

**BOROUGH OF LONGPORT COMMISSION MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 2305 ATLANTIC AVE
LONGPORT, NJ 08403
WEDNESDAY, August 22, 2018 – 4:30 PM**

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

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

Engineer Carter, Solicitor Agnellini, Chief Financial Officer Kelly, Municipal Clerk Conlon, and Deputy Municipal Clerk Kyle also in attendance. Building Department Head and Mel-JIF representative Hirsch, Fire Chief Clayton, and Police Chief Culmone also in attendance.

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

Approval of minutes- Municipal Clerk Conlon requested a motion to approve the minutes of the August 8, 2018, Borough of Longport Commission Meeting. Mayor Russo made a motion and seconded by Commissioner Leeds to approve the minutes of the August 8, 2018, Commission Meeting. ALL IN FAVOR – YES. Commissioner Lawler – Absent.

Ordinances – Second Reading/ Public Hearing.

Number	Title
12	An Ordinance Amending Chapter 99 “Flood Damage Prevention” of the Code of the Borough of Longport, Atlantic County, New Jersey
Purpose	Makes changes to the Borough’s Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance pursuant to changes by the Borough of Longport’s Planning/ Zoning Board and the recommended changes by Federal Emergency Management Agency in their amendment to the Flood Insurance Rate Maps and building base Elevation Height Requirements
Public Comment	None. Mayor Russo commented that the ordinance was a compromise that included input from the Longport Planning and Zoning Board, the Floodplain Manager and the Governing Body. He added that the ordinance addresses the aesthetics of new buildings and building heights, as well as the concerns of floodplain management.
Motion	Motion- Mayor Russo, seconded by Commissioner Leeds to adopt ordinance #O2018-12.
Roll Call Vote	Mayor Russo – Yes. Commissioner Leeds – Yes. Commissioner Lawler – Absent. ALL AYES. None opposed.

14	An Ordinance Amending Chapter 15 “Developmental Procedures” Section 37 “Terms Defined” of the Code of the Borough of Longport as it Pertains to Building Height
Purpose	The purpose of this Ordinance is to make corresponding changes to Longport’s Code to correspond to the changes in the DFIRM maps as it relates to the definition of building height for flood damage prevention
Public Comment	Levon Clayton, Chief of the Longport Volunteer Fire Department, 3016 Winchester Avenue, voiced his concern with the building heights proposed in the new ordinance and that it could affect firefighting operations. Engineer Carter noted that the DFIRM maps had changed the Base Flood Elevations and that the heights are not really going up higher. He added that it will not increase the 31.6 height.
Motion	Motion – Commissioner Leeds, seconded by Mayor Russo to adopt #O2018-14.
Roll Call Vote	Mayor Russo – Yes. Commissioner Leeds – Yes. Commissioner Lawler – Absent. ALL AYES. None opposed.
15	An Ordinance Amending Chapter 167- “Zoning” with regard to Subsection 11 “Building Projections” Paragraph D; Subsection 26 “Swimming Pools, Hot Tubs and Spas,” Paragraph C and; Subsection 37 “Public Utilities” Paragraph B of the Code of the Borough of Longport
Purpose	The purpose of this Ordinance is to make necessary set back changes to the Borough of Longport’s Municipal Code as it relates to Chapter 167 “Zoning” designating new setbacks for all utilities, swimming pools, spas, hot tubs, decks, patios, porches and car ports and to correspond to changes in the DFIRM maps for flood damage prevention
Public Comment	None. Engineer Carter discussed the ordinance.
Motion	Motion – Mayor Russo, seconded by Commissioner Leeds to adopt #O2018-15.
Roll Call Vote	Mayor Russo – Yes. Commissioner Leeds – Yes. Commissioner Lawler – Absent. ALL AYES. None opposed.

The public was asked if they had any comments or questions on the listed resolutions. There were none.
RESOLUTIONS

Number	Title
2018-92	A Resolution Authorizing the Disposal of Surplus Property – Two Beach Patrol Sheds MOTION – Mayor Russo, SECOND – Commissioner Leeds. All AYES- none opposed. Commissioner Lawler – Absent.

2018-93	A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Non Revocable License Agreement with 1170 Wheeler Way L.P. for use of Borough Property – There was a title error in the resolution which was amended verbally prior to passage. MOTION – Mayor Russo, SECOND – Commissioner Leeds, All AYES- none opposed. Commissioner Lawler – Absent.
2018-94	A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Shared Service Agreement with the Margate Public Library MOTION – Mayor Russo, SECOND- Commissioner Leeds, All AYES- none opposed. Commissioner Lawler – Absent.
2018-95	A Resolution Approving a Proclamation of Honor in Appreciation of the Military Service of Chief Petty Officer Adam Fleck the 2018 Wounded Warrior <i>Mayor Russo discussed resolution and thanked Commissioner Leeds for donating the use of his home during the Wounded Warrior's stay in Longport.</i> MOTION – Mayor Russo, SECOND – Commissioner Leeds, All AYES- none opposed. Commissioner Lawler – Absent.
2018-96	A Resolution Authorizing Contracts with Certain Approved Cooperative Pricing Agreements for Contracting Units Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A: 11-12a and NJAC 5:34-7.29(c) MOTION – Mayor Russo, SECOND – Commissioner Leeds, All AYES- none opposed. Commissioner Lawler – Absent.

BILL PAY LIST & FINANCIAL SUMMARY REPORT

Commissioner Leeds reviewed the Bill List and asked if there were any questions on the bill pay list. There were none. Commissioner Leeds made a motion to approve the bill pay list, seconded by Mayor Russo. ALL IN FAVOR – ALL AYES/ NONE OPPOSED. Commissioner Lawler – Absent.

Commissioner Leeds reviewed and read the Financial Summary Report and asked if there were any questions on the report. There were none. Commissioner Leeds made a motion to approve the bill pay list, seconded by Mayor Russo. ALL IN FAVOR – ALL AYES/ NONE OPPOSED. Commissioner Lawler – Absent.

COMMISSIONERS REPORTS

Mayor Russo – provided an update on the municipal elevator. He added that the social luncheons would soon return to the second floor and that the November luncheon had a new sponsor, the Grossman family. He also announced that the fireworks display, sponsored by the Longport Volunteer Fire Department, is scheduled to be held on Saturday August 25th at 9 pm.

Commissioner Lawler – absent.

Commissioner Leeds – none.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Engineer Carter – none.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor Agnellini - none.

LIBRARY REPORT

Library Director Gerhardt – absent. Mayor Russo noted that the library programs were doing very well.

PUBLIC COMMENT

George Ballman of 3 Bay Haven Drive asked when the remainder of the sea grass would be planted on the dunes from 17th Avenue southwards. It was noted that planting would resume in October.

Mr. Ballman also discussed the markings on the Longport Police Department vehicles stating that some were difficult to read. The Mayor noted that these are considered stealth vehicles and that the new vehicles would be well marked. Mr. Ballman also noted an increase in vehicular speeds on sections of Atlantic Avenue.

Claire Silva of 1401 Atlantic Avenue came to voice her concerns about potentially adding stairs to access the bay at the bulkhead on 14th Avenue or 15th Avenue. She had several safety concerns. Ms. Silva read the following letter into the record. The letter is summarized thusly. (Clerk Note: Mrs. Silva did not provide a written copy of the letter and the recording was unintelligible due to microphone static):

Engineer Carter explained that the steps were going to be placed at 13th Avenue, not 14th or 15th. Engineer Carter indicated this may change with approval of the Public Access Plan by the State of New Jersey.

Ladies and Gentlemen I am Claire Silva of 1401 Atlantic Avenue at 14th Avenue and the Bay. I just want it on the record as to why putting steps at the 14th Street Bulkhead would create a serious safety hazard and liability issues. Firstly, there is a pump on the beach that is checked every morning from Public Works. I was told years ago to let the Fathers know if I ever saw kids filling up the pump with sand. They can have access to the pump by getting on the other side of the bulkhead. If they need steps it is my opinion that steps that fold up are the best solution and is the least expensive approach to the situation. The men can keep these folding steps in their truck and use them as they need them. Putting steps at the bulkhead invites individuals and strangers to a small area of beach where there are no lifeguards. Speedboats in the bay create a rough wake even though this part of the bay is a no wake zone. Initially I paid for the installation of the 14th Street bulkhead. There are numerous back police reports of people standing on the bulkhead, jumping off the bulkhead and backing up their cars to the bulkhead and dropping their boats etc. This is a serious liability issue. (Remainder of the letter from the recording was unintelligible. Generally, Mrs. Silva objects to the placement of any stairs on any of the back bay bulkheads as she believes it is a safety and liability issue.)

Longport Fire Chief Levon Clayton, 3016 Winchester Avenue, noted that the original 1984 fire department's truck had been purchased by the fire department. He commended CFO Kelly for doing a great job with the purchase, making sure there were no issues with either the contract numbers or the purchasing process. He also noted that the Ocean Drive bridges now accept EZ Pass and that reduced tickets can no longer be purchased. He suggested that with students going to Ocean City High School, that maybe the governing body could send a letter to the Cape May Bridge Commission requesting a

reduced rate for frequent users. Mayor Russo requested that the clerk put this item for discussion at the next workshop meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION- Mayor Russo, SECOND- Commissioner Leeds. All AYES- none opposed. Commissioner Lawler – Absent. (5:00 pm)