

**BOROUGH OF LONGPORT COMMISSION WORKSHOP MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 2305 ATLANTIC AVE
LONGPORT, NJ 08403
WEDNESDAY, May 15, 2019 – 4 PM**

Meeting was called to order and Municipal Clerk Kyle read the Opening Statement pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act. *This meeting was originally scheduled to be held at 8:30 am on May 30, 2019.*

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

Engineer Carter, Solicitor Agnellini, and Municipal Clerk Kyle also in attendance.

MAYOR RUSSO

Mayor Russo discussed a draft ordinance authorizing the execution of a deed of dedication and perpetual public access to tidal waters at street ends in the borough. He also discussed two items that the borough is working on for the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection including a Beach Maintenance Permit and a Municipal Public Access Plan.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor Agnellini provided an update regarding the borough's NJ DEP Municipal Public Access Plan. He noted that part of the access plan included a requirement for signage at street ends with tidal water access. Solicitor Agnellini noted that the borough does have appropriate signage at beach access points, although signage would be needed on the bayside. He added that having an approved signage ordinance is part of the requirement for the public access plan. He explained that there is an ordinance he would like to add to today's commission meeting agenda for introduction that is also required by the NJ DEP for the access plan. The ordinance includes a deed of dedication and the granting of perpetual public access easements at street ends with tidal water access in the borough. Solicitor Agnellini noted that he struck some language from the ordinance that allowed for assignments.

Mayor Russo noted that the granting of streetend easements was one of the first requirements addressed by the NJ DEP. Commissioner Leeds stated that he is not favor of this ordinance as he is concerned about potentially taking away citizens' rights. Solicitor Agnellini discussed the ordinance further to address this concern. Solicitor Agnellini noted that all shore municipalities are being required to do this. Solicitor Agnellini noted that there is a possibility that a municipality could sue the NJ DEP; however, he added that the governor recently signed a law that allows NJ DEP to require the signage and easements ordinances. He discussed that the borough would be giving up its right to vacate a street end. Although, Solicitor Agnellini noted that vacating the street ends would be an unlikely scenario. He did note that in theory there is a right that would be eliminated.

Commissioner Leeds discussed updating the borough's beach signs. Solicitor Agnellini stated that he thought that the current beach access signage was appropriate, however; he noted signage would be needed on the bay side.

Solicitor Agnellini noted that the A and B attachments would be prepared for the second reading of Ordinance 2019-11. These addendums include street end descriptions and a tax map.

Mayor Russo asked what number the ordinance would have for introduction. It was noted that the ordinance would be introduced as Ordinance O2019-11.

Solicitor Agnellini also discussed a draft ordinance to change property addresses in the borough. He added that he needs to confirm the maintenance of a house number map with the tax assessor before it can be ready for introduction.

Mayor Russo requested an update regarding credit card usage for purchasing beach tags at Borough Hall. Solicitor Agnellini discussed credit card services, including insurance requirements needed for implementation. He noted that the borough does have access via VIPLY, a smart phone application. He also discussed the use of a bank versus a private service company for credit card services. CFO Kelly discussed various fees charged by banks and a proposal from a private service provider. Solicitor Agnellini noted that he and CFO Kelly could work up an overview of what is being proposed by Mr. Tomassi (a private service provider) and by various banks and then the Governing Body could then make a decision. Solicitor Agnellini noted that Mr. Tomassi is his second cousin. There was further discussion on this topic. Solicitor Agnellini also discussed the option of obtaining RFPs for this service.

Commissioner Leeds discussed a resolution that the City of Northfield passed regarding recreational marijuana use. CFO Kelly noted that this topic will be placed on a statewide ballot for voters to decide. Commissioner Leeds also discussed a State law recently passed that allows electric scooters on the street and he was concerned about having them in the bike lanes and on sidewalks. Solicitor Agnellini noted that the State passed this law to allow for a more sustainable transportation option. There was further discussion on this topic.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Engineer Carter reviewed the Engineer's Report. He noted that the 22nd Avenue bulkhead is scheduled to begin Monday. He noted that electrical work at Borough Hall is scheduled to begin next week. He also discussed a minor change to a previously passed resolution to modify 'Year 2019' (year work is performed) to 'MA 2017' (municipal aid funded year) per the State's request. The governing body was in agreement with the administrative modification to Resolution R2019-53. Engineer Carter discussed the Water Quality Assessment noting that he does not recommend formally adopting it, unless required by the State. Engineer Carter added that he recently was informed by the fire chief that the fire boat lift is being contributed to the borough at no cost by an individual. Further details on the lift were discussed and Chief Clayton will provide any additional necessary information to Engineer Carter. (*Chief Clayton in attendance*).

MISCELLANEOUS

Nothing further to discuss.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION- RUSSO, SECOND- LAWLER. ALL IN FAVOR - All AYES- none opposed. (4:32 pm)