

**BOROUGH OF LONGPORT COMMISSION MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 2305 ATLANTIC AVE
LONGPORT, NJ 08403
WEDNESDAY, May 17, 2017 – 4:30 PM**

Meeting was called to order and the flag salute was conducted.

Municipal Clerk Strawder read the Opening Statement pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act.

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

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

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

Herb Stern Scholarship Presentation.

CFO Kelly in attendance 4:34 pm.

Governing Body congratulated scholarship recipients.

Chief Culmone in attendance 4:43 pm.

Clerk Strawder asked for a motion to add the “Financial Report Summary” to #9 on the agenda. Motion by Mayor Russo, seconded by Commissioner Leeds. ALL IN FAVOR – Yes. None opposed.

Approval of minutes- Comm. Leeds made a motion, and seconded by Comm. Lawler to approve the minutes for the April 26, 2017, workshop meeting and the May 11, 2017, regular meeting. ALL AYES- none opposed.

Ordinances – First Reading/ Introduction. Second Reading scheduled for June 7, 2017.

Number	Title
13	An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 2017-02 – Salary, Wages and Compensation in the Year 2017
Purpose	Allows for a change in salary, wages and compensation
Public Comment	
Motion	Motion- Mayor Russo, seconded by Commissioner Leeds to introduce ordinance #2017-13.
All In Favor	All AYES – none opposed

Number	Title
14	An Ordinance Amending the Salaries, Wages and Compensation in the Year 2017 for Seasonal Employees and Certain Temporary Employees
Purpose Public Comment	Allows for a change in the salary, wages and compensation for seasonal employees and certain temporary employees
Motion	Motion- Mayor Russo, seconded by Commissioner Lawler to introduce ordinance #2017-14.
All In Favor	All AYES – none opposed

Ordinances – Second Reading/ Public Hearing:

Number	Title
12	An Ordinance Amending Chapter 61 – Beaches, Parks and Recreational Areas, Subsection 61-6 Rules and Regulations
Purpose	Amends rules and regulations in Chapter 61 pertaining to beaches, parks and recreational areas
Public Comment	None
Motion	Motion- Commissioner Lawler, seconded by Commissioner Leeds to approve ordinance #2017-12.
Roll Call Vote	Russo – YES, Leeds – YES, Lawler – Yes. All AYES – none opposed

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

Paul Venesz of 2900 Longport Drive began to discuss Chapter 61, but was advised that the current public comment was on the listed resolutions and that he would have an opportunity to speak on this issue during the public comment portion of the meeting.

No one had any comment on the resolutions listed.

RESOLUTIONS

Number	Title
2017-62	Kenny Wayland Scholarship Run MOTION - RUSSO, SECOND- LAWLER, All AYES- none opposed.
2017-63	Resolution Authorizing Payment of School Tax Levy to Longport Board of Education MOTION-LEEDS, SECOND-RUSSO, ROLL CALL – Russo – YES, Leeds – YES, Lawler- YES, All AYES- none opposed.

2017-64	A Resolution Appointing SLEO I MOTION - RUSSO, SECOND-LEEDS, ALL AYES- none opposed.
2017-65	A Resolution Appointing SLEO II MOTION- RUSSO, SECOND-LAWLER, All AYES- none opposed.
2017-66	A Resolution Authorizing Memorial Day “No Parking” area MOTION – RUSSO, SECOND-LEEDS, ALL AYES – none opposed.
2017-67	Authorizing the City’s Participation in the National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA) for RFP #032515-CHN, Construction and Agricultural Equipment with Peach Country Tractor MOTION – LAWLER, SECOND-RUSSO, ALL AYES– none opposed.
2017-68	Authorizing the Borough to join the County of Atlantic as a Party Plaintiff in a Lawsuit Challenging the Casino Pilot Law *TABLED MOTION TO TABLE – RUSSO, SECOND- LAWLER, ALL AYES – none opposed.
2017-69	Authorizing the Execution of a Research and Grant Agreement with the Atlantic Cape New Jersey Coastal Coalition, INC., Stockton University Coastal Research Center and the Borough of Avalon *TABLED MOTION TO TABLE – LEEDS, SECOND- LAWLER, ALL AYES – none opposed.

BILL PAY LIST AND FINANCIAL REPORT

Commissioner of Finance and Revenue, Jim Leeds, Sr., asked if anyone had any questions regarding the bill pay list for May 17, 2017. NO ONE CAME FORWARD
MOTION-LEEDS, SECOND-RUSSO. ALL AYES/NONE OPPOSED.

Commissioner Leeds read the financial report into the record. He asked if anyone had any questions. There were none. MOTION – LEEDS, SECOND – LAWLER. ALL AYES/ NONE OPPOSED.

COMMISSIONERS REPORTS

Mayor Russo requested a street paving update. Engineer Carter noted that the paving is scheduled for completion the end of the week. Mayor Russo announced upcoming events including the Memorial Day Parade, the Kenny Wayland Run and Tour de Downbeach. He also thanked McAllister Fuels for sponsoring the social luncheon that day. He also announced the upcoming workshop and regular commission meeting dates.

Commissioner Leeds requested an update on the dune and beachfill project. Engineer Carter noted that the schedule has not changed from the previous update.

ENGINEER’S REPORT

Engineer Carter noted that the revetment project was scheduled for award that day and he was awaiting news. He added that there are still leakage issues with the roof in commission chambers and near the windows. The area near the elevator has remained dry.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT

Solicitor Agnellini noted that he recently sent the shared service agreement for library services to Margate. He added that the governing body may want to consider a special meeting for the shared service resolution. He also discussed the drafting of an ordinance to either restrict or ban the feeding of wildlife in the borough. The Mayor requested that he draft an ordinance for the next meeting.

Solicitor Agnellini also discussed how ordinances and resolutions are enacted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Paul Venesz of 2900 Longport Drive stated that he found Chapter 61 to be very vague. He questioned how the ordinances would be interpreted and enforced. He also asked how these ordinances relate to the Public Trust Doctrine. Discussion between Mr. Venesz and Solicitor Agnellini on the topic raised.

Mark Hyman of 4 N. 31st Avenue spoke on several topics. He discussed an empty lot near him noting that it did not have water/sewer connections installed prior to the re-paving of street and that the street would need to be re-cut for those connections. He also discussed flooding on his street. He also explained that he would like to see planning/zoning notification letters have more detailed information. He also discussed a damaged gutter near his home.

Peter Finnegan of 9 N. Yarmouth noted that the restroom facilities at 33rd Avenue were not yet opened.

Susan Venez of 2900 Longport. She provided the following address: Jane Doe of Blow Avenue. She stated that she did not support the smoking ban on beaches. She also discussed the Public Trust Doctrine and her right to smoke in the area provided for in the doctrine. She also suggested that permits for solar panels have no fee, or the fee be minimal. She also stated that she was not in favor of banning bird feeders.

Tim Giannini of 124 N. Yarmouth Avenue expressed his support of an ordinance to ban the feeding of wildlife.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION- LEEDS, SECOND-LAWLER. All AYES- none opposed. (5:50 pm)

Respectfully submitted,

Emilia R. Strawder, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Mayor Nicholas M. Russo

Commissioner James P. Leeds, Sr.

Commissioner Daniel Lawler

SIGNATURE PAGE FOR May 17, 2017 MINUTES




MAYOR NICHOLAS RUSSO



COMMISSIONER JAMES P. LEEDS, SR



COMMISSIONER DANIEL LAWLER



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