

BOROUGH OF LONGPORT
COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

JULY 19, 2017 at 4:30 pm

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2 @ 4:30 pm

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 was conducted and meeting called to order.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Russo and Commissioner Lawler present- Commissioner Leeds and Solicitor Agnellini absent.

Approval of Minutes- 7/5- regular meeting & 7/13 workshop- Minutes were distributed prior to the meeting for review. Commissioner Lawler made motion and seconded by Mayor Russo ALL AYES-no opposed.

ORDINANCES (2nd Reading/Public Comment)

O2017-18 - 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: To establish modified hours of construction or variances from such regulations and the time limitations for such except as contained within Chapter 116-6 for publicly funded construction projects. Public Comment-Sabrina Blankenship, 1204 Atlantic Ave, asked about the working hours. Mr. Carter supplied information.

No further public comment, Mayor Russo made motion to approve O2017-18 and seconded by Commissioner Lawler. RUSSO- YES, LAWLER-YES, LEEDS- Not in attendance. Motion approved.

O2017-19 –An Ordinance Amending Subchapter 167-25 Signage in Chapter 167-Zoning of the Code of the Borough of Longport

Purpose: specifying sign sizes and locations

Public Comment: none offered

Commissioner Lawler made motion to approve and seconded by Mayor Russo. Roll Call vote: Mayor Russo- YES, Commissioner Lawler-YES (Commissioner Leeds not in attendance). Motion approved.

Public was asked if anyone had any questions/comments on any resolution listed on the agenda. No one came forth.

RESOLUTIONS

Motion to add R2017-85 to the agenda:

After an explanation from the Mayor regarding R2017-85, Mayor Russo made motion to add that resolution to the agenda. Commissioner Lawler seconded. ALL AYES-no opposed (Leeds not in attendance)

R2017-84 - Authorizing a Change Fund for the Longport Public Library

Fund of \$150 authorize to be use by the Longport Public Library to conduct financial transactions in the library. Commissioner Lawler made motion and seconded by Mayor Russo. APPROVED.

R2017-85 Designating The Duties and Responsibilities of the Longport Public Library to the Director of Public Safety and Public Affairs

Commissioner Lawler made motion and seconded by Mayor Russo. APPROVED.

Bill Pay List & Financial Report Summary

With the absence of Commissioner Leeds, Commissioner Lawler read the Financial Report Summary into record and asked if anyone had any questions. He also asked if there were any questions regarding any listing on the bill pay list. Hearing none- Commissioner Lawler made motion and seconded by Mayor Russo. ALL AYES- no opposed (Commissioner Leeds not in attendance)

Commissioners Reports

The Mayor reported a Melanoma screening and Take a Breather Run on July 29. The grand opening for the Longport Public Library is scheduled for July 28 @ 4 pm. The Farmer's Market continues every Saturday.

Commissioner Lawler had nothing to report.

CFO Kelly stated that the invitation flyer to the Longport Public Library opening is on the website. Please RSVP so that we can have a headcount.

Engineer's Report- *beachfill update*

Solicitor's Report – *no report since Solicitor is not in attendance*

Public Comment

Tim O'Connor, 3206 Monmouth Ave, Longport expressed his gratitude for what the Mayor and Commissioners do for the Borough. He requested assistance again for any type of action to be taken towards his neighbor and the bird feeder(s) problem. Mayor Russo stated that he contacted the Atlantic County Dept of Health and they advised him that they will inspect the property in question. Mayor Russo also read an email from Paul Venesz with suggestions for the bird feeder problem.

Jenifer Frederick, 105 S 15th Ave- wanted to publicly thank the Governing Body for the promptness in putting the Beach signs up.

Sabrina Blankenship, 1204 Atlantic Ave, reported rats in the Borough due to the Point revetment in process. Also reported a woman sleeping in her mini van and asked if there are any ordinances regarding this infraction. Would like to have trash cans emptied twice a day to prevent rats from having a gourmet meal. Feels that there is a communication problem especially with the agendas and minutes. Current and Press do not publish the agenda and minutes and she knows that there are OPMA rules stating that they should be posted within 48 hours. Mr. Carter mentioned that he has a RMC license and there are no statutes regarding a time limit with posting of agenda and minutes.

Mayor Russo introduced the new Library Manager, Rick Gerhard. Mr. Gerhard introduced himself to the public.

Jackie McLaughlin, 3301 Pacific Ave applied for a handicap parking spot and was refused. Mayor stated he asked the Chief of Police to reconsider because the lifeguards park there too. Margate Towers also uses that area for parking.

Adjournment- Commissioner Lawler made motion to adjourn and the motion was seconded by Mayor Russo. ALL AYES- no opposed (Leeds not in attendance) 5:06 pm

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