

**BOROUGH OF LONGPORT COMMISSION WORKSHOP MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 2305 ATLANTIC AVE
LONGPORT, NJ 08403
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2019 – 9:00 AM**

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

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

Borough Engineer Carter, Chief Culmone, Librarian Gerhardt, and Municipal Clerk Kyle also in attendance.

There were several members of the public in attendance who wished to speak on short-term property rentals. Angel DiPentino, of Long & Foster Real Estate, 2401 Atlantic Avenue, discussed short-term rentals. Ms. DiPentino expressed her concerns regarding safety to ensure that rental agencies, such as Air BnB, are following the rules and regulations pertaining to rentals in the borough. Mayor Russo and Commissioner Lawler felt that the current rental ordinance required review. It was noted that this topic would be discussed further at the February 20, 2019, commission meeting.

MAYOR RUSSO: Mayor Russo stated that Solicitor Agnellini is reviewing the use of credit cards to purchase beach tags. Mayor Russo also discussed a recommendation from the Longport Planning/Zoning Board to eliminate curbside mailboxes and to preserve historic brick on 22nd Avenue. Engineer Carter discussed 22nd Avenue and noted that he could have an ordinance prepared for the next commission meeting.

Mayor Russo also discussed requests for donations of beach tags by non-profit agencies. He noted that the borough does not have a mechanism to account for donated beach tags. It was suggested that an independent agency could purchase the tags and then donate them to a non-profit agency.

Mayor Russo also provided an update regarding the Stockton University Intern Fire Department Study. He noted that the intern has been interviewing members of the department and that a report should be prepared for June.

Mayor Russo also discussed the beach vending license and the option to extend the license for the 2019 season. He and Commissioner Lawler were agreeable to extending the license for the 2019 season.

COMMISSIONER LEEDS:

Commissioner Leeds – absent.

COMMISSIONER LAWLER:

Commissioner Lawler discussed the beach access plan. Mayor Russo stated that he and Solicitor Agnellini traveled to Trenton to meet with officials from the NJ DEP to discuss attaining a temporary beach access maintenance permit. He noted that the borough still does not have permission from the NJ DEP to access the beach and that he is hoping to have the issue resolved soon.

ENGINEER CARTER:

Engineer Carter reviewed the Engineer's Report. He discussed a new municipal well. He also discussed the potential need to increase sewer/ water rates. Engineer Carter also noted that the sprinkler ordinance helped reduce excess water usage in the borough. Engineer Carter noted that contracts had been awarded for bayfront bulkhead repairs at 13th and 26th avenues. He noted that he is working on the specifications for the 22nd Avenue bayfront bulkhead. Engineer Carter requested the solicitor's assistance in the public works site remediation project. There was discussion of what the NJ DEP is considering a dune near the Point on Atlantic Avenue. Engineer Carter noted that no bids were received for the second time regarding electrical relocation work at borough hall. He added that the borough would go out to bid, again, for the third time for this project.

Engineer Carter continued his review the Engineer's Report. He noted that a permitting process could be developed for the nodal installations on new poles. There was further discussion on nodal installations and the Verizon franchise agreement. He suggested that the Verizon franchise could be adopted without the "wireless" portion. He noted that he would send the planning board ordinances for Solicitor Agnellini to review. Engineer Carter also discussed formalizing a stance on the Council on Affordable Housing. He also discussed a potential response to the NJ DEP Division of Fish and Wildlife. He suggested that any response be done in cooperation with neighboring municipalities, including Margate. Engineer Carter also discussed the fire department boat lift and the permitting process. Engineer Carter also discussed flooding on Sunset Avenue and how he received feedback from a resident that the installation of tide-flex valves in the area in question has made a significant impact to reduce flooding.

He also discussed the pedestrian crosswalk lighting project. Engineer Carter also discussed an electric charging station and where to locate it.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Sheila Stone of the Longport Seaview came to discuss short-term rentals including Air BnB.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT:

No additional report.

MUNICIPAL CLERK'S REPORT:

Clerk Kyle requested direction from the governing body regarding the ice cream beach vending license, which had been discussed earlier in the meeting.

MISCELLANEOUS:

No additional report.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION- Commissioner Lawler, SECOND- Mayor Russo. ALL IN FAVOR - All AYES- none opposed. (9:57 am) (*Commissioner Leeds— absent.*)