

**BOROUGH OF LONGPORT WORKSHOP COMMISSION MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 2305 ATLANTIC AVE
LONGPORT, NJ 08403
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21, 2021 – 4:00 PM**

The meeting was called to order.

Municipal Clerk Kyle read the Opening Statement pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act. A notice of this meeting was emailed to the Press of Atlantic City and the Current on April 16, 2021. In addition, copies of notices were posted on the bulletin board and filed in the office of the municipal clerk. Notices on the bulletin board have remained continuously posted.

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

Borough Solicitor Affanato, Administrator Porter, CFO Kelly, Chief Culmone, Engineer Dennis, Zoning and OEM Officer Funk, Library Director Gerhardt, and Municipal Clerk Kyle also present.

Mayor Russo stated the location of emergency exits and noted that there is no public comment during workshop meetings.

Municipal Administrator:

Administrator Porter discussed the street opening repair project in the Borough saying it is scheduled to begin on May 3rd and should take two weeks to complete. He also discussed ice cream vending on the beach explaining that the Borough received one bid for the license and he recommended awarding the license to the bidder SIMCO Logistics T/A Jack & Jill DSD for an amount of \$28,100. He also explained that the library required that a resolution be adopted in order to apply for a grant. He said that the Governing Body passed a similar resolution in the past when the library applied for a similar grant. Solicitor Affanato explained that the resolution stipulated that the Borough will provide the Library with space, but not necessarily its current location.

Administrator Porter also discussed a grant that the police department is applying for to purchase body worn cameras. Administrator Porter explained that the police department HVAC project has been completed. Administrator Porter also noted that the beach opening resolutions are on the regular meeting agenda.

Solicitor Affanato:

Solicitor Affanato said that he received a phone call from a party that is interested in purchasing the 36th Avenue gazebo parcel that was recently determined that the Borough owns. He also discussed the bulkhead owned by Lamberti's near the gazebo lot and that the Borough is in negotiations with Mr. Lamberti to repair the bulkhead.

Solicitor Affanato also discussed the legalization of recreational marijuana and explained that if the Governing Body wanted to prohibit the sale, growth and distribution of it in Longport that an ordinance would have to be passed within 180 days of legalization. He also noted that he discussed the Borough's

current smoking ordinance with the chief of police and that they believed it was broad enough to include marijuana. He did not recommend changing the ordinance at this time.

He also said that he believed that the park area discussed on 15th and 16th avenue was not advancing at this time. He explained that the park area could not move forward until the group involved created an entity for the park.

He also said he applied to the NJ Department of Environmental Protection for an Emergency Authorization Permit for Beach Maintenance and he anticipated that it would be issued by the end of this month. He also explained a resolution on the agenda that would award a contract to Clarke Caton Hintz Company to provide an assessment on what the Borough needs to do to comply with affordable housing requirements and regulations.

Solicitor Affanato also discussed a class action lawsuit that the Borough might want to be a part of that is being filed against entities like Hulu, Netflix, Disney, Amazon Prime and other streaming service providers for licensing fees. He explained that he reviewed the retainer agreement and that there would be no cost to the Borough. He said he would draft a resolution for the next commission meeting if the Governing Body was interested in moving forward in joining the class action lawsuit.

Solicitor Affanato said that he and Engineer Dennis are in agreement on what can and can't be done regarding traffic concerns on Amherst Avenue pertaining to traffic changing to one-way towards Longport.

Engineer Dennis:

Engineer Dennis discussed the construction of Well #4. He said that the well casing is scheduled for completion the following week. He discussed the well development process and said he hoped to have Well #1 back online before Memorial Day. He also explained -that he is assisting public works with compliance with MS4 Stormwater Management program. He explained that the Borough would need to adopt a new stormwater control ordinance. Engineer Dennis also discussed getting pricing for the evaluation of the water tank in anticipation of re-painting it. He also discussed developing a capital improvement plan for implementation over the next five, 10 and 15 years. He also noted that some grant funding might be available for various projects.

Commissioner Lawler discussed the legality of making Amherst Avenue one way in Longport. He asked Solicitor Affanato to provide a summary of what can be legally done. Commissioner Lawler explained that he met with Margate officials today to discuss Longport's concerns. He added that they came up with a plan that both Mayor Russo and Commissioner Leeds are hearing for the first time. He explained that the professionals would discuss why the Borough cannot make Amherst Avenue one way to Coolidge Avenue. Solicitor Affanato explained that the Borough's jurisdiction ends halfway to Coolidge Avenue and that it could not be made one way to Coolidge without Margate's cooperation. It was also noted that there was an issue with Coolidge Avenue being a two-way street. It was determined that the Municipal Engineer could not legally sign off on this change in direction as it would not meeting existing safety codes. Solicitor Affanato explained that the certification would be required in order to move forward. Engineer Dennis noted that the main issue is Coolidge Avenue has traffic flowing in two directions and that those heading towards the bay would not be able to advance and would have to make a "K" turn at the end of the street. He said it could be accomplished with Margate's cooperation to make Coolidge one way from Amherst to Monmouth avenues.

Commissioner Lawler noted that Margate officials are willing to work with Longport, but he added that they wanted to see how things go first this summer before making any changes. He discussed some of the options that were discussed with Margate officials. Parking concerns were also discussed, he said, particularly for those who live on 34th, 35th and 36th avenues. He also discussed a parking lot that is owned by Lamberti's that could provide additional public parking spaces.

Commissioner Lawler explained that there is a parking permit for homeowners that would allow them to legally park in front of their own driveways. He said if residents took advantage of this permit, it could open up an additional 1500 parking spaces in the Borough. There was also discussion about potentially reinstalling Stop signs on 33rd Avenue. He also discussed installing raised crosswalks in the area to help slow down cars. Engineer Dennis summarized the meeting with Margate officials. Mayor Russo asked if Margate will be monitoring speed and traffic flow. Commissioner Lawler noted that it is something that Longport can do, too, and that this type of monitoring has been done in the past. Commissioner Lawler that he was surprised by how slow most traffic travels on this street. Mayor Russo also noted that he got a lot of feedback from residents and said that many wanted the Stop signs that had been removed at 33rd Avenue to be reinstalled. There was additional discussion on this topic. It was noted that four-way Stop signs may not be justified as a means to reduce speed. Commissioner Leeds also asked about a yard belonging to Margate Public Works Department that had been opened to the public for parking. Commissioner Leeds also asked about the possibility of implementing resident parking permits. Solicitor Affanato explained that it is something that the municipality is permitted to do. He said that the City of Ventnor has residential parking permits. He added that Longport would need to take into consideration the Borough's Municipal Public Access Plan to be sure that the agreement is not violated with the issuance of residential parking permits. He discussed some of the various aspects of residential parking permits that would need to be addressed including hours and number of permits per property. He noted that if the Governing Body was interested in implementing this type of plan he would begin researching it.

Mayor Russo said that the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management has invited Longport to be a consulting party on the proposed offshore wind farm project. He estimated that the project would take two years before implementation. He noted that he had a map posted on the Borough's website of the proposed location. He explained that the windmills would be approximately 15 miles offshore and would be located somewhere between Ocean City and Longport. There was further discussion on this topic. The Mayor expressed his concern with coal and nuclear generated electricity. He asked the public for its feedback on the proposed offshore windfarm. Solicitor Affanato noted that the Borough will be a designated consultant in this process.

Commissioner Leeds also discussed the legalization of marijuana and that he fully supports the Longport Police Department regarding enforcement of the law, and any ordinances that might be needed by the department to support them in carrying out their duties.

Commissioner Lawler discussed having beach tag checkers begin checking for beach tags in Longport beginning Memorial Day, similar to what Margate does. There was further discussion on this topic and the need to adopt a resolution to address this. The Governing Body agreed to adopt a resolution at the next Commission Meeting.

Commissioner Leeds briefly discussed the Fair Ballot Project and said that the Governing Body should look into this topic. He also discussed an Atlantic County resilient NJ project regarding back bays and a webinar scheduled to be held the next day on this topic.

Bruce Funk provided an overview on the Borough's emergency management plan, Community Rating System Grants and planning updates. He noted that the Borough's emergency management plan update has been approved. He also thanked the Governing Body for appointment of three deputy OEM coordinators and for putting together a Local Emergency Planning Committee. He also noted that there is grant funding available to help elevate homes. He also discussed the number of homes that have used the funding over the past several years. He talked about nuisance flooding and a study performed in cooperation with Stockton University and the subsequent development of an early flooding notice system. He discussed the Borough's Community Rating System and an upcoming webinar on how to save money on flood insurance. He also discussed recent work completed with grant funding. He discussed repetitive loss properties and possible mitigation strategies for these homes. He also discussed a potential Army Corps of Engineers floodgate structure project from the Longport Jetty to Ocean City to help control back bay flooding. He noted that it was important for the Governing Body to get involved in these seminars. There was further discussion on these topics.

Municipal Clerk Kyle:

Municipal Clerk Kyle noted that on April 24, 2021, there would be a paper shredding event held at the Margate Public Works Yard from 9 am to 12 noon for Longport and Margate residents.

Miscellaneous:

None.

Motion to Adjourn – Commissioner Lawler, seconded by Commissioner Leeds. All in Favor – Yes. None Opposed. Meeting adjourned at 5:03 pm.

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

Borough Solicitor Affanato, Administrator Porter, CFO Kelly, Chief Culmone, Engineer Dennis, Library Director Gerhardt, and Municipal Clerk Kyle also present.

Emergency Exits, Public Speaking Announcement – announced by Mayor Russo.

Approval of minutes-

Municipal Clerk Kyle requested a motion for approval of the minutes from the March 17, 2021, Workshop and Regular Commission Meeting and the March 29, 2021 Special Commission Meeting. Commissioner Leeds made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Lawler, to approve the minutes. ALL AYES- none opposed.

ORDINANCES – SECOND READING/ PUBLIC HEARING on O2021-06 - An Ordinance to Exceed Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a CAP Bank (NJSA 40A:4-45.14)

No one wished to speak on ordinance O2021-06.

ORDINANCES – SECOND READING/ PUBLIC HEARING on O2021-07 - An Ordinance Providing for Agreement Between the City of Margate City and the Borough of Longport for Shared Municipal Court Services Pursuant to NJSA 2b-12-1C.

No one wished to speak on ordinance O2021-07.

ORDINANCES

Number	Title
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2021-06	An Ordinance to Exceed Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a CAP Bank (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)
Purpose	The purpose of this ordinance is to increase its CY 2021 budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations in the interest of promoting the health, welfare and safety of its citizens
Motion	Motion – Commissioner Leeds, seconded by Mayor Russo to adopt Ordinance #O2021-06.
Roll Call Vote	Mayor Russo – Yes Commissioner Leeds – Yes Commissioner Lawler – Yes ALL AYES. None opposed.
2021-07	An Ordinance Providing for Agreement between the City of Margate City and the Borough of Longport for Shared Municipal Court Services Pursuant to N.J.S.A 2b-12-1C.
Purpose	The purpose of this ordinance is to provide an agreement to share the services of the municipal courts between the City of Margate City and the Borough of Longport.
Motion	Motion – Commissioner Lawler, seconded by Commissioner Leeds to adopt Ordinance #O2021-07.
Roll Call Vote	Mayor Russo – Yes Commissioner Leeds – Yes Commissioner Lawler – Yes ALL AYES. None opposed.

BUDGET PRESENTATION: Michael Garcia, CPA, RMA, of Ford-Scott Associates. Mr. Garcia provided an overview of the 2021 municipal budget. Mr. Garcia explained that there is no increase in the local purpose tax and that there has been no increase for seven years in a row. He also noted that the Borough was under both the spending CAP and the tax levy CAP.

The public hearing was opened to the public on the municipal budget.

Mr. Glenn Falso of 300 N. 33rd Avenue had a question about the ordinance to exceed the CAP Bank. Mr. Garcia explained why the Borough was adopting the ordinance and that the purpose was to retain funding or to create a 'CAP bank' for potential future use if needed.

Mr. Fran Caulfield of 3301 Monmouth Avenue questioned if there would be discussion on the balance sheet. Mr. Garcia explained that this is taken into consideration during preparation of the municipal budget. He also added that the Borough is in a very strong surplus condition with approximately \$2.5 million in surplus. There was further discussion on this topic. Mr. Caulfield asked about the Borough's overall debt level. Mr. Garcia explained that the overall debt level service is down approximately \$900,000 compared to last year. He explained that the State allows a maximum debt of 3.5% of equalized value and that the borough is currently at a .437 % debt level.

A member of the public said that there were some people who were trying to connect remotely and were having difficulty. It was noted that there is a new number and access code to call for each meeting.

Commissioner Lawler asked Mr. Garcia about the library tax. Mr. Garcia explained how the Borough established its own library and that in future years the library can turn over any excess funds back to the Borough of Longport. There was further discussion on this topic.

Commissioner Leeds made a Motion to Close the Public Hearing on the Municipal Budget, Seconded by Commissioner Lawler, All in Favor – All AYES. NONE OPPOSED.

Public Comment or questions on listed resolutions:

Commissioner Leeds had a question on Resolution 2021-64. It was noted that this resolution was approved by the police department.

RESOLUTION 2021-60 – Authorizing the Budget to be Read by Title Only.

MOTION to Adopt RESOLUTION 2021-60 – MAYOR RUSSO, SECONDED – COMMISSIONER LAWLER. ALL IN FAVOR – ALL AYES. NONE OPPOSED.

RESOLUTION 2021-61 – A Resolution Authorizing Adoption of Municipal Budget Year 2021.

MOTION to Adopt RESOLUTION 2021-61 – COMMISSIONER LEEDS, SECONDED – COMMISSIONER LAWLER.

ROLL CALL VOTE: MAYOR RUSSO – YES, COMMISSIONER LEEDS – YES, COMMISSIONER LAWLER – YES. ALL AYES. NONE OPPOSED.

RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT AGENDA (R2021-62 through R2021-79)

Number	Title
2021-62	Resolution Approving the Award of a License to Conduct Beach Vending Pursuant to the Terms and Conditions of Licensure at the Sealed Bid Established by Resolution 2021-51 MOTION – RUSSO, SECOND- LAWLER, All AYES- none opposed.
2021-63	Authorizing the Borough’s Participation in the HGACBUY CO-OP for Contract #RH08-20, Refuse Handling Equipment MOTION – RUSSO, SECOND- LAWLER, All AYES- none opposed.
2021-64	Establishment of an Emergency ‘No Parking’ Area, Closure, and Detouring during 2021 Memorial Day Parade MOTION – RUSSO, SECOND- LAWLER, All AYES- none opposed.
2021-65	Award of Contract to Systems for You, Inc. PO Box 67, Millville, NJ 08332, for Server Support and Networking Service MOTION – RUSSO, SECOND- LAWLER, All AYES- none opposed.
2021-66	Chapter 159 – Budget Insertion for Optional Safety Incentive Grant MOTION – RUSSO, SECOND- LAWLER, All AYES- none opposed.

2021-67	Chapter 159 – Budget Insertion for FEMA FMA Flood Mitigation Planning Grant - RLAA MOTION – RUSSO, SECOND- LAWLER, All AYES- none opposed.
2021-68	Resolution Authorizing the Borough to Enter into an Agreement with Hutchinson for an HVAC Maintenance Agreement MOTION – RUSSO, SECOND- LAWLER, All AYES- none opposed.
2021-69	Chapter 159 – Budget Insertion for Recycling Tonnage Grant MOTION – RUSSO, SECOND- LAWLER, All AYES- none opposed.
2021-70	A Resolution of the Borough of Longport, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey, Authorizing to Create and Appoint a Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) for a Three-Year Term April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2024 MOTION – RUSSO, SECOND- LAWLER, All AYES- none opposed.
2021-71	Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Fiscal Grant Cycle July 2020 to June 2025 MOTION – RUSSO, SECOND- LAWLER, All AYES- none opposed.
2021-72	A Resolution to Retain Clarke Caton Hintz as an Affordable Housing Consultant MOTION – RUSSO, SECOND- LAWLER, All AYES- none opposed.
2021-73	A Resolution for the Adoption of Dedicated Space for the Longport Public Library MOTION – RUSSO, SECOND- LAWLER, All AYES- none opposed.
2021-74	A Resolution Opposing NJDEP’s Proposed Coastal Regulations MOTION – RUSSO, SECOND- LAWLER, All AYES- none opposed.
2021-75	Authorizing Submission of a Grant Application for Funding Under the State of New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety Office of the Attorney General SFY21 Body-Worn Camera Grant Program MOTION – RUSSO, SECOND- LAWLER, All AYES- none opposed.
2021-76	A Resolution Designating the Bathing Season and the Guarded Beaches Including Authorized Staffing in the Borough of Longport MOTION – RUSSO, SECOND- LAWLER, All AYES- none opposed.
2021-77	A Resolution Designating the Areas and Times Permitting the Sport of Surfing and Surf Riding Within the Borough of Longport MOTION – RUSSO, SECOND- LAWLER, All AYES- none opposed.
2021-78	A Resolution Designating Beach Locations in the Borough of Longport for Use in Launching and Retrieving of Kayaks on Borough Beaches MOTION – RUSSO, SECOND- LAWLER, All AYES- none opposed.
2021-79	Appointment of Emergency Management Coordinator and Deputy Emergency

	Management Coordinators MOTION – RUSSO, SECOND- LAWLER, All AYES- none opposed.
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Commissioner Leeds discussed having beach tags enforced beginning Memorial Day. There was further discussion on this topic.

BILL LIST

Commissioner of Finance and Revenue, Jim Leeds, Sr., asked if there were any questions on the Bill List of April 20, 2021. There were none. MOTION – LEEDS, SECOND – RUSSO. ALL IN FAVOR - ALL AYES. NONE OPPOSED.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY REPORT

Commissioner of Finance and Revenue, Jim Leeds, Sr., asked if there were any questions on the Financial Summary Report. There were none. MOTION – LEEDS, SECOND – LAWLER. ALL IN FAVOR - ALL AYES. NONE OPPOSED.

MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT:

Nothing further to report.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT:

Nothing further to report.

ENGINEER’S REPORT:

Nothing further to report.

COMMISSIONERS REPORTS:

MAYOR RUSSO

Mayor Russo discussed the upcoming Memorial Day Parade in Longport. He also thanked the residents who lived near the new well construction for their patience and apologized for any inconvenience caused by construction.

COMMISSIONER LEEDS

Commissioner Leeds had nothing further to report.

COMMISSIONER LAWLER

Commissioner Lawler had nothing further to report.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Mark Hyman of 4 N. 31st Avenue requested that the Governing Body prohibit recreational marijuana in the Borough. He also said that the ACOE floodgate proposal previously mentioned by Mr. Funk was a great idea and that he would like to see Congressman Van Drew involved. He also voiced his support of the 15 mile offshore wind farm that was discussed during the workshop meeting.

Mr. Hyman also questioned why Margate could not have Amherst Avenue traffic run one-way towards Atlantic City or East. He said that this would help alleviate a lot of Longport residents’ concerns. He also voiced his support of residential parking permits in Longport and felt the Borough should begin moving forward on this process.

Ms. Fran Kenny of 225 N. 36th Avenue had questions about the parking lot near Steve & Cookies by the Bay restaurant. She wanted to know if all the spaces would be open to the public. There was further discussion on this topic. Ms. Kenny also noted that when cars are parked on both sides of Monmouth and Winchester avenues it is difficult to have traffic traveling in both directions. She wanted to know if there was still discussion on making these streets one way. She also noted that complaints might come from those who live on Coolidge Avenue. She also said that she hopes that the Borough does not decide to sell the gazebo lot area near 36th Avenue.

Mr. Louis Sharps of 200 N. 32nd Avenue expressed his concern with increased traffic coming into the Borough from Margate on Amherst Avenue, due to it being changed to one-way towards Longport. He noted that there was a car accident in 2019 near 32nd Avenue where two Stop signs were ignored. He said he was concerned about safety and noted that 32nd Avenue had a large number of pedestrians. He said the safety issue needs to be addressed. He suggested making the area 'local traffic only.' He reminded the Governing Body of their fiduciary responsibility to protect the people of Longport.

Mr. Michael Dion of 3203 Sunset Avenue expressed his concern that Longport's Municipal Engineer, Mr. Dennis, who also serves as Margate's Municipal Engineer, might have a conflict of interest regarding the Amherst Avenue one-way traffic change. Engineer Dennis noted that a different engineering firm did the traffic study for the City of Margate. There was discussion on a parking lot and he felt that this would not address the residents' concern. He requested that the Governing Body represent the people of Longport and push back on Margate.

Ms. Michele Falso of 300 N. 33rd Avenue said she agreed with everyone who just spoke and also expressed her concern for the safety of those on Amherst Avenue. She said it is too dangerous for children to ride their bikes. She added if the area is made one way, it allows for more space for vehicles to speed. She said she is in an area where she sees cars speed regularly all day. She feared for her and her children's safety. Engineer Dennis discussed some measures to help address speeding in the area.

Ms. Wendy Singer of 2711 Sunset Avenue expressed her concern with additional traffic coming into Longport from Margate on Amherst/ Sunset Avenues and was very fearful of accidents as a result. She has noted numerous near misses in the area. She also feared for her and her children's safety. She urged the Governing Body to support the residents of Longport.

Mr. Bob English of 130 N. 32nd Avenue was concerned about additional traffic and speeding on Monmouth Avenue. He requested adding speed control devices on this street. He also explained that some Stop signs could also increase noise in the Borough. Mayor Russo discussed additional speed signs in the Borough. There was further discussion on these type of speed monitoring devices. Mr. English noted that there are two issues at hand, traffic and parking. He noted that parking is an issue that must be addressed and voiced his support of residential parking permits. He also noted some driveways are too narrow for a resident to be able to park in front of.

Mr. Mike Mulvey of 3212 Monmouth Avenue said that he believed a lot of remote persons attending the meeting might have missed the workshop and he reiterated what was discussed in the workshop for their benefit. There was discussion on why the Borough could not introduce an ordinance to make Amherst Avenue one way to Coolidge Avenue because the Borough's jurisdiction ends approximately mid-block to Coolidge Avenue. Engineer Dennis noted that in order to adopt the ordinance, Margate would have to make Coolidge Avenue one way. There was further discussion on this topic.

Commissioner Lawler discussed some measures that could be implemented fairly quickly to help address the public's concerns. Mr. Mulvey noted that the traffic study did not take into consideration various surrounding streets and the traffic that goes into Margate from these streets. Engineer Dennis noted the addition of signage to help control where the traffic travels.

Ms. Trish English of 130 N. 32nd Avenue noted that people are not stopping at the two Stop signs on 32nd and Sunset avenues. She added that the signage is also not preventing people on Woodcrest Avenue from turning right onto Evergreen Avenue. She noted that these issues needed to be addressed. She said she was happy to hear that beach taggers would begin checking for beach tags in Longport starting on Memorial Day.

Mr. Glenn Falso of 300 N. 33rd Avenue expressed his concern for the safety of Longport residents and the children in the area, especially those on bikes. He brought up the concerns of the OEM Officer and Chief of Police regarding the traffic change on Amherst Avenue. He also expressed his concern that the Municipal Engineer also serves the City of Margate and that this could be a conflict of interest. He said he that he felt the engineer should recuse himself from this issue. There was further discussion on this topic. He expressed the need for the Governing Body to act immediately to help prevent someone from getting hurt. Solicitor Affanato expressed his opinion that the proposal to make Amherst one way to Coolidge Avenue could not be legally done.

Mr. Patrick Armstrong of 302 N. 34th Avenue expressed his concern about problems in the bay area and reiterated the concern of Longport's Office of Emergency Management Coordinator, the Chief of Police, and the Chairman of the Longport Planning/ Zoning Board expressed regarding the one-way traffic change on Amherst Avenue. He also noted that Lamberti's parking lot is not the answer to residents' concerns. He also discussed installing a three-way stop at Coolidge Avenue and the possible continuation a bike lane on the Longport side of Amherst Avenue. He noted that action needed to be taken as Memorial Day is fast approaching.

Mr. Sharps questioned if Amherst Avenue could be made into a dead end at 32nd Avenue and the institution of 'Local Traffic Only.' He felt that this could be a viable solution that he has seen implemented in other communities. There was further discussion on this topic. Commissioner Lawler suggested that residents create a committee to discuss potential solutions for the area affected by the traffic change. He recommended that the police chief and municipal engineer participate in the committee to come up with a plan that all can agree on. There was further discussion on this topic.

Mr. Dion questioned why Coolidge Avenue could not be made one way heading North. Engineer Dennis explained that is what he recommended to Margate for implementation. There was further discussion on this topic. Commissioner Lawler reiterated his suggestion that residents form a committee to address everyone's concerns. Solicitor Affanato cautioned having representation from a diverse group of people so all concerns could be voiced and addressed.

Mr. Fred Lutz of 205 N. 36th Avenue said he supported the idea of a sign for 'Local Traffic Only' to help address traffic flow into the Borough. He also did not think a parking permit that allowed residents to park in front of their driveways would be the answer to parking concerns in the Borough and voiced his support of residential parking permits. He also thought it could be instituted quickly.

Mr. Falso reiterated his concern that the municipal engineer's involvement in the traffic issue was a conflict of interest. He also questioned if Amherst Avenue could be made one way towards Margate

until 36th Avenue. Engineer Dennis said that is something that Longport could legally do. There was discussion on installing a 'Local Traffic Only' sign for 36th Avenue. Mr. Falso expressed his concern that someone is going to get hurt and that the Borough needs to address this safety issue immediately.

Chief Culmone discussed his concern with installing 'Local Traffic Only' signs, as well as, Margate's lack of a plan to address large trucks exiting the area. He also discussed the amount of vehicles that entered Longport on Amherst Avenue.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION – COMMISSIONER LEEDS, SECOND – COMMISSIONER LAWLER. All AYES- none opposed.

Adjournment – 6:36 pm.