

**BOROUGH OF LONGPORT WORKSHOP COMMISSION MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 2305 ATLANTIC AVE
LONGPORT, NJ 08403
WEDNESDAY, JULY 3, 2024 – 4:00 PM**

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm.

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, The Ocean City Sentinel, the Star Ledger, and Courier Post on June 28, 2024. 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, Engineer Dennis, Police Chief Culmone, Fire Chief Clayton, Beach Patrol Chief Kresz, Library Director Gerhardt, and Municipal Clerk Kyle also present.

Mayor Russo stated the location of the emergency exits and discussed opportunities for public comment.

PRESENTATION – Certificates and beach tags were presented to the winners of the 2024 Longport Beach Tag Design Contest including: Dominic DiGiovanni– Seasonal Tag, Reese Moran – Senior Beach Tag, and Avery Clark – Mayor’s Favorite.

OATH OF OFFICE – Commissioner Dan Lawler administered the Oath of Office for Longport Beach Patrol Lieutenant to Laurence Randour.

A short recess was taken (4:10 to 4:15 pm) to allow those attending the presentations to take photographs.

Administrator Porter:

Administrator Porter said that all municipal departments (police, fire, beach patrol, and building) were prepared for the upcoming July 4th holiday weekend and he anticipated a smooth weekend.

Borough Solicitor Affanato:

Borough Solicitor Affanato said he sent a letter to Lamberti today regarding his bulkhead and hoped to have an update at the next meeting. He also discussed a lawsuit filed against the Borough, the Zoning Board, and Mr. Funk, and explained that there was a hearing to see if the Zoning Board would uphold Mr. Funk’s issuing of a permit. He said that the board unanimously upheld Mr. Funk’s decision. He anticipated that the decision would be appealed. He also noted that he has a resolution prepared for the next meeting to allow him to continue representing the Borough in this matter. He also discussed a recent Supreme Court ruling regarding sleeping in public areas and that he would reach out to the police chief to see if he wished to strengthen municipal ordinances regarding homelessness.

Borough Engineer Dennis:

Borough Engineer Dennis said that he is working on the engineering phase of the lead service replacement project, as well as, the next phase of improvements on Atlantic Avenue. Commissioner Leeds questioned if any work would occur during the summer months. Engineer Dennis noted that work would not start until the fall.

Mayor Russo:

Mayor Russo announced that the upcoming American Mile will be held on July 4th and that that the fire department is prepared for the race. Fire Chief Clayton noted that everything is ready and that there were currently over 600 online registrations. He also noted that they are monitoring the weather for potential thunderstorms. He also announced that there will be an open house for children and in-person registrations for the race earlier that day.

Commissioner Leeds:

Commissioner Leeds – no further report.

Commissioner Lawler:

Commissioner Lawler – no further report.

Municipal Clerk Kyle:

Municipal Clerk Kyle – no further report.

Miscellaneous:

None.

Motion to Adjourn – Mayor Russo, seconded by Commissioner Lawler. All in Favor – Yes. None Opposed. Meeting adjourned at 4:21 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, Engineer Dennis, Police Chief Culmone, Fire Chief Clayton, Library Director Gerhardt, and Municipal Clerk Kyle also present.

Mayor Russo noted that the emergency exit information had been previously announced and provided public comment opportunities.

Approval of Minutes:

Municipal Clerk Kyle requested a motion to approve the minutes from the June 19, 2024, Workshop and Regular Commission Meeting. Commissioner Leeds made a motion, seconded by Mayor Russo, to approve the minutes. All in Favor - ALL AYES. None opposed.

Public Comment or questions on listed Consent Agenda Resolutions: R2024-90 through R2024-94:

There were no comments or questions from the public on the Consent Agenda Resolutions.

A motion was made by Commissioner Leeds, seconded by Commissioner Lawler, to adopt the Consent Agenda. All in Favor - All Ayes. None Opposed.

RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT AGENDA Resolution R2024-90 through R2024-94:

Number	Title
2024-90	Rescinding Resolution 2023-57 and Approving Revised Change Order Number 1 Roadway and Drainage Improvements to Atlantic Avenue MOTION – LEEDS, SECOND- LAWLER, All AYES- none opposed.
2024-91	Chapter 159 – Budget Insertion for 2024 Summer Shore Pedestrian Awareness Campaign MOTION – LEEDS, SECOND- LAWLER, All AYES- none opposed.
2024-92	A Resolution to Permit the CFO to Waive Claimant’s Certification MOTION – LEEDS, SECOND- LAWLER, All AYES- none opposed.

2024-93	A Resolution Authorizing the Borough of Longport to Enter into an Agreement with Hutchinson for an HVAC Maintenance Agreement MOTION – LEEDS, SECOND- LAWLER, All AYES- none opposed.
2024-94	Authorizing a Change Order to a Non Fair and Open Professional Services Contract for Bond Counsel MOTION – LEEDS, SECOND- LAWLER, All AYES- none opposed.

BILL LIST

Commissioner Leeds asked if there were any questions on the Bill List. There were none. MOTION – LEEDS, SECOND – LAWLER. ALL IN FAVOR - ALL AYES. NONE OPPOSED.

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

Nothing further to report.

COMMISSIONER LEEDS

Nothing further to report.

COMMISSIONER LAWLER

Nothing further to report.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Paul Lichtman of Longport came before the Governing Body to express his concern with rats and the safety of children, dogs, and others in general. He said that he believed that the rats might be coming from the back of the fire station and is requesting that the Borough be proactive in handling this situation. Administrator Porter said that the Borough is aware of the situation and has hired pest control services. He added that he believed the situation is close to being resolved. Chief Clayton said that there were no rats in the firehouse.

Glenn Davis of Longport also came to express his concern about rats. He said he has been working in the community garden area for the past five years and never saw rats till recently. He said he is concerned that there is a large colony under the boat house and near the community garden. Solicitor Affanato noted that a third-party vendor must be used to address the situation as public works is not licensed for pest control measures such as poison. Mr. Davis expressed concern that the area needs to be cleaned up and a specialized professional hired. He also expressed concern with how employees were disposing of trash and how this might be contributing to a rat problem. There was further discussion on this topic. Mr. Davis also noted that there is a street light out at 19th Avenue. There was discussion regarding an

app to report an outage, which is also available on the Borough's website. Chief Culmone said he would address the street light outage.

Ricky Gerhardt, Director, Longport Public Library, discussed several library events and thanked the Borough for its assistance in preparing for them. He also announced that there will be a concert after the American Mile race behind Borough Hall.

Levon Clayton of Longport asked about drilling performed at well #3. Engineer Dennis addressed his question and explained that it was geotechnical drilling for a pump station foundation that would be located underground.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Adjournment – 4:34 pm.