

**BOROUGH OF LONGPORT COMMISSION MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 2305 ATLANTIC AVE
LONGPORT, NJ 08403
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2016 – 4:30 PM**

Meeting was called to order and flag salute was conducted.

Deputy Municipal Clerk Kyle read the Opening Statement pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act. The meeting began at 4:30 pm.

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

Solicitor Agnellini, Engineer Carter, and Deputy Municipal Clerk Kyle also in attendance.

Emergency exit/fire drill/ public speaking limit – announced by Mayor Russo.

Approval of minutes- Comm. Leeds made a motion and seconded by Mayor Russo to approve the minutes for the November 18, 2016, regular meeting; and the November 18, 2016, executive session meeting. ALL AYES- Mayor Russo, Commissioner Leeds. Commissioner Lawler – Abstained (was absent for the above meetings).

Ordinances – Second Reading/ Public Hearing.

Number	Title
17	An Ordinance creating Chapter 106 “Environmental Regulations”
Purpose	Prohibits intentional release of balloons filled with lighter-than-air gases
Public Comment	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Lorna O’Hara – on behalf of Balloon Council. Against release of foil balloons. Advocates standards for release and an educational campaign. Against ordinance. Fearful will hurt local business and those who find balloons a source of healing. Noted that latex balloons are biodegradable and would like to launch educational campaign in Longport for responsible balloon practices. 2. Carol Jones of the Surfrider Foundation, resident of Tuckahoe, NJ. Voiced support of the ordinance. 3. Steve Jasiocki – 112 N. Lancaster Ave., Margate. Expressed his support of ordinance as a means to bring awareness to important environmental issue 4. Joe Hayburn – of Ocean City, NJ. Noted that when volunteering to help band Osprey chicks he has found balloons and ribbons in their nests. Supportive of ordinance.

	<p>5. Bill Steumpfig – 330 Simpson Ave. Ocean City. Coastal geologist. Has seen numerous balloons in local environment. Noted that it takes many years for balloons to break down. Is in support of ordinance.</p>
Motion	Motion- Lawler, seconded by Russo to adopt ordinance #2016-17. Leeds noted that he had a conflict with this ordinance.
Roll Call	Russo – AYE; Lawler – AYE. Leeds - ABSTAINED.
18	An Ordinance amending Chapter 144 “Water & Sewer” Code
Purpose	Water sprinkling time restrictions, lawns and other plantings on a lot from May 15 through September 15
Public Comment	No one wished to speak.
Motion	Motion with amendment for new sod, plantings - Lawler, seconded by Russo to adopt #2016-18.
Roll Call	Russo – YES; Leeds – Yes; Lawler – Yes. All AYES – none opposed.
20	An Ordinance authorizing Salaries, Wages and Compensation for Members of the Longport Lifeguard Association
Purpose	Establishes salaries, wages, compensation for members of the Longport Lifeguard Association
Motion	Motion to WITHDRAW by Russo, seconded by Lawler to withdraw Ordinance 2016-20.
Roll Call	Russo – AYE; Leeds – AYE, Lawler - AYE. All AYES – none opposed.

The public was asked if anyone had any questions or comments on any resolutions listed on the agenda:

There were none.

RESOLUTIONS

Number	Title
2016-147	Resolution Authorizing Transfer of Appropriations MOTION- LEEDS, SECOND-LAWLER, All AYES- none opposed.
2016-148	Resolution Supporting the Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over 2016 Year End Holiday Crackdown MOTION-RUSSO, SECOND-LEEDS, All AYES- none opposed.
2016-149	A Resolution Authorizing a Chapter 159 – Budget Insertion for Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over – Holiday Crackdown MOTION- RUSSO, SECOND-LAWLER, All AYES- none opposed.
2016-150	A Resolution Designating Public Agency Compliance Officer MOTION- LEEDS, SECOND-RUSSO, All AYES- none opposed.

BILL PAY LIST

Commissioner of Finance and Revenue, Jim Leeds, Sr., asked if anyone had any questions regarding the bill pay list for December 7, 2016. NO ONE CAME FORWARD
MOTION-LEEDS, SECOND- LAWLER. ALL AYES/NONE OPPOSED.

COMMISSIONERS REPORTS

Commissioner Leeds discussed attending a meeting regarding shared services on Absecon Island, in particular shared services for vehicle maintenance.

He also discussed the transition for the new municipal library. He noted that the shortened time from from two years to one month came as a surprise to the borough. He added that he met with representatives from the Margate library to work out a short-term shared service agreement. He added that the borough would work to get periodicals, a computer system and furniture in the library so it could be re-opened soon.

Mayor Russo noted that the room would be open, that some volunteers have come forward for a children's program, and that amenities would be provided to accommodate the groups that have been meeting in the library.

Bob English of 130 N. 32nd Avenue questioned how the time frame changed from two years to one month.

Solicitor Agnellini discussed the transition process. He noted that historically with other municipalities that have gone through the referendum process they have had a two-year transition period.

Solicitor's Report – None.

Engineer's Report – None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Herb Stern of 16 S. 33rd Avenue discussed the library transition and asked if the county would be refunding the borough the money not spent on operating the library.

Solicitor Agnellini also discussed the process.

Trish English of 130 N. 32nd Avenue questioned if the borough had a lease with the borough. She also commended how wonderful the library employees are and questioned if there would be a way to keep them with the new library. She also noted that she is a retired teacher and is interested in volunteering to help with the library.

Fran Kenny of 225 N. 36th Avenue noted that she was surprised to hear that the library was closing so quickly. She voted in favor of leaving the county at both referendums. She noted that the library's abrupt closing only helped reinforce that she made the right decision.

Mary Parenti of 2305 Beach Terrace noted that she would like to see the current library employees retained for the new municipal library. She also noted that she would be interested in volunteering to assist with the library.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION- LAWLER, SECOND- LEEDS. All AYES- none opposed. (5:36 pm)

Mayor Nick Russo

Commissioner James P. Leeds, Sr.

Commissioner Daniel Lawler

Emilia R. Strawder, RMC/CMR
Municipal Clerk, Borough of Longport