

**BOROUGH OF LONGPORT COMMISSION MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 2305 ATLANTIC AVE
LONGPORT, NJ 08403
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2019 – 9 AM**

The meeting opened with the flag salute and was called to order.

Municipal Clerk Kyle read the Opening Statement pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act. *The following was added after the Opening Statement: A notice of the relocation to the Longport Public Library was posted on the bulletin board, the doors of Commission Chambers and Centennial Room and the Borough Website on Thursday, November 14, 2019.*

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

Engineer Carter, Solicitor Agnellini, Administrator Porter, CFO Kelly, Chief Culmone, and Municipal Clerk Kyle also in attendance.

Emergency exit/fire drill/ public speaking limit/ library announcement – Commissioner Lawler.

Approval of minutes- Municipal Clerk Kyle requested a motion for approval of the minutes from the October 10, 2019, Commission Workshop Meeting. Commissioner Leeds made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Lawler, to approve the minutes of the October 10, 2019, Commission Workshop Meeting. ALL AYES- none opposed. Mayor Russo – absent.

Ordinances – Second Reading/ Public Hearing.

Number	Title
20	An Ordinance to Establish Water-Sewer Rates
Purpose	The purpose of this Ordinance is to establish new water-sewer rates to become effective in the next billing cycle for the 2020 year.
Public Hearing	No one wished to speak.
Motion	Motion to Approve – Commissioner Lawler, seconded by Commissioner Leeds to Approve Ordinance #O2019-20.
Roll Call Vote	Mayor Russo – Absent. Comm. Leeds – Yes. Comm. Lawler - Yes. TWO AYES. None opposed. One Absent.

Ordinances – First Reading/ Introduction of the listed ordinances. The Second Reading and Public Hearing is scheduled for December 4, 2019, at 4:30 pm.

Number	Title
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21	An Ordinance Authorizing Salaries, Wages and Compensation for Members of the Government Workers Union – Public Works
Purpose	The purpose of this Ordinance is to authorize salaries, wages and compensation for members of the Government Workers Union – the Public Works Department for years 2019, 2020, and 2021.
Motion	Motion – Commissioner Leeds, seconded by Commissioner Lawler to introduce Ordinance #O2019-21.
All in Favor	All AYES. None opposed. Mayor Russo – Absent.

Public Comment on listed resolutions:
No one wished to comment.

RESOLUTIONS

Number	Title
2019-125	A Resolution Establishing the 2020 Borough of Longport Board of Commissioners Annual Meeting Schedule MOTION - LAWLER, SECOND- LEEDS, All AYES- none opposed. Mayor Russo – Absent.
2019-126	A Resolution Recognizing the Margate-Longport Municipal Alliance MOTION – LAWLER, SECOND – LEEDS, ALL AYES – none opposed. Mayor Russo – Absent.
2019-127	A Resolution Authorizing a Transfer of Appropriations MOTION-LEEDS, SECOND-LAWLER, All AYES- none opposed. Mayor Russo – Absent.
2019-128	A Resolution Authorizing a Non-Fair and Open Professional Services Contract with ARH Associates of Hammonton, NJ for Phase I – NJDEP BWA Permitting for a New Well at the Public Works Complex at 31 st and Devon Avenue MOTION -LAWLER, SECOND- LEEDS, All AYES- none opposed. Mayor Russo – Absent.
R2019-129	A Resolution Awarding a Professional Services Contract for Fire Department Medical Examinations – Access Health Systems <i>*Commissioner Leeds requested an opinion from Solicitor Agnellini regarding whether he could vote on this resolution as his son is a member of the Longport Volunteer Fire Department. Solicitor Agnellini advised Commissioner Leeds that there was no conflict and he could vote on this resolution.</i> MOTION -LAWLER, SECOND- LEEDS, All AYES- none opposed. Mayor Russo – Absent.

R2019-130	<p>A Resolution Awarding a Contract to CP Electric of Absecon, NJ for the Installation of LED Lights at the Firehouse – 2nd Floor MOTION -LAWLER, SECOND- LEEDS, All AYES- none opposed. Mayor Russo – Absent.</p>
R2019-131	<p>A Resolution Awarding a Contract to Atlantic Coast Alarm Inc., 5100 Harding Highway, Suite 203, Mays Landing, NJ 08330, for a Change Order to the Upgrading and Additions to the Existing Video Surveillance System at Longport Borough Hall and Public Works Garage and Firehouse* MOTION -LEEDS, SECOND- LAWLER, All AYES- none opposed. Mayor Russo – Absent.</p> <p><i>*Solicitor Agnellini noted that “and Firehouse” was missing from the fifth paragraph of Resolution 2019-131. A vote was taken to add the missing wording to the resolution.</i></p> <p>MOTION to ADD “and Firehouse” – LAWLER, SECOND – LEEDS. All AYES – none opposed. Mayor Russo – Absent.</p>
R2019-132	<p>A Resolution Granting Alan and Fran Levin, Block 20, Lot 3, a Non-Exclusive Revocable License for an Encroachment on Borough Property* <i>*CFO Kelly noted that the amount was incorrect and it was corrected to \$2,768.84.</i> MOTION –LEEDS, SECOND- LAWLER, All AYES- none opposed. Mayor Russo – Absent.</p>
R2019-133	<p>A Resolution Calling for Study Commission to Review the Open Public Records Act MOTION -LEEDS, SECOND- LAWLER, All AYES- none opposed. Mayor Russo – Absent.</p>
R2019-134	<p>A Resolution Appointing Members to the Board of Trustees of the Free Public Library of the Borough of Longport MOTION -LEEDS, SECOND- LAWLER, All AYES- none opposed. Mayor Russo – Absent.</p>
R2019-135	<p>A Resolution Authorizing a Change Order for 2019 Roadway and Drainage Improvements to 29th Avenue MOTION -LAWLER, SECOND- LEEDS, All AYES- none opposed. Mayor Russo – Absent.</p>
R2019-136	<p>A Resolution for Rejection and Readvertisement of Bids for the 2019 Replacement of Vinyl Coated Fencing Fabric, Rails, and Fittings at the Atlantic Avenue Recreation Complex – Atlantic Avenue at 33rd Avenue MOTION -LEEDS, SECOND- LAWLER, All AYES- none opposed. Mayor Russo – Absent.</p> <p><i>There was discussion on the condition of the tennis courts and possibly adding pickle ball courts.</i></p>

BILL PAY LIST& FINANCIAL SUMMARY REPORT

Commissioner of Finance and Revenue, Jim Leeds, Sr., asked if there were any questions on the bill pay list of November 20, 2019. There were none. MOTION – LEEDS, SECOND – LAWLER. ALL IN FAVOR- ALL AYES. NONE OPPOSED. Mayor Russo – Absent.

Commissioner of Finance and Revenue, Jim Leeds, Sr., read the Financial Report Summary into the record asked if there were any questions on the financial summary report. There were none. MOTION – LEEDS, SECOND – LAWLER. ALL IN FAVOR- ALL AYES. NONE OPPOSED. Mayor Russo – Absent.

COMMISSIONERS REPORTS:

MAYOR RUSSO

Mayor Russo – Absent.

COMMISSIONER LEEDS

Commissioner Leeds suggested that the governing body and municipal staff should start thinking about the future of “2305 Atlantic Avenue.” Including whether or not Borough Hall should be demolished and built new or repaired. It was noted that some residents are concerned with the amount of money being spent on repairs at Borough Hall. Engineer Carter noted that in 2010 he provided the Governing Body with a report regarding Borough Hall and that at that time, he noted that it was decided not to tear it down due to building’s historic nature. He said that nearly \$2.8 million has been spent in repairs to the building. Administrator Porter noted that with the mold issue, it might be time to start thinking about what direction the governing body wants to go with the building as he noted that there are other items to take into consideration. It was noted that different departments have different needs and those needs to be taken into consideration regarding the future of operations at Borough Hall. There was discussion about forming a planning committee regarding the future of Borough Hall to decide whether or not to re-build and if so, what services would a new municipal hall need to provide. There was further discussion on the type of services and the future of these services. Commissioner Leeds recommended reaching out to other municipalities who have rebuilt their complexes to see what their experience has been. He also suggested hiring a professional to assist in the process. Engineer Carter also noted that Borough Hall is currently at or below base flood level elevation and that needs to be taken into consideration.

Administrator Porter asked if anyone had information on the borough website web cams. Solicitor Agnellini noted that originally the cameras were provided by a resident at no cost at the borough. He said that resident had recently moved and that the resident suggested the borough install its own cameras for the website if it was interested in doing so. There was further discussion on web cams.

COMMISSIONER LAWLER

Commissioner Lawler - nothing further to report.

ENGINEER’S REPORT

Engineer Carter – nothing further to report.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT

Solicitor Agnellini – nothing further to report.

MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Administrator Porter – nothing further to report.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one from the public wished to speak.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION- LAWLER, SECOND-LEEDS. All AYES- none opposed. Mayor Russo – Absent.

(9:44 am)