand comes and goes. He said that the governing body needs to take into consideration what the signs are going to say at the bayside access points. Engineer Carter noted his main concern was safety regarding bay access. Mayor Russo also noted that his main concern is safety, too.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Frank Martin of 1301 Atlantic Avenue noted that he took photos of the street sign at 13th Ave and the bay. He noted that the drop from the bulkhead right now is approximately nine feet. He also noted that there is a drainage pipe in that area, too. He suggested that the Point area might be the safest access point to the bay.

Solicitor Agnellini said that he would need to send a letter to a property that added a ladder to the 15th Avenue bulkhead on borough property.

There was no further comment from the public.

Mayor Russo announced that he is preparing a letter to be sent to property owners that had lawn sprinklers running during a significant rainfall to remind them that lawn sprinkler systems must have an operating rain sensor.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION- RUSSO, SECOND-LEEDS. All AYES- none opposed.

(5:09 pm)