

**BOROUGH OF LONGPORT COMMISSION WORKSHOP MEETING  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 2305 ATLANTIC AVE  
LONGPORT, NJ 08403  
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2018 – 9:00 AM**

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

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

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

Mayor's announcements, meeting start time 9:08 am.

**MAYOR RUSSO:** Mayor Russo discussed the upcoming September 11<sup>th</sup> ceremony and that Fire Chief Clayton would speak on behalf of the governing body. He also discussed the Wounded Warrior Event.

Mayor Russo discussed hiring a part-time city administrator. He added that it was something that he would like to see begin January 1<sup>st</sup>. There was further discussion on hiring a city administrator.

Mayor Russo discussed a letter he sent to the Cape May Bridge Authority requesting a discount for frequent users of the bridge.

Mayor Russo discussed looking into a three-year and five-year plan for the Longport fire department. He noted that the borough year-round population has changed since the volunteer department was first created in 1912. There was further discussion on the future of the fire department.

**COMMISSIONER LAWLER:**

Commissioner Lawler discussed a new shed that was purchased for the beach patrol. He discussed potentially relocating it from its current location due to its size. There was further discussion on the shed.

Commissioner Lawler also discussed the transportation of beach patrons over the dunes.

**COMMISSIONER LEEDS:**

Commissioner Leeds discussed beach patrol equipment on the beach and questioned if the cross beams on the top of the boat davits needed to be secured. Commissioner Leeds noted that he has seen children swinging from these and sometimes in boats hanging from the Davits and noted a liability issue. Commissioner Lawler noted that he would discuss this with the borough Engineer.

Commissioner Leeds also noted that he checked with a local church regarding land for sale and noted that officials at the church indicated land would not be sold.

Commissioner Leeds also discussed marking parking spots, particularly, at the lower end of the borough with "Ts". (Bruce Funk in attendance 9:32 am.) He also discussed increasing measures for pedestrian safety crossing at Atlantic and Ventnor Avenues.

Commissioner Leeds also raised the use of Longport's basketball and tennis courts for lessons/instruction given by individuals who are alleged to be collecting fees. Commissioner Leeds expressed his liability concerns about this procedure and with individuals using these facilities for personal income

**ENGINEER CARTER:**

Absent.

Mayor Russo noted that the elevator would soon be completed.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:**

Absent.

**LIBRARIAN'S REPORT:**

Absent.

Mayor Russo noted that the library has several programs underway including lectures and games. He also noted that Librarian Gerhardt had reached out to the Tighe School about starting a teenage program at the library. The Mayor also noted that the board needs to be ready for January 1<sup>st</sup>. (Mr. Funk left the meeting).

**MUNICIPAL CLERK'S REPORT:**

None.

**BRUCE FUNK:**

Absent.

**MISCELLANEOUS:**

CFO Kelly discussed upcoming contract negotiations.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

MOTION- Commissioner Leeds, SECOND- Commissioner Lawler. ALL IN FAVOR - All AYES- none opposed.  
(9:37 am)