

**BOROUGH OF LONGPORT COMMISSION MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 2305 ATLANTIC AVE
LONGPORT, NJ 08403
WEDNESDAY, July 5, 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, Clerk Strawder, CFO Kelly, and Deputy Municipal Clerk Kyle also in attendance.

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

Approval of minutes- Mayor Russo made a motion, and seconded by Commissioner Leeds to approve the minutes for the June 21, 2017, regular meeting. ALL AYES- none opposed.

Ordinances – First Reading/ Introduction. Second Reading scheduled for July 19, 2017

Number	Title
18	An Ordinance Amending Subchapter 116-6 Exceptions Pertaining to Publicly Funded Construction Projects of Chapter 116-Noise, Fumes, Odors and Glare of the Code of the Borough of Longport.
Purpose	Permitting the Governing Body, by adoption of a resolution, to establish modified hours of construction or variances from such regulations and the time limitations for such exception as contained within Chapter 116 for publicly funded construction projects.
Motion	Motion- Mayor Russo, seconded by Commissioner Lawler to introduce ordinance #2017-18.
All In Favor	All AYES – none opposed
Number	Title

Mayor Russo made a motion to add Resolution 2017-83 to the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Lawler. Commissioner Leeds noted that he had not seen the resolution and opposed allowing summer demolition. All In Favor – YES – Russo and Lawler. Leeds OPPOSED.

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

Joel Goldman of 108 S. 15th Avenue wanted to know more information about the newly added resolution 2017-83. Mayor Russo discussed the resolution.

RESOLUTIONS

Number	Title
2017-81	Waiver From Chapter 116 of the Code of the Borough of Longport Pertaining to Construction Hours on the Longport Point Rock Revetment Project MOTION - RUSSO, SECOND- LAWLER, All AYES- none opposed.
2017-82	Authorizing the Disposal of a Speed Monitor Trailer – No Longer Suitable or Needed by the Longport Police Department for Public Use MOTION- RUSSO, SECOND-LAWLER, All AYES- none opposed.
2017-83	Waiver from Chapter 66 of the Code of the Borough of Longport Pertaining to Summer Demolition Restriction for Block 50 Lot 2 MOTION - RUSSO, SECOND-LAWLER, AYES- Russo, Lawler. LEEDS - OPPOSED.

BILL PAY LIST

Commissioner of Finance and Revenue, Jim Leeds, Sr., asked if anyone had any questions regarding the bill pay list for July 5, 2017. NO ONE CAME FORWARD
MOTION-LEEDS, SECOND-LAWLER. ALL AYES/NONE OPPOSED.

COMMISSIONERS REPORTS

Mayor Russo announced that the next regular meeting date has been changed from Saturday, July 22, 2017, to Wednesday, July 19, 2017, at 4:30 pm in Commission Chambers.

Mayor Russo provided an update on the shore front protection project. He also noted that it was brought to his attention that with the recent completion of the South Jersey Gas project, some areas that did not flood in the past are now flooding, noted was the 100 block of 36th Avenue. Engineer Carter will check into it.

Engineer Carter stated that there will be a preconstruction meeting the next day for the Point project. There was continued discussion on the Point Project and 11th Avenue. Engineer Carter also discussed putting up a temporary message board regarding the Point.

Mayor Russo announced the upcoming Take a Breather 5K race.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Engineer Carter noted that he received a call from the County regarding installing a tie flex valve to help address flooding in areas of the borough.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor Agnellini provided an update on litigation regarding stolen jewelry. Solicitor Agnellini also provided an update on the shared services agreement with the City of Margate for library services.

Mayor Russo announced the grand opening of the Longport Public Library on July 28th from 4 to 7 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Levon Clayton – 3016 Winchester Avenue – came to discuss the dog waste station located at 31st and Winchester Avenue. He expressed that he would like to see the station removed. Discussion continued on the dog waste station.

Sabrina Blakenship – 1204 Atlantic Avenue – came to discuss the removal of the seasonal parking restrictions on Atlantic Avenue. She noted that she wasn't aware of the ordinance, adding that the area is now more dangerous, has more trash and vandalism. She did not support lifting the seasonal parking restriction.

Mark Goldstein – 100 S. 11th Avenue – had questions regarding Resolution 2017-81 regarding construction at the Point and revetment project. Engineer Carter noted that he would mail a copy of the pre-construction minutes to residents. Mr. Goldstein also discussed rabbits, he was concerned at the large number of them and that he has found several dead and is concerned about disease.

Guy Giordano - 1303 Atlantic Avenue – came to discuss the removal of the seasonal parking restrictions on Atlantic Avenue. He noted that this is a serious problem and that someone might get hurt, he was concerned about safety issues. He noted that the July 4th weekend was 'a nightmare.'

Cerone – 1307 Atlantic Avenue – came to discuss the removal of the seasonal parking restriction on Atlantic Avenue. He took issue with the process regarding the passage of the ordinance, he expressed concern that it was done 'behind closed doors.' Discussion continued on the procedure of passing the ordinance and whether it was a temporary or permanent ordinance.

Valerie Valentino – 1201 Atlantic Avenue – came to discuss the removal of the seasonal parking restriction on Atlantic Avenue. She noted that the ordinance was not listed on the web agenda. She expressed her concern that the area is not safe for bikers and pedestrians with the added traffic from persons looking for parking spaces. Ms. Valentino also requested a schematic/ architectural plan of the construction about to take place at the Point area. Further discussion on the Point project and parking concerns on Atlantic Avenue.

Steven Katchman – 120 N. 33rd Avenue – came to discussing banning the feeding of wildlife in the borough. He was in favor of this type of ban. Discussion continued on feeding wildlife and a potential ban.

Jennifer Frederick – 107 S. 15th Avenue – came to discuss signs that had been located at beach entrances throughout the borough. She noted that the signs were no longer there and was concerned that without the beach rules & regulations posted that people were at risk since they would not know the rules. She would like to see the signs reposted or replaced with new. Further discussion on the signs.

Victor Palladino – 1203 Atlantic Avenue – came to discuss the removal of the seasonal parking restrictions on Atlantic Avenue. He stated that he bought his home in that area several years ago because of the parking restriction. He was against allowing parking on Atlantic Avenue, he was not happy with the ordinance.

Joel Goldman – 108 S. 15th Avenue – came to discuss the removal of the seasonal parking restriction on Atlantic Avenue. He did not support the ordinance and objected to the way it was passed. Further discussion on the ordinance.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION- LAWLER, SECOND-RUSSO. All AYES- none opposed. (6:03 pm)