

**BOROUGH OF LONGPORT WORKSHOP COMMISSION MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 2305 ATLANTIC AVE
LONGPORT, NJ 08403
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19, 2023 – 4:00 PM**

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm.

Municipal Clerk Kyle read the Opening Statement pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act. A notice of this meeting was emailed to the Press of Atlantic City, The Ocean City Sentinel, the Star Ledger, and Courier Post on April 13, 2023. In addition, copies of notices were posted on the bulletin board and filed in the office of the municipal clerk. Notices on the bulletin board have remained continuously posted.

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

Borough Solicitor Affanato, Administrator Porter, Sgt. Rettino, CFO Kelly, Engineer Dennis, Fire Chief Clayton, Recreation Supervisor Kennedy, Library Director Gerhardt, and Municipal Clerk Kyle also present.

Mayor Russo stated the location of the emergency exits and discussed opportunities for public comment.

Administrator Porter:

Administrator Porter noted that Colleen Kennedy, Recreation Supervisor, was here to discuss a new Tennis Membership Program as well as potentially going out for requests for proposals for tennis court instructors for the 2024 season. Recreation Supervisor Kennedy provided an overview of the proposed Tennis Membership Program that would allow residents to book courts more than seven days in advance along with potential reduced fees. She noted that the tennis courts have been quite popular and that residents from neighboring municipalities have been reserving them. Solicitor Affanato noted some items to review, including what would determine proof of residency. Solicitor Affanato explained that the proposed membership program would not require the adoption of an ordinance and could be changed by resolution. There was further discussion on this topic including if pickle ball would be a part of the program. Various program fees were also discussed. Recreation Supervisor Kennedy said that she will look into fees charged by neighboring municipalities. There was also discussion on potentially hiring a tennis instructor for the courts. Solicitor Affanato noted he would look into the legalities of the Borough hiring an instructor. Solicitor Affanato said that he would prepare a resolution for the membership program.

Commissioner Leeds asked Recreation Supervisor Kennedy about the basketball courts as well as the Beach Transport Program implemented last year. She noted that it worked out well and that it would continue this summer season. There was further discussion on the membership program as well as beach transportation program. It was noted that additional beach wheelchairs did not need to be ordered for the season as the beach transportation program has helped provide needed transportation assistance.

Administrator Porter discussed a resolution on the agenda, R2023-60, designating the bathing season and guarded beaches. He explained that there needed to be a minor amendment including changing the wording in the "Senior Guard" section from "minimum of" to "as needed" and the numbers following that to "zeros." He noted that the amendment was based on the most recent lifeguard contract. He also noted that there will be a lifeguard tryout on June 10th. He also noted that the police department is hiring two class one officers for the summer season.

Administrator Porter said that the Public Works Department would begin cleaning the beaches early next month.

Borough Solicitor Affanato:

Borough Solicitor Affanato said that he provided the Governing Body with a sample Electric Vehicle ordinance for review. He explained that since the Borough would soon be installing an EV Station behind Borough Hall that an EV ordinance would be required. He noted that it was based on a 2021 State mandated EV ordinance. He added that much of the ordinance does not apply to the Borough. He also said that the fees can be established by resolution. Commissioner Leeds expressed concern regarding placing the charging stations on public streets. There was further discussion on this topic and where charging stations could be installed.

Solicitor Affanato discussed changes to the Borough's rental ordinance. He said he received feedback from local realtors on the ordinance. He explained that the current ordinance does not have a time limitation. He noted that local realtors would prefer a minimum rental time frame of 14 days. Solicitor Affanato asked the Governing Body if it was interested in a seven or 14-day limitation. He noted that he also received feedback on Certificate of Occupancy inspections. Fire Chief Clayton noted that under the Uniform Fire Code, that a fire inspection can be performed on annual basis. Commissioner Leeds also discussed the fees involved with inspections. There was further discussion on the process, the various fees involved, as well as updating the application.

Solicitor Affanato discussed the introduction of an ordinance regarding the requirement of a land use compliance certificate prior to the sale, transfer of title, or conveyance of interest in a property, explaining that a fire inspection must be conducted before a certificate can be issued. He explained that the fee would be \$75 and added that the fire chief would be involved in the inspections.

Solicitor Affanato also discussed the introduction of a new Chapter 99 ordinance. He explained that the State of New Jersey is requiring that all municipalities have the same code regarding flood management. He noted that the Borough was already complying with much of what is in the new ordinance. Although, he added that there were a few things that the Borough did not agree with and the State has been informed of those items. Commissioner Leeds commended Zoning Officer and Floodplain Manager Funk for helping to establish Longport as a leader in floodplain management.

Solicitor Affanato provided an update regarding a class action lawsuit in which the Borough received a settlement of \$17,000. He explained that it was for municipalities located in watershed areas where PCPs were involved. He also noted that the Borough is part of a class action lawsuit regarding opioid litigation.

Mayor Russo had questions regarding what chemical was involved. Commissioner Leeds asked if the settlement funds had to be used in a specific way. There was further discussion on this topic, noting that there was not a specific requirement for expenditure of settlement funds.

Borough Engineer Dennis:

Engineer Dennis apologized for all the ongoing construction work in the Borough. He provided an update on the Atlantic Avenue project, noting that the utility work is nearly complete. He said that there were some unanticipated utility conflicts due to older infrastructure. He noted that the plan is still to have everything completed by Memorial Day. He noted that that curbs and gutters that were disturbed as part of the construction will be replaced.

Engineer Dennis provided an update on Monmouth Avenue including that there was some corrective work that needed to be completed and that the anticipated completion date is mid-May.

He also said that the water tank renovation project was in the completion phase. He said that the tank has been painted on both the inside and outside, and that the smile would soon be added. He said that by next week, the water tower should be back online.

Engineer Dennis also provided an update on Well #4. He explained that the Borough has submitted its 'permit to operate' to the NJ Department of Environmental Protection. He added that once this is approved, the Borough could then begin decommissioning Well #2.

He added that work on the bayside bulkhead at 36th Avenue should be completed this week. He said that the final restoration and cleanup of the project would take place the following week. Solicitor Affanato asked if Lamberti's, the adjoining bulkhead owner, was proceeding with work on their side of the bulkhead. He said that the Borough had issued a violation to them because of the condition of the bulkhead. Engineer Dennis was not aware of Lamberti's proceeding with any repair work, but that he would follow up on this.

Engineer Dennis provided an update on the resurfacing of the tennis and pickle ball courts. He said that work would be finished in time for the summer season. He said that the Borough would soon go out to bid for the resurfacing of the fire house floors. He also added that work is in progress regarding the police department's holding cells. He said that his office is working with the NJ Department of Corrections on this project.

Engineer Dennis explained that there had been discussion at past commission meetings regarding traffic calming measures on Amherst and Sunset avenues. He said that he met with several residents a few years ago to develop a plan. He said he submitted a large scale project for the area to the NJ Department of Transportation and was hoping to hear back soon. He also submitted a request for funding through the County's Community Development Block Grant funding program. He added that there is currently funding to add speed tables to the area if the Governing Body was interested in moving forward with that measure. He said it would fit into an overall larger project. There was further discussion on this topic. Commissioner Lawler requested that Engineer Dennis meet with him to go over some of the comments he received regarding traffic on Amherst and Sunset avenues.

Commissioner Leeds discussed the painting of the water tower and the need to center "The Best Port - Longport" on the tank. Engineer Dennis explained that the contractor will mark out where the logo would go and the Borough would then approve the final location.

Mayor Russo asked if work on Ventnor Avenue had been completed. It was noted that this was a County project and that it appears to be complete.

Mayor Russo:

Mayor Russo had no further report.

Commissioner Leeds:

Commissioner Leeds had no further report.

Commissioner Lawler:

Commissioner Lawler had no further report.

Municipal Clerk Kyle:

Municipal Clerk Kyle noted that Herb Stern, President, Herb Stern Longport Scholarship Fund, wanted to know if the scholarship presentation could take place at the upcoming Board of Commissioners Meeting. She also announced that there will be a paper shredding event open to Longport and Margate residents on Saturday, April 22nd, from 9 am to 12 noon at the Margate City Public Works Yard located on Benson Ave.

Miscellaneous:

None.

Motion to Adjourn – Commissioner Leeds, seconded by Commissioner Lawler. All in Favor – Yes. None Opposed. Meeting adjourned at 4:49 pm.

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

Borough Solicitor Affanato, Administrator Porter, Sgt. Rettino, CFO Kelly, Engineer Dennis, Fire Chief Clayton, Library Director Gerhardt, and Municipal Clerk Kyle also present.

Emergency exits and public comment information provided by Mayor Russo.

Solicitor Affanato advised the public that during public comment an address was not required due to Daniel’s Law. Speakers were asked to provide their name and if they are a resident of Longport.

Approval of Minutes:

Municipal Clerk Kyle requested a motion to approve the minutes from the March 15, 2023, Workshop and Regular Commission Meeting. Mayor Russo made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Leeds, to approve the minutes from the March 15, 2023, meeting. All in Favor - ALL AYES. None opposed.

ORDINANCES – SECOND READING/ PUBLIC HEARING on **Ordinance O2023-06** – An Ordinance Authorizing Salaries, Wages and Compensation for Members of the Longport Policemen’s Benevolent Association

There were no comments or questions from the public on Ordinance O2023-06.

ORDINANCE:

Number	Title
2023-06	An Ordinance Authorizing Salaries, Wages and Compensation for Members of the Longport Policemen’s Benevolent Association
Purpose	The purpose of this ordinance is to authorize the salaries, wages and compensation for members of the Longport Policemen’s Benevolent Association, providing a salary guide for years 2022 through 2027
Motion	Motion – Commissioner Lawler, seconded by Mayor Russo to adopt Ordinance

	#O2023-06.
Roll Call Vote	Mayor Russo – YES. Commissioner Leeds – YES. Commissioner Lawler – YES. ALL AYES. None opposed.

ORDINANCES – SECOND READING/ PUBLIC HEARING on **Ordinance O2023-07** – An Ordinance Authorizing the Salaries, Wages and Compensation in Year 2023 for Employees not Covered by Previous Ordinance or Union Contracts

There were no comments or questions from the public on Ordinance O2023-07.

ORDINANCE:

Number	Title
2023-07	An Ordinance Authorizing the Salaries, Wages and Compensation in Year 2023 for Employees not Covered by Previous Ordinance or Union Contracts
Purpose	The purpose of this ordinance is to authorize salaries, wages and compensation in year 2023 for employees not covered by previous ordinance or union contracts
Motion	Motion – Mayor Russo, seconded by Commissioner Lawler to adopt Ordinance #O2023-07.
Roll Call Vote	Mayor Russo – YES. Commissioner Leeds – YES. Commissioner Lawler – YES. ALL AYES. None opposed.

ORDINANCES – SECOND READING/ PUBLIC HEARING on **Ordinance O2023-08** – An Ordinance Authorizing Salaries, Wages and Compensation for Members of the Longport Lifeguard Association

There were no comments or questions from the public on Ordinance O2023-08.

ORDINANCE:

Number	Title
2023-08	An Ordinance Authorizing Salaries, Wages and Compensation for Members of the Longport Lifeguard Association
Purpose	The purpose of this ordinance is to authorize salaries, wages and compensation for members of the Longport Lifeguard Association for years 2023 through 2025.
Motion	Motion – Commissioner Lawler, seconded by Mayor Russo to adopt Ordinance #O2023-08.
Roll Call Vote	Mayor Russo – YES. Commissioner Leeds – YES. Commissioner Lawler – YES. ALL AYES. None opposed.

ORDINANCES – SECOND READING/ PUBLIC HEARING on **Ordinance O2023-09** – An Ordinance of the Borough of Longport, County of Atlantic and State of New Jersey, Amending Chapter 167 – Zoning and Chapter 15 – Development Procedures, Relating to Building Height Requirements

There were no comments or questions from the public on Ordinance O2023-09.

ORDINANCE:

Number	Title
2023-09	An Ordinance of the Borough of Longport, County of Atlantic and State of New Jersey, Amending Chapter 167 – Zoning and Chapter 15 – Development Procedures, Relating to Building Height Requirements
Purpose	The purpose of this ordinance is to amend sections of Chapter 167 Zoning and Chapter 15 – Development Procedures, related to building height requirements.
Motion	Motion – Mayor Russo, seconded by Commissioner Lawler to adopt Ordinance #O2023-09.
Roll Call Vote	Mayor Russo – YES. Commissioner Leeds – YES. Commissioner Lawler – YES. ALL AYES. None opposed.

The following ordinances were introduced for a first reading/ introduction:

First Reading/ Introduction of the following Ordinances: O2023-10 – Ordinance to Exceed Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a CAP Bank (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14); Ordinance O2023-11 – An Ordinance Amending Part II Chapter 112-13; O2023-12 – An Ordinance Amending Part 2 of Chapter 70; and Ordinance O2023-13 – An Ordinance by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Longport Amending the Borough of Longport’s Code of Ordinances to Repeal Chapter 99 Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance Sections 99-1 through Sections 99-20, to Adopt a New Chapter 99 Sections 99-101 through Sections 99-1001, to Adopt Flood Hazard Maps, to Designate a Floodplain Administrator and Providing for Severability and an Effective Date. A second reading and public hearing will be held at the May 17, 2023, Regular Commission Meeting that will follow the 4 pm workshop meeting.

ORDINANCE:

Number	Title
2023-10	Ordinance to Exceed Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a CAP Bank (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)
Purpose	The purpose of this ordinance is to exceed municipal budget appropriation limits and to establish a CAP Bank in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14
Motion	Motion – Mayor Russo, seconded by Commissioner Lawler to Introduce

	Ordinance #O2023-10.
All in Favor	ALL AYES. None opposed.

First Reading/ Introduction of Ordinance O2023-11 – An Ordinance Amending Part II Chapter 112-13.

A second reading and public hearing will be held at the May 17, 2023, Regular Commission Meeting that will follow the 4 pm workshop meeting.

ORDINANCE:

Number	Title
2023-11	An Ordinance Amending Part II Chapter 112-13
Purpose	The purpose of this ordinance is to amending Part II of Chapter 112-13 Construction Sites to require a solid wood fence around the perimeter of a construction site.
Motion	Motion – Commissioner Lawler, seconded by Mayor Russo to Introduce Ordinance #O2023-11.
All in Favor	ALL AYES. None opposed.

First Reading/ Introduction of Ordinance O2023-12 – An Ordinance Amending Part 2 of Chapter 70. A

second reading and public hearing will be held at the May 17, 2023, Regular Commission Meeting that will follow the 4 pm workshop meeting.

ORDINANCE:

Number	Title
2023-12	An Ordinance Amending Part 2 of Chapter 70
Purpose	The purpose of this ordinance is to amend Part 2 of Chapter 70 to include provisions regarding fire inspection requirements prior to the issuance of a certificate of land use compliance.
Motion	Motion – Commissioner Leeds, seconded by Commissioner Lawler to Introduce Ordinance #O2023-12.
All in Favor	ALL AYES. None opposed.

First Reading/ Introduction of Ordinance O2023-13 – An Ordinance by the Board of Commissioners of

the Borough of Longport Amending the Borough of Longport’s Code of Ordinances to Repeal Chapter 99 Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance Sections 99-1 Through Sections 99-20; to Adopt a New Chapter 99 Sections 99-101 through Sections 99-1001; to Adopt Flood Hazard Maps; to Designate a Floodplain Administrator; and Providing for Severability and an Effective Date. A second reading and public hearing

will be held at the May 17, 2023, Regular Commission Meeting that will follow the 4 pm workshop meeting.

ORDINANCE:

Number	Title
2023-13	An Ordinance by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Longport Amending the Borough of Longport’s Code of Ordinances to Repeal Chapter 99 Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance Sections 99-1 Through Sections 99-20; to Adopt a New Chapter 99 Sections 99-101 through Sections 99-1001; to Adopt Flood Hazard Maps; to Designate a Floodplain Administrator; and Providing for Severability and an Effective Date.
Purpose	The purpose of this ordinance is to amend sections, and to repeal and add sections to the Borough of Longport’s Code Book Chapter 99 Flood Damage Prevention.
Motion	Motion – Commissioner Leeds, seconded by Commissioner Lawler to Introduce Ordinance #O2023-13.
All in Favor	ALL AYES. None opposed.

Public Comment or questions on listed resolution R 2023-47 – A Resolution to Authorize Introduction of Year 2023 Municipal Budget:

A second reading and public hearing will be held on the Municipal Budget at the May 17, 2023, Regular Commission Meeting that will follow the 4 pm workshop meeting.

There were no comments or questions from the public.

Commissioner Leeds thanked CFO Kelly and Municipal Administrator Porter on their work on the budget. He stated that the local property tax would increase by 1.4 cents this year.

Commissioner Leeds made a motion to adopt **R2023-47**, seconded by Commissioner Lawler. Roll Call Vote: Mayor Russo – YES. Commissioner Leeds – YES. Commissioner Lawler – YES. All in Favor – All Ayes. None Opposed.

Public Comment or questions on listed resolutions: R2023-48 through R2023-61, and R2023-39:

Bob English of Longport asked if the resolution regarding surf riding also included kite riding. Solicitor Affanato addressed his question.

Suzy Lawler of Longport had a question regarding the time for the surfing beaches. It was noted that it does not start earlier because lifeguards are not on duty.

A motion was made by Mayor Russo, seconded by Commissioner Lawler, to adopt the Consent Agenda with the exception of R2023-60. All in Favor - All Ayes. None Opposed.

RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT AGENDA (R2023-48 through R2023-61 and R2023-39):

Number	Title
2023-48	A Resolution Authorizing Adoption of Written Indoor Air Quality Program MOTION – RUSSO, SECOND- LAWLER, All AYES- none opposed.
2023-49	A Resolution Appointing SLEO I Officers to Serve the Borough of Longport for the Summer 2023 MOTION – RUSSO, SECOND- LAWLER, All AYES- none opposed.
2023-50	A Resolution Establishing a Temporary Emergency ‘No Parking’ Area Along Atlantic Avenue – Southeast Corner of 22 nd to Margate City Line – South Side MOTION – RUSSO, SECOND- LAWLER, All AYES- none opposed.
2023-51	Establishment of an Emergency ‘No Parking’ Area, Closure, and Detouring During 2023 Memorial Day Parade MOTION – RUSSO, SECOND- LAWLER, All AYES- none opposed.
2023-52	A Resolution Authorizing the Borough of Longport to Renew a Concession Agreement with an Electronic Seller and Distributor of Beach Badges MOTION – RUSSO, SECOND- LAWLER, All AYES- none opposed.
2023-53	Award of Contract to Systems for You, Inc., PO Box 67, Millville, NJ 08332, for Server Support and Networking Service MOTION – RUSSO, SECOND- LAWLER, All AYES- none opposed.
2023-54	Authorizing a Non Fair and Open Professional Services Contract with James M. Rutala Associates, LLC, of Linwood, NJ for Planning and Grant Assistance MOTION – RUSSO, SECOND- LAWLER, All AYES- none opposed.
2023-55	Local Unit Budget Examination MOTION – RUSSO, SECOND- LAWLER, All AYES- none opposed.
2023-56	A Resolution Authorizing Disposal of Surplus Property MOTION – RUSSO, SECOND- LAWLER, All AYES- none opposed.
2023-57	Approval of Change Order Number 1 – Roadway and Drainage Improvements to Atlantic Avenue MOTION – RUSSO, SECOND- LAWLER, All AYES- none opposed.
2023-58	A Resolution Designating Beach Locations in the Borough of Longport for Use in Launching and Retrieving of Kayaks on Borough Beaches MOTION – RUSSO, SECOND- LAWLER, All AYES- none opposed.
2023-59	A Resolution Designating the Areas and Times Permitting the Sport of Surfing and Surf Riding within the Borough of Longport MOTION – RUSSO, SECOND- LAWLER, All AYES- none opposed.

*2023-60	A Resolution Designating the Bathing Season and the Guarded Beaches Including Authorized Staffing in the Borough of Longport MOTION – RUSSO, SECOND- LAWLER, All AYES- none opposed. *amended and adopted separate from consent
2023-61	Emergency Temporary Appropriation 2023 MOTION – RUSSO, SECOND- LAWLER, All AYES- none opposed.
2023-39	A Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Contract Between the Borough of Longport and the Longport Lifeguard Association 2023-2025 MOTION – RUSSO, SECOND- LAWLER, All AYES- none opposed.

A motion was made by Mayor Russo, seconded by Commissioner Lawler, to adopt an amendment including changing the wording in the “Senior Guard” section from “minimum of” to “as needed” and the numbers following that to zeros. to **Resolution 2023-60 – A Resolution Designating the Bathing Season and the Guarded Beaches Including Authorized Staffing in the Borough of Longport**. All in Favor - All Ayes. None Opposed.

BILL LIST

Commissioner Leeds asked if there were any questions on the Bill List. There were none. MOTION – LEEDS, SECOND – LAWLER. ALL IN FAVOR - ALL AYES. NONE OPPOSED.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY REPORT

Commissioner Leeds asked if there were any questions on the Financial Summary Report. There were none. MOTION – LEEDS, SECOND – RUSSO. ALL IN FAVOR - ALL AYES. NONE OPPOSED.

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT:

Nothing further to report.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT:

Nothing further to report.

ENGINEER’S REPORT:

Nothing further to report.

COMMISSIONERS REPORTS:

MAYOR RUSSO

Mayor Russo - nothing further to report.

COMMISSIONER LEEDS

Commissioner Leeds - nothing further to report.

COMMISSIONER LAWLER

Commissioner Lawler said that three members of Longport’s Volunteer Fire Department were being recognized for 50 years of service at the Atlantic County Firefighters Association’s meeting that day. Mayor Russo noted that the Borough would recognize the members at an upcoming meeting. Chief Clayton said that he would provide members’ information for an upcoming meeting.

Commissioner Lawler said he has received some questions about the offshore windmill project. He said he wanted to go on the record stating that he is not in favor of the project. Commissioner Leeds said he agreed with Commissioner Lawler and also did not support the project.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Fran Kenny of Longport noted that she has been a resident since 1989 and has seen a rapid decline in the Borough's mail service. She said that her route needed a permanent full-time mail carrier, not a part-time carrier. She noted that her family has a newspaper subscription and does not receive it regularly because of mail delivery issues. Commissioner Leeds also noted that he has had some issues with mail service at his home. Mayor Russo said he would reach out to the United States Postal Service office to help address her concerns.

Bob English of Longport noted that at a previous meeting he suggested that the Governing Body join Brigantine in requesting that the windmill project be stopped so an investigation could take place regarding recent whale deaths. He noted that he saw an article in February regarding 30 coastal mayors who joined together to call for a moratorium on the offshore windfarm project. He named several local municipalities that had joined including Brigantine, Ventnor, Margate, Linwood, and Ocean City. He wanted to know why Longport was not a part of that group. Mayor Russo asked Solicitor Affanato where the government (Federal and State) was on the project. Solicitor Affanato noted that the Orsted project is in the final stages of government approval. He explained that Atlantic Shores is in the preliminary stages. Commissioner Leeds reiterated that he is against the offshore wind farm projects.

Debbie Dombrowski of Longport asked if the Borough was going to do a town-wide yard sale? Commissioner Lawler asked what steps the Borough needs to take in order to allow this. Solicitor Affanato explained that the Governing Body would have to adopt a resolution. It was noted that the Borough Public Works Department would not be responsible for removal of any items not sold. The Governing Body selected June 3, 2023, for the yard sale.

Debbie Dombrowski said that there are more signs in the Borough in opposition to the windfarm project. She asked the Governing Body to sign the moratorium stopping the offshore wind project. She noted that even if members of the Governing Body had a different personal opinion, that they had been elected to represent the people of Longport, adding that more residents were against the project than for it. She requested that the Governing Body hold a meeting to inform residents of the project and its impact. She said she was not in favor of the offshore wind farm project. She was concerned about the Borough's shore view being changed forever. She said she had additional information that she could share with the Governing Body about the project. She expressed concern for the whales and marine wildlife that recently died.

Ricky Gerhardt, Longport Public Library Director, noted that as a follow up to one resident's concern regarding regular mail delivery, that the library does provide digital access to various online newspapers with a Longport Public Library card.

Suzy Lawler of Longport said she agreed that the residents of Longport needed to be informed about the offshore wind farm project. She noted that many people are unaware of the project.

Commissioner Lawler explained that he is trying to schedule a meeting on a Saturday when most residents are home. He said he wants to hold a meeting with representatives who can provide information on the offshore wind farm project and answer questions. Solicitor Affanato clarified his

statement regarding Orsted's project. He noted that it is the furthest along in approvals, but that protest could still potentially stop the project.

Debbie Dombrowski of Longport noted that representatives of the windfarm project failed to attend other meetings that they had been invited to in other communities. She wanted to know how long the Borough would wait before holding a meeting. Solicitor Affanato noted that the federal government has held several virtual meetings on the project as the project area is located in federally-controlled waters.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Adjournment – 5:31 pm.