

**BOROUGH OF LONGPORT**  
**COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**  
**September 16, 2015**

*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- OPMA notice announced-Roll call taken/Mayor Russo, Commissioner Leeds, Commissioner Lawler in attendance. Also present: Engineer Carter, Solicitor Agnellini, Clerk Strawder and CFO Kelly

Mayor Russo- Emergency exits/public speaking limit announced.

**MINUTES**-approval for the minutes for 8/19/15 (regular meeting) and 9/3/15 (workshop)- Minutes were distributed prior to the meeting and reviewed. Commissioner Leeds made motion to approve both sets of minutes and seconded by Commissioner Leeds. ALL AYES- no oppose

**ORDINANCES (2<sup>ND</sup> READING/PUBLIC COMMENT)**

**O2015-13** AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING FIRE ZONES-

Public comment offered ( no public in attendance). Mayor Russo motion to approve/Commissioner Leeds second

ROLL CALL: Russo- YES, Leeds-YES, Lawler-YES

**Public comment/questions** on resolutions listed on this agenda (3 minutes)- offered (no public in attendance)

**RESOLUTIONS**

**R2015-89** –Authorize Increase in the Public Bidding Threshold

CFO Kelly discussed the need to increase the Public Bidding Threshold to \$40,000.

Commissioner Leeds motion/Commissioner Lawler 2<sup>nd</sup>-ALL AYES/NO OPPOSE

**R2015-90** Authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding Between Margate, Longport and Ventnor relating to the Office of Emergency Management

Agreement between the three Downbeach towns specifying how to unify in the event of inclement weather or a disaster. Agreement was reviewed and approved by the Mayor and the Solicitor.

Mayor Russo made motion and seconded by Commissioner Leeds. ALL AYES- no oppose

**R2015-91** A Resolution Authorizing Payment of School Tax Levy to Longport Board of Education Bill Pay List and Financial Report Summary

CFO Kelly reported that the Board of Education is requesting monthly payments in lieu of quarterly. Therefore, payments would stretch out over 9 months and not affect the total amount.

Commissioner Leeds motion/Commissioner Lawler 2<sup>nd</sup>.

ROLL CALL TAKEN: Russo-YES, Leeds-YES, Lawler-YES

**Bill Pay List and Financial Report-** read into record by Commissioner Leeds. Public asked if anyone had any questions (none). Commissioner Leeds made motion to approve the bill pay list and seconded by Mayor Russo. ALL AYES/no oppose. The Financial Report – Commissioner Leeds made motion and seconded by Mayor Russo. ALL AYES-no oppose.

**Commissioners Reports-**

**Mayor Russo**-asked Fire Chief Clayton to discuss his correspondence dated August 17, 2015 (see attached) and explain the needs of the fire department. When asked for his list of priorities, Chief Clayton asked for the thermal imaging camera first, hydraulic rescue tools 2<sup>nd</sup>, new garage doors 3<sup>rd</sup>. Clayton also stated that a new ambulance is needed to replace one that has aged. The Mayor stated that he wants two reliable ambulances for EMS.

The Mayor requested Chief Clayton to submit figures and have Commissioner Leeds and CFO Kelly review and report at the next meeting if the purchase of these items is possible.

The Mayor reported that stats for the Building Dept and Police Dept are posted on the website. The Mayor also read a letter from George Foster/Ocean Plaza extending kudos for the quick response in repairing the deck at 27<sup>th</sup> Ave.

The first Social Luncheon was held today sponsored by the Nash Wealth Management Group.

Remember the recycling will be collected biweekly starting 9/28. The Wounded Warrior is arriving 9/18 for a one week stay, 26<sup>th</sup>/Beach, sponsored by the Longport American Legion Post 469.

Commissioner Leeds stated that he noticed a considerable decrease in building permits. Mr. Funk stated that we are starting a post-Sandy slowdown however there are several new homes scheduled to start next week.

CFO Kelly asked if the Governing Body had time to review the proposed ONLINE TAX SALE. Only one company offers this service at this time. The charge is \$15 per line item and a charge for the advertising. Commissioner Leeds stated he has not had the time to review the information.

**Public Comment**-offered by none given due to no public in attendance.

**Adjournment**- With no further business to discuss, Commissioner Leeds made motion to adjourn and seconded by Commissioner Lawler. ALL AYES-no oppose. Meeting adjourned at 5:01 pm.