

**BOROUGH OF LONGPORT COMMISSION WORKSHOP MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 2305 ATLANTIC AVE
LONGPORT, NJ 08403
THURSDAY, April 5, 2018 – 9 AM**

Meeting was called to order and Municipal Clerk Conlon read the Opening Statement pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act.

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

Engineer Carter, Solicitor Agnellini, CFO Kelly, Municipal Clerk Conlon, Zoning Official/ Floodplain Manager/CRS/OEM Funk, Librarian Gerhardt, and Deputy Municipal Clerk Kyle also in attendance.

Municipal Clerk Conlon noted the emergency exits and stated the public time speaking limit in the Mayor’s absence.

Approval of minutes- Municipal Clerk Conlon requested a motion to approve the minutes of the March 21, 2018, (correction on the date noted on the agenda) Borough of Longport Commissioners regular meeting. Commissioner Lawler made a motion and seconded by Commissioner Leeds to approve the minutes for the March 21, 2018, regular meeting. ALL AYES- none opposed. Mayor Russo – absent.

Engineer Carter discussed the Resolution on the Agenda. Engineer Carter indicated we must submit the Beach Access Plan as part of the Beach Management Plan. Engineer Carter indicated that the draft is pretty basic without embellishment. Engineer Carter indicated the Borough is submitting this so the Borough does not have any concerns with the Borough’s Beach Maintenance Permit, which Engineer Carter will resubmit on behalf of the Borough next.

Clerk Conlon asked if anyone from the public wished to speak on the listed resolution. No one wished to speak.

RESOLUTIONS

Number	Title
2018-40	Resolution Authorizing the Engineer to Submit a Beach Access Plan MOTION - LEEDS, SECOND- LAWLER, All AYES- none opposed. Mayor Russo – Absent.

No one from the public wished to speak during the public comment portion.

Clerk Conlon called for a motion to adjourn the meeting and open up the workshop meeting. Motion by Commissioner Leeds, seconded by Commissioner Lawler - ALL IN FAVOR – yes. Adjourned - 9:05 am.

Workshop meeting opened at 9:05 am.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS:

Commissioner Leeds discussed signs at the street ends for the beach. He questioned if new signs were going to be posted with the revised regulations for the beach including the No Smoking regulation. There was further discussion on the signs. Commissioner Lawler will get an estimate for new signs at the street ends.

Commissioner Leeds discussed the turnaround area and cleaning up the concrete barriers or replacing them. Engineer Carter also discussed conditions and options for the turnaround area. Commissioner Lawler will look into different barrier options to help beautify the turnaround area. A decision to place the orange plastic water barriers there instead was discussed and it was determined that the Borough should look into something more aesthetically pleasing.

Commissioner Lawler asked about the status of the work at 32nd Avenue. Engineer Carter noted that there would be work performed to improve the concrete wall and steps at the street end. Commissioner Leeds noted that a nearby property owner is concerned about the placement/ opening of the steps and would like to see it moved further down. Discussion continued on the steps and opening in the wall.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

The engineer reviewed the engineer's report and noted that the beach access plan was discussed prior to Resolution #2018-40. He noted that there is a municipal hall and fire house improvement bid scheduled for opening later that day. The engineer also added that the beach replenishment project has experienced some weather delays. He requested the borough solicitor's input regarding a remediation project. He discussed grant funding for work at 29th Avenue. He added that work continues for the repair of the borough hall elevator. The engineer also noted that work on 32nd Avenue would begin soon as it has experienced some delays due to inclement weather.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Solicitor Agnellini noted that he is corresponding with AT&T and Verizon regarding the placement of nodes. He added that he received Margate's ordinance regarding the nodes and is going to review it. Solicitor Agnellini also discussed the potential sale of public land. Solicitor Agnellini indicated that interest was being sought for the parcels between the Bulkhead and the Beach at certain areas in the Borough.

MUNICIPAL CLERK'S REPORT:

Municipal Clerk Conlon discussed the ice cream vending bid that is scheduled to be held April 12th. He also noted that the Clean Ocean Action beach sweeps will take place on April 21st. He also discussed an aerial spray mosquito spraying agreement from the county. The governing body concluded that aerial spraying in the borough was not necessary at this time.

LIBRARY REPORT:

Library Manager, Ricky Gerhardt, discussed a jazz concert scheduled to be held on April 20th and the start of new program in May to teach beginners Spanish.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Flood Plain Manager/OEM/CRS Coordinator Bruce Funk questioned if the davits would be moved due to the new beach dunes. Engineer Carter addressed Mr. Funk's question.

Mr. Funk noted that the fire department received a grant for new windows at the firehouse. He noted that he would like to have a professional check the window frames prior to the installation of the new windows to be sure the frames are in good condition. Engineer Carter noted that with the governing body's approval he would have a structural engineer check the window frames.

Mr. Funk explained that there are new FEMA flood insurance rate maps and that an ordinance needs to be adopted by August of this year or the Borough may face suspension from the National Flood Insurance Program. He added that the new maps address the amount of freeboard above the base flood elevation in different zones. Solicitor Agnellini explained that Non-conversion agreements were being sought for new construction to agree to eliminate habitable space below the flood plain. He further explained that Non Conversion agreements are to provide notice to subsequent purchasers about a restriction that runs with the land.

Engineer Carter noted that the planning board is also discussing the potential impact that the proposed Flood FIRM Map changes may have on the Borough. Engineer Carter, Commissioner Lawler, Commissioner Leeds and Solicitor Agnellini all discussed the issue and agreed that the higher elevation standards of feet above free board proposed in the earlier draft were not necessary and that the subsequent draft should reflect the lower standards. After discussion it was agreed that Mr. Funk will prepare the required changes to Chapter 99 of the borough's code book and have it ready for the governing body's review and that the lower standard will be used in the interim before final submission by August 28th.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION- LEEDS, SECOND- LAWLER. ALL IN FAVOR - All AYES- none opposed. Mayor Russo– Absent.
(9:50 am)