

**BOROUGH OF LONGPORT COMMISSION MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 2305 ATLANTIC AVE
LONGPORT, NJ 08403
WEDNESDAY, August 2, 2017 – 4:30 PM**

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

Deputy 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, Chief Culmone, CFO Kelly, and Deputy Municipal Clerk Kyle also in attendance.

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

Approval of minutes- Commissioner Lawler made a motion, and seconded by Mayor Russo to approve the minutes for the July 19, 2017, regular meeting. AYES- RUSSO, LAWLER. LEEDS – ABSTAINED (was not present for the July 19, 2017 meeting).

(The order of the agenda was switched to add resolutions to the agenda prior to public comment on the resolutions.)

Mayor Russo made a motion to add Resolution 2017-89 to the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Lawler. All In Favor – YES. None opposed.

Commissioner Leeds made a motion to add Resolution 2017-90 to the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Lawler. All in Favor – YES. None opposed.

The public was asked if anyone had any questions or comments on any resolutions listed on the agenda:

Joel Goldman of 108 S. 15th discussed page 2 of Resolution 2017-90 where parking is noted on Atlantic Avenue. Mr. Carter addressed Mr. Goldman’s question.

RESOLUTIONS

Number	Title
2017-86	Resolution to Extend 3 rd Quarter 2017 Tax Due Date MOTION - LEEDS, SECOND- LAWLER, All AYES- none opposed.
2017-87	Authorizing Shared Services Agreement Between the City of Margate and the Borough of Longport MOTION- RUSSO, SECOND-LEEDS, All AYES- none opposed.
2017-88	Authorizing Award of Contract for the Provision of Electric Generation Supply Service for the South Jersey Power Cooperative

2017-89	<p>MOTION - LEEDS, SECOND-LAWLER, ALL AYES – none opposed.</p> <p>Amending R2016-151 to Include a Date for a Special Event Sponsored by the Borough of Longport</p> <p>MOTION – LAWLER, SECOND – RUSSO, AYES – RUSSO, LAWLER. OPPOSED – LEEDS.</p>
2017-90	<p>APPROVING A MUNICIPAL PUBLIC ACCESS PLAN</p> <p>MOTION – RUSSO, SECOND – LEEDS. ALL AYES – none opposed.</p>

BILL PAY LIST

Commissioner of Finance and Revenue, Jim Leeds, Sr., asked if anyone had any questions regarding the bill pay list for August 2, 2017. NO ONE CAME FORWARD
MOTION-LEEDS, SECOND-LAWLER. ALL AYES/NONE OPPOSED.

COMMISSIONERS REPORTS

Mayor Russo discussed a research project between the Borough of Longport and Avalon with Stockton University to collect water data during flooding events. This private/public partnership is the first of its type in the State stated Russo. Russo noted that last Friday was the grand opening of the Longport Public Library and that well over 150 people attended. He announced the wounded warrior event will take place on September 19, 2017. He added that this is a first time in the borough’s history that the wounded warrior is a woman.

Mayor Russo also noted that there have been some complaints regarding the fire siren and that he would discuss the siren and its decibel level with the fire chief.

Mayor Russo also noted that he received a letter supporting parking on Atlantic Avenue that he shared with members of the governing body.

Commissioner Leeds discussed the dune project in Margate and noted that Margate may file an injunction to stop the project, which could mean that the Army Corps would start sooner in Longport than they had originally stated. Commissioner Leeds was concerned that the timetable would change and that the governing body should be prepared to take measures to stop that from occurring. The governing body, Engineer Carter and Solicitor Agnellini continued discussion on the dune project and potential options. Mayor Russo requested that Solicitor Agnellini guide the borough on its legal options.

ENGINEER’S REPORT

Engineer Carter had no further reports.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT

Solicitor Agnellini noted that he received a letter from counsel concerning the manner in which the ordinance allowing parking on Atlantic Avenue was advertised. He noted that he is still researching it and will advise the governing body once his research is completed. He noted that in regarding to the safety issued raised at a previous meeting, he had the Borough Engineer and Police Chief review the concerns. Solicitor Agnellini stated that he felt, unless there were new issues, those discussed had been addressed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

David Sciolla of 116 S. 15th Avenue noted that the alleyways needed to be angled as there limited visibility, it should similar to other site triangles in the borough, he explained. Discussion continued on the alleyways. Mr. Sciolla also discussed the dune project. He said the borough should support Margate in its injunction. Discussion continued on the dune project.

Tom Paratore of 3200 Winchester Avenue discussed flooding on 32nd and Winchester avenues. Engineer Carter discussed work being done to address flooding on 32nd Avenue. Mr. Paratore said that the flooding is damaging his sidewalk and driveway. Engineer Carter will look into the issue.

Lisa DeMatte of 32 N. 32nd Avenue also discussed flooding on 32nd Avenue. She noted that the flooding occurs in general, and is not just associated with storms.

Sabrina Blankenship of 1204 Atlantic Avenue asked if there was an answer to a question she raised at a previous meeting regarding camping for 24 hours on the street. Chief Culmone noted that there is an ordinance prohibiting oversized vehicles from parking overnight. Ms. Blankenship questioned if the ordinance pertained to a regular sized minivan. Discussion continued on what was permitted on the streets. Ms. Blankenship noted that in a previous meeting's minutes there was mention of a referendum. She asked what this was in reference to. Mayor Russo addressed her question. Ms. Blankenship said that the Longport Public Library should have its own website and not be a part of the borough's website. Ms. Blankenship also stated that she felt the Longport website was outdated. Ms. Blankenship also discussed the need for a turning lane for the Longport bridge at 29th Avenue. Engineer Carter addressed her question on a turning lane at 29th Avenue.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION- LAWLER, SECOND-LEEDS. All AYES- none opposed. (5:31 pm)