

**BOROUGH OF LONGPORT WORKSHOP COMMISSION MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 2305 ATLANTIC AVE
LONGPORT, NJ 08403
WEDNESDAY, May 20, 2020 – 4:00 PM**

The meeting was called to order.

Municipal Clerk Kyle read the Opening Statement pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act. In addition, the following statement was included: a notice of this meeting to be held via **teleconference** due to the Coronavirus, COVID-19 pandemic, was emailed to the Press of Atlantic City and the Current on May 17, 2020, and posted on the front and back door of Borough Hall, bulletin board and on the Borough website on May 17, 2020.

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

Borough Solicitor Affanato, Administrator Porter, Engineer Carter, OEM Funk, CFO Kelly and Municipal Clerk Kyle also present via teleconference.

There was no Emergency Exit Announcement due to the meeting being held via teleconference.

Mayor Russo:

Mayor Russo stated that beach badges would soon be sold at the Longport Community Building located at 33rd and Atlantic avenues. He explained the safety measures put into place to help protect those purchasing tags and borough employees.

Mayor Russo discussed a letter he sent to the Governor expressing his concern about removing or taping off public benches. He explained that his concern included that the removal of public benches could violate Federal ADA regulations and that it could also limit beach access to those who rely on the benches to rest upon while entering or exiting the beach.

He also discussed the 'Mask Up' NJ Department of Environmental Protection awareness program that would be implemented in the Borough to remind residents and visitors to social distance and to encourage the wearing of a face covering. He also discussed the possibility of using a six-foot surfboard to help provide a social distancing reminder for beach goers.

Mayor Russo discussed an email he received from the NJ Division of Coastal Engineering containing estimates for a beach replenishment program on Absecon Island. He said that he will present the estimates to the governing body and public once they are finalized.

Mayor Russo explained that there are some streets in Longport that do not have sidewalks. He discussed the history of how this may have occurred. He noted that over the past 10 years Longport has changed with many smaller homes being replaced with larger new homes. He discussed the dangers of people

having to go into the street because there is no sidewalk and how it is difficult to push baby strollers, beach wagons or wheel chairs over the grass area. He was also concerned that this might violate ADA regulations. He noted that he is having the areas identified and then a letter would be sent to these homeowners. He noted that this topic could be discussed now or at an upcoming workshop meeting.

Commissioner Leeds:

Commissioner Leeds also discussed beach tag sales and noted that all sales would take place at the Longport Community Building. He noted that the recreational areas could not yet open until the Borough received direction from the Governor's Office. He discussed the COVID-19 pandemic and how the health and safety of the community was of the utmost importance and he would like regulations and measures implemented in Longport to be in concert with adjacent communities.

Commissioner Lawler:

Commissioner Lawler noted that he was on the beach over the weekend and saw that family groups were sitting together and that most people were social distancing. He said that he found this encouraging for the start of the summer season. He also liked the idea of having a surfboard to help provide a visual reminder of staying six feet apart. He also discussed a 'stick with dolphins' idea that the beach patrol might use to gently remind patrons who might be too close together of the need to social distance.

Engineer:

Engineer Carter discussed submitting a fiscal year 2021 municipal aid application for Atlantic Avenue from 22nd to 27th Avenues. He explained this would marry into the sewer project. He noted that the current Atlantic Avenue program from 32nd Avenue to the Margate border is being completed. He said that the fencing project has been completed at the tennis courts. He said Public works is now working on filling the cracks at the recreation complex. He working with the NJ DEP regarding beach fill locations.

Solicitor:

Nothing to discuss at the workshop.

Municipal Administrator:

Administrator Porter stated that the beach badges would be sold beginning Friday at noon. He explained that all the information would be posted on the borough website and Facebook. He explained that the mail in pre-season forms will also be available for those who wish to do that. He discussed social-distancing signage to be placed at key areas in the borough. He discussed the hours of sales and that the preseason sale will end June 19th.

He noted that the Longport Community Building was recently repainted. He added that the asbestos abatement project at the Historical Society is complete. He explained that the cost was initially \$79,000, but the final cost is approximately \$8,800 less.

Administrator Porter discussed two pending projects: storm damage repair at the fire house that occurred during a recent storm on April 13th and fascia areas that require painting at Borough Hall. He also discussed a roof repair at the Longport Community Building that also suffered damage during the April 13th storm.

Mayor Russo asked about the submersible pump at Well #1. Administrator Porter explained that he has a conference call scheduled with the contractor to discuss this topic and that he would be able to provide an update after that conference call.

Municipal Clerk:
Nothing to report.

Miscellaneous:
Commissioner Leeds asked if Commissioner Lawler if he could take a look at the beach over the upcoming weekend near the Margate/Longport border.

Motion to Adjourn – Commissioner Lawler, seconded by Commissioner Leeds. All in Favor – Yes. None Opposed. Meeting adjourned at 4: 24 pm.

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Public speaking announcement – Mayor Russo. No emergency exits announcement due to the meeting being held via teleconference.

Approval of minutes-

Municipal Clerk Kyle requested a motion for approval of the minutes from the May 6, 2020, Workshop and Regular Commission Meeting. Mayor Russo made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Lawler, to approve the minutes of the May 6, 2020, Workshop and Regular Commission Meeting. ALL AYES- none opposed.

Ordinances- FIRST READING/INTRODUCTION of Ordinance O2020-04 – An Ordinance Amending the Salaries, Wages and Compensation in Year 2020 for Seasonal Employees and Certain Temporary Employees. A Second Reading and Public Hearing is scheduled to take place on June 3, 2020, following the 4 pm Workshop. This meeting may be held via Teleconference due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Number	Title
04	An Ordinance Amending the Salaries, Wages and Compensation in Year 2020 for Seasonal Employees and Certain Temporary Employees
Purpose	This Ordinance amends the salaries, wages and compensation for seasonal and certain temporary employees for the year 2020.
Motion	Motion – Mayor Russo, seconded by Commissioner Lawler to introduce Ordinance #O2020-04.
All In Favor	ALL AYES. None opposed.

Public Comment or questions on listed resolutions:

There was no comment on the resolutions.

RESOLUTIONS

Number	Title
2020-72	A Resolution Authorizing Payment of School Tax Levy to Longport Board of Education MOTION – RUSSO, SECOND- LAWLER, All AYES- none opposed.
2020-73	A Resolution Approving Flood Insurance Promotion Activity with the Atlantic-Cape Multi-Jurisdictional Program for Public Information MOTION – RUSSO, SECOND- LAWLER, All AYES- none opposed.
2020-74	A Resolution Appointing SLEO II – Al Mariano MOTION – RUSSO, SECOND- LAWLER, All AYES- none opposed.
2020-75	A Resolution Appointing SLEO II – Matthew A. Long MOTION – RUSSO, SECOND- LAWLER, All AYES- none opposed.

BILL PAY LIST

Commissioner of Finance and Revenue, Jim Leeds, Sr., asked if there were any questions on the Bill Pay List of May 19, 2020. There were none. MOTION – LEEDS, SECOND – LAWLER. ALL IN FAVOR - ALL AYES. NONE OPPOSED.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY REPORT

Commissioner of Finance and Revenue, Jim Leeds, Sr., 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.

COMMISSIONERS REPORTS:

MAYOR RUSSO

He noted that he received several complaints about dogs on the beach. He noted that dogs are prohibited on the beach beginning May 1st. He also noted that some are not leashed. He asked Commissioner Lawler if he could talk to the police chief regarding enforcement. Commissioner Lawler noted that he was on the beach and said that numerous people with dogs thought that dogs were still permitted until Memorial Day. It was noted that more education and awareness is needed on this topic. Mayor Russo noted that the borough’s dog beach ordinance is modeled after the State of New Jersey’s. Commissioner Leeds also discussed dogs on the beach, he said he did not notice that many, just a few in the morning. He also discussed reminders for beachgoers regarding the dog ordinance.

COMMISSIONER LEEDS

Nothing further to report.

COMMISSIONER LAWLER

Nothing further to report.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Nothing further to report.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor Affanato discussed the beach vending license. He noted that the required payment was not provided by the vendor and that he sent the vendor a letter regarding this. Solicitor Affanato said that he received a letter from the vendor indicating that he had concerns regarding the COVID-19 pandemic and decided that he would not participate in selling ice cream on the beach this season. Solicitor said that the borough is exploring other options. He also discussed that he is following up with the NJ DEP on the borough's recently submitted Municipal Public Access Plan. He also discussed a resolution that authorized the Mayor to issue Executive Orders pertaining to regulation of the beach. He said the Mayor recently issued an executive order that the governing body has been copied on. Commissioner Leeds asked if anyone has reached out to Margate regarding what they were doing regarding ice cream vending on the beach.

MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Administrator Porter noted that he did reach out to Margate regarding ice cream on the beach and they had a different vendor selling ice cream this season.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION – COMMISSIONER LEEDS, SECOND – COMMISSIONER LAWLER. All AYES- none opposed.

(4:41 pm)