

BOROUGH OF LONGPORT

WORKSHOP MEETING

January 12, 2017

9:00 am

PURSUANT TO THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT, ADEQUATE NOTICE OF THIS MEETING HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAW.

Meeting called to order at 9:00 am

Open Public Meeting Announcement

Roll Call – Mayor Nicholas Russo, Commissioner Jim Leeds and Commissioner Dan Lawler. Also present: Solicitor Agnellini, Engineer Carter, Chief Culmone, Richard Hirsch, Clerk Strawder, and Deputy Clerk Kyle.

Richard Hirsch, head of the building department, came before the mayor and commissioners to discuss potentially raising UCC permit fees. Mr. Hirsch will discuss the fees with the CFO and the governing body will review any potential increase.

Mayor Russo discussed a potential amendment to water restriction ordinance to include car washing.

Mayor Russo discussed the upcoming closed bid for a beach vending license and suggested an earlier start date.

Mayor Russo also discussed the American Heart Association “Turn the Town Red” event on February 3, 2017.

The governing body discussed the potential use of a vending machine for the sale of beach badges. The borough is going to investigate the option further including maintenance of the machine and if funds are available in the budget.

Commissioner Leeds discussed the library. Commissioner Lawler noted that the library interior has been repainted and the flooring is up. Commissioner Lawler also questioned if the library board could be established soon. Solicitor Agnellini suggested starting an advisory board and checking with the borough’s auditors to see how any donations to the library could be tax deductible. He also advised keeping track of any funds expended on the library so that the borough can be re-paid in the future.

Mayor Russo noted that at the next commission meeting (Jan. 18th) a new officer would be sworn in. He also announced that the borough would be auctioning a truck and two snow plows on Gov Deals.

Solicitor Agnellini discussed a potential resolution for the next commission meeting regarding a land donation at 29th Avenue and the beach. Mr. Carter recommended sending a letter to the DEP suggesting the land merge with the beach, and not the right-of-way.

Solicitor Agnellini discussed the site for the new well. He noted that there is land for sale near the public works garage and questioned if there was any interest on the governing body's part in purchasing the property. The site could potentially be used for the new well.

Mr. Carter discussed the Engineer's Report. Engineer Carter discussed the new well. He noted it would cost more to enclose the new well. He suggested funding through the Environmental Trust Fund. He discussed the Longport Point Project and recommended that the mayor send a letter to help move the project. Mr. Carter also stated that allowing underground electric in the middle of roadways should be stopped. He also discussed the option of requiring the electric utility install the electric. Engineer Carter recommended sending a letter to the NJ BPU as regarding the underground electric it is an issue. Engineer Carter also noted that he did not see any advantage to the borough in agreeing to Verizon's proposal for mini towers in the borough. He continued to review the Engineer's Report with the governing body.

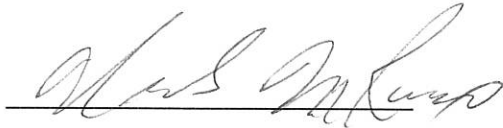
Chief Culmone stated that he applied for a grant for body cameras and the borough was awarded a grant in the amount of \$3,000 for six new body cameras.

Deputy Clerk Kyle discussed the 2017 farmers market. She also requested permission to apply for a free local government energy audit provided by the NJ BPU Office of Clean Energy.

With no further business to discuss, Commissioner Leeds made a motion to adjourn, with a second by Commissioner Lawler. ALL IN FAVOR – YES. None opposed.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 am.

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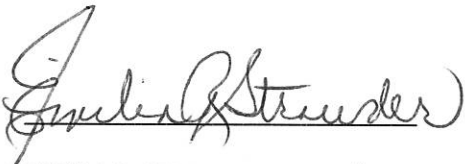
MAYOR NICHOLAS RUSSO



COMMISSIONER JAMES P. LEEDS, SR



COMMISSIONER DANIEL LAWLER



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