

BOROUGH OF LONGPORT
COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

March 22, 2017 at 4:30 pm

This meeting was called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Law. Notices of this meeting were emailed to The Current and The Press of Atlantic City. In addition, copies of notices were posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building and filed in the office of the Municipal Clerk. Notices on the bulletin board have remained continuously posted.

Flag Salute conducted and Clerk announced emergency exits. Meeting was called to order and OPMA notice announced.

Roll call taken: RUSSO- absent, LEEDS and LAWLER in attendance.

Approval of Minutes- *2/9/2017 and 3/9/17 workshop & 2/22/17 regular meeting Commissioner Lawler motion to approve the aforementioned sets of minutes. Commissioner Leeds second. ALL AYES- no oppose*

2017 BUDGET HEARING- *Michael Garcia/ Ford, Scott & Associates- Mr. Garcia opened the budget hearing by announcing no increase in local purpose tax . He discussed the budget further and open to the public for questions.*

LOU FERTUCCI, 21 N 33RD, questioned about the library appropriation when he was under the assumption that Longport would not have a library to replace Atlantic County.

MARY ANN FINNEGAN, 9 N YARMOUTH, had no indication that Longport would end up with a satellite location

MARLENE SERVIS, 45 N Overbrook, question why the County pulled out abruptly and residents were not informed.

No further discussion on the budget, Mr. Garcia was thanked for his time.

ORDINANCES (2nd READING/Public Comment)

O2017-04 Amending Chapter 144-Sewers and Water of the Code of the Borough of Longport as it Relates to Meter Tests, Adjustments and Miscellaneous Charges

LAWLER MOTION/LEEDS SECOND- Lawler YES, Leeds YES (no public comment – Russo absent)

O2017-05 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 144-Sewers and Water of the Code of the Borough of Longport as it Relates to Sprinkler Systems

Commissioner Leeds requested date be changed from June 1 to December 31, 2017. Lawler motion and Leeds second to approve amended change. Leeds motion and Lawler second to approve revised ordinance. LEEDS- yes, LAWLER- yes (on both motions) (no public comment – Russo absent)

O2017-06 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 111- Licenses

LEEDS motion, LAWLER second- Leeds, Yes/ Lawler, YES- (no public comment – Russo absent)

O2017-08 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 57 of the Code of the Borough of Longport- Alcoholic Beverages

LAWLER motion, LEEDS second- Lawler yes/Leeds yes (no public comment – Russo absent)

O2017-09 To Exceed Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a Cap Bank
Leeds motion, Lawler seconded- Leeds YES, Lawler YES (no public comment-Russo absent)

O2017-10 Creating Chapter 146 of the Code of the Borough of Longport to Prohibit Smoking on Public Property

Susan Venesz, 2900 Longport Drive opposed to no smoking on public property and thinks it is ludicrous.

Dr. Doug Farrell, 16 S 32nd Ave, favors the ordinance and commends the Governing Body for acting on this.

(Solicitor Agnellini –via telephone- clarified that it is the municipalities’ decision on how to handle this- not the State)

Dr. Robert Slotnik-Atlantic Prevention Resources- stated that this is more about modeling for other municipalities.

Steve Jasiiecki, 112 N Lancaster, Margate (Sustainable Jersey) most abundant trash source is cigarette butts

Levon Clayton, Winchester Ave, commends the Commission for enacting the ordinance- second hand smoke issue

Lee Diamond, 207 Monmouth Ave, Margate-picks up plastics around the community and thinks this ordinance is important as shore community take a leadership role.

Peter Finnegan, 9 N Yarmouth, supports the ordinance, health hazard

Beth Kwart (Surfrider) supports the ordinance and thanks the Governing Body for taking a stand.

Susan Venesz requested a delay in voting on the 2nd reading citing that she needs time to bring in anti ordinance supporters since apparently the Borough contacted the pro supporters. Deputy Mayor Lawler denied her request stating that the 2nd reading was advertised.

Marlene Servis commends the Commission for endorsing the ordinance.

With no further business to discuss regarding O2017-10, Commissioner Leeds motion, Commissioner Lawler seconded. ROLL CALL Leeds/YES, Lawler/ YES- Mayor Russo absent.

ORDINANCES (1st Reading/Introduction- 2nd reading scheduled for 4/6)

O2017-11 An Ordinance Authorizing Salaries, Wages and Compensation for Members of the Longport Lifeguard Association

Lawler motion/Leeds second- Ordinance passed 1st reading/introduction

Public comment/question on any resolution listed on this agenda-limit to 3 minutes/person- no comments from anyone in the audience

RESOLUTIONS

R2017-40 **Authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding with City of Margate Office of Emergency Management and City of Ventnor Office of Emergency Management and the Borough of Longport**

Lawler motion, Leeds seconded- ALL AYES/Russo absent

R2017-41 **Authorize Adoption of Year 2017 Municipal Budget**

Leeds motion, Lawler seconded – ALL AYES/Russo absent

R2017-42 **Designating Beach Locations in the Borough of Longport for Use in Launching and Retrieving of Kayaks on Borough Beaches**

Lawler motion, Leeds seconded- ALL AYES- Russo absent

R2017-43 **Designating the Areas and Times Permitting the Sport of Surfing and Surf Riding within the Borough of Longport**

Leeds motion, Lawler seconded – ALL AYES-Russo absent

R2017-44 **Designating the Bathing Season and the Guarded Beaches Including Authorized Staffing in the Borough of Longport**

- Mary Ann Finnegan suggested having more lifeguards on duty since Margate was granted permission to use our beaches
Lawler motion, Leeds seconded- ALL AYES/Russo absent
- R2017-45** ***Confirmation of Highest Bid for Beach Vending Licenses for the 2017 Vending Season***
- R2017-46** ***Rescinding Resolution 2017-27 Approving Change Order Number 1-Final for the Municipal Hall Reroofing-Library and Finance Portions***
Lawler motion, Leeds seconded- ALL AYES/Russo absent
- R2017-47** ***Approval of Change Order Number 1 for the Replacement of Third Floor Roof***
Lawler motion, Leeds seconded- ALL AYES/Russo absent
- R2017-48** ***Approving the Application of the Longport Volunteer Fire Department for Conducting a Coin Drop on Ventnor Ave- a County Road***
Lawler motion, Leeds seconded- ALL AYES/Russo absent
- R2017-49** ***Establishment of An Emergency “No Parking” Area South Side of Atlantic Avenue from the Easterly Curb Line of 23rd Ave to the Margate Border***
Leeds motion, Lawler seconded- All Ayes/Russo absent
- R2017-50** ***Authorizing Transfer of Ownership of a 1998 Century Cabin Boat from the Borough of Longport to the Longport Volunteer Fire Department***
Leeds motion, Lawler seconded- All Ayes/Russo absent
- R2017-51** ***Authorizing the Award of a Professional Services Contract to Brinkerhoff Environmental Services for Environmental Services at the Municipal Building***
Lawler motion, Leeds seconded- ALL AYES/Russo absent
- R2017-52** ***Authorizing VIPLY 2017 Summer Season***
Lawler motion, Leeds seconded- ALL AYES/Russo absent
- R2017-53** ***Authorizing the Mayor to Approve the 2017 Safety Contract- ACMJIF***
Leeds motion, Lawler seconded- All Ayes/Russo absent

Bill pay list and Financial Report Summary- Commissioner Leeds read the Financial Report into record. No questions from the public. Commissioner Leeds made motion to approve and seconded by Commissioner Lawler. ALL AYES. Commissioner Leeds asked if anyone from the public had any questions regarding the bill pay list. No questions from the public. Commissioner Leeds made motion to approve and seconded by Commissioner Lawler. ALL AYES

Commissioners Reports- Commissioner Leeds had no report. Commissioner Lawler mention the Easter Egg Hunt on April 8 and the Social Luncheon sponsored by Matt Vassallo on April 19. He also stated dates for the workshop in April and the regular meeting scheduled for April 19 has been rescheduled for April 26.

Engineer’s Report – no report

Public Comment

Dr Doug Farrell asked about the formation of the dunes

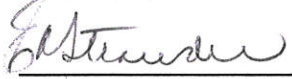
Marlene Servis stated tents on the beach are getting bigger and something needs to be done to control “real estate takeover” on the beach.

Peter Finnegan requested Commission to consider opening parking on beach blocks

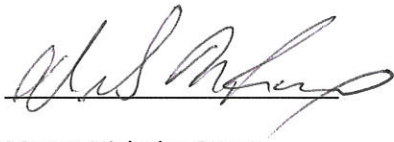
More discussion regarding the direction of dunes installation and where information on the dunes can be obtained.

Adjournment- with no further business to discuss, Commissioner Leeds made motion to adjourn the meeting and motion was seconded by Commissioner Lawler. ALL IN FAVOR Meeting adjourned at 6:11 pm

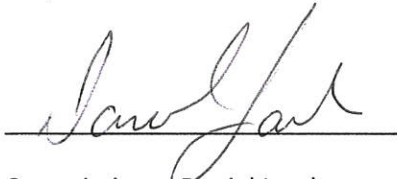
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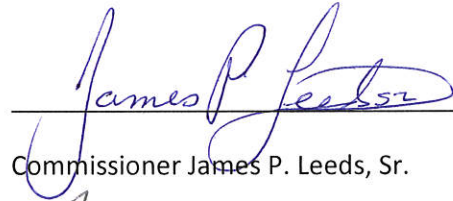
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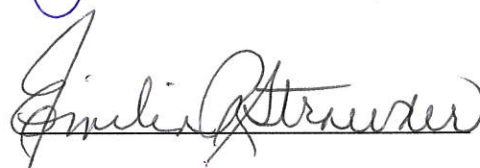
Mayor Nicholas Russo



Commissioner Daniel Lawler



Commissioner James P. Leeds, Sr.



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