

**BOROUGH OF LONGPORT  
COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES 1-3-2017**

MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AND THE PLEDGE OF ALLIANCE WAS CONDUCTED.  
OPMA notice announced.

Roll call: Mayor Russo, Commissioner Leeds and Commissioner Lawler are in attendance. Strawder, Kyle, Kelly, Carter and Agnellini also in attendance.

The Mayor announced emergency exits and public speaking time.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR COMMISSION MEETING 12/21/16- Commissioner Leeds made motion to approve and Commissioner Lawler seconded the motion. ALL AYES-no oppose

The public was asked if anyone had any questions regarding any resolution on the agenda. NONE

**2017-01 AUTHORIZING A CASH MANAGEMENT**

This resolution is renewed annually. Commissioner Leeds made motion and Commissioner Lawler seconded. ALL AYES/no oppose

**2017-02 DESIGNATING DEPOSITORY BANKS FOR FUNDS OF THE BOROUGH OF LONGPORT AND AUTHORIZING OFFICIAL OF THE BOROUGH TO SIGN NECESSARY BANKING DOCUMENTS.**

This resolution is renewed annually. Commissioner Leeds made motion and Commissioner Lawler seconded. ALL AYES/no oppose

**2017-03 TEMPORARY BUDGET FOR YEAR 2017**

This resolution is renewed annually. Commissioner Leeds made motion and Commissioner Lawler seconded. ALL AYES/no oppose

**2017-04 A RESOLUTION FIXING THE RATE OF INTEREST AND YEAR-END PENALTY**

This resolution is renewed annually. Commissioner Leeds made motion and Commissioner Lawler seconded. ALL AYES/no oppose

**2017-05 A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FROM THE LOCAL GOVERNING BODY AUTHORIZING THE SUSTAINABLE JERSEY GRANT APPLICATION**

Mayor Russo made motion/Commissioner Lawler second- ALL AYES-no opposed

**2017-06 RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING JANUARY HAS RADON ACTION MONTH**

Mayor Russo made motion/Commissioner Leeds second. ALL AYES-no oppose

**BILL PAY LIST-** Commissioner Leeds made motion to approve the bill pay list. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lawler. ALL AYES-no oppose

**COMMISSIONERS REPORTS**

The Mayor stated that he wanted to discuss the library withdrawal and turned the meeting over to the solicitor, Pat Agnellini. Mr. Agnellini stated that there is no longer an Atlantic County Library in Longport. A thirty (30) day notice was given and the library started moving out 10 days after the 30 day notice. The County stated they had to close because of the lease but Mr. Agnellini stated that had they

stay 60 or 90 days the rental probably would have been waived. Mr. Agnellini has spoken with the Atlantic County Executive who offered to provide the library for an additional \$650,000 on top of what is legally obligated to pay. The cost is unreasonable since it only costs \$250,000 to operate the facility. Many taxpayers are happy that the library is gone due to the vindictive nature of the removal. The Mayor stated that the rent in 1990 was \$4200/year and increased to \$9000 in 20 years. When the County was asked for an increase in the rental, they agreed on \$500. Longport requested financial assistance in building maintenance and was denied. The County mentioned the handicap ramp that was recently installed on the Atlantic Ave side, but Engineer Carter stated that it was supported by the CDBG grant.

Commissioner Leeds stated that he has been in contact with Margate for a proposal for an interlocal agreement.

Engineer Carter stated that when Atlantic County was going to lose pilot funds, they rushed to Atlantic City to rectify the problem. He is surprised the County wasn't interested in the Library funds.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Atlantic County Surrogate, Mr. James Curcio, stated that he was unaware of what was happening with the Library situation and was only here to introduce himself and wish everyone Happy New Year. He stated that Longport is a beautiful town and a gem to Atlantic County.

***With no further business to discuss, Commissioner Lawler made motion to adjourn and Commission Leeds second. ALL AYES/no nays. Meeting adjourned at 0920 hrs.***

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***Emilia R. Strawder, RMC/Municipal Clerk***

SIGNATURE PAGE FOR January 3, 2017 MINUTES

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MAYOR NICHOLAS RUSSO

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COMMISSIONER JAMES P. LEEDS, SR

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COMMISSIONER DANIEL LAWLER

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EMILIA R. STRAWDER, RMC/MUNICIPAL CLERK