

**BOROUGH OF LONGPORT COMMISSION MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 2305 ATLANTIC AVE
LONGPORT, NJ 08403
WEDNESDAY, August 23, 2017 – 9:00 AM**

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, Beach Patrol Chief Adams and Deputy Municipal Clerk Kyle also in attendance.

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

Proclamations to the Longport Beach Patrol by Beach Patrol Chief Dan Adams and Capt. Kelm, remarks by Mayor Russo, Commissioner Leeds and Commissioner Lawler. Proclamations were presented for wins in the Cape May Superathalon, Red Bull Surf and Rescue, and the South Jersey Lifeguard Championship. Remarks by Beach Patrol Chief Adams.

Two minute recess to allow participants who came for the lifeguard presentations to leave.

Approval of minutes- Commissioner Leeds made a motion, and seconded by Commissioner Lawler to approve the minutes for the August 2, 2017, regular meeting. All in Favor – YES. None opposed.

The public was asked if anyone had any questions or comments on any resolutions listed on the agenda: Mary Nugent of 2604 Oberon Avenue asked about switching street lights to LEDs. She was asked to hold the question for the public comment portion as this portion of the meeting pertained to listed resolutions.

There were no questions on the resolutions.

RESOLUTIONS

Number	Title
2017-91	Resolution Amending Resolution 2016-124 Authorizing Shared Services Agreement with the City of Ventnor for a Certified Tax Collector MOTION - RUSSO, SECOND- LEEDS, All AYES- none opposed.
2017-92	Authorizing Shared Services Agreement with the Atlantic County Utilities Authority to Perform Basin Clean Out Services MOTION- LAWLER, SECOND-RUSSO, All AYES- none opposed.
2017-93	Authorizing Disposal of Surplus Property MOTION - RUSSO, SECOND-LEEDS, ALL AYES – none opposed.

2017-94	Declaring September as Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month MOTION – RUSSO, SECOND – LAWLER, ALL AYES –none opposed.
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BILL PAY LIST & FINANCIAL REPORT SUMMARY

Commissioner of Finance and Revenue, Jim Leeds, Sr., asked if anyone had any questions regarding the bill pay list for August 22, 2017. Mary Nugent of 2604 Oberon Ave. asked about converting street lights to LEDs.

MOTION-LEEDS, SECOND-LAWLER. ALL AYES/NONE OPPOSED.

COMMISSIONERS REPORTS

Mayor Russo stated that he received positive feedback on the fireworks display. He noted that he also received two complaints: one that the fireworks were too loud and a second that they were held too late.

(Police Chief Culmone in attendance 9:30 am).

There were no further reports.

ENGINEER’S REPORT

Engineer Carter noted that there was no report, unless the governing body had questions. Mayor Russo asked about the municipal elevator. Engineer Carter estimated that the elevator would not be in operation until closer to the end of the year. Engineer Carter discussed elevator options of repair vs modernization. Mayor Russo noted the September social luncheon would be held on the first floor commission chambers.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT

Solicitor Agnellini noted that he met with Mr. Merenich and Engineer Carter to discuss Margate’s dune litigation. He added that Longport should not have the same storm drainage issues as Margate had. Commissioner Lawler noted that the dune project is not scheduled to begin in Longport until October.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Doug Farrell of 16 S. 32nd Avenue commended the Longport Beach Patrol overall and also commended them for their participation in the Captain Turner Swim.

Terri Moffa Paramito of 107 S. 12th Avenue wanted to know more information about the August 9th notice regarding dogs on the beach. She also wanted to know details regarding dog leashing laws. Ms. Paramito also questioned if the new ordinance regarding lawn water restrictions was going to be enforced. She was also concerned that the municipal carryout bag fee ordinance did not go far enough and that building contractors were adding to the amount of litter in the borough. Commissioner Leeds noted that if contractors were littering or if dumpsters are left uncovered, that a call could be made to the building department to address any issues.

Peter Finnegan of 9 N. Yarmouth Avenue had questions about some of the existing dunes in the borough. Engineer Carter and Solicitor Agnellini discussed the plans for the dunes.

Tim O'Connor of 3206 Monmouth Avenue discussed bird feeder issues that he had presented to the governing body previously. He noted that the bird feeding has since stopped and he thanked the governing body and Clerk Strawder for all their help in this regard.

Jim Mahoney of 127 N. 31st Avenue commended the governing body on the library opening and for moving the fireworks date up earlier in the summer season. He discussed holes in the bulkhead that allow water to come in during high tide, full moon and storm events. He questioned if there was the ability to temporarily close these holes in advance of these events. Engineer Carter noted that he would look into it. Mr. Mahoney also asked about adding Stop signs on Winchester and Monmouth avenues to help slow down traffic. Engineer Carter discussed this along with Chief Culmone. Chief Culmone noted that traffic speed was being monitored in the area.

Mary Nugent of 2604 Oberon Avenue asked if borough street lights could be converted to LED lights to save on costs. Engineer Carter discussed this and suggested changing one or two lights before initiating a blanket change. Ms. Nugent also asked about backflow preventers and Engineer Carter addressed her question. Ms. Nugent also noted that balloons in the ocean continued to be of concern as she recently removed a large cluster of Mylar balloons from the water.

Peter Finnegan of 9 N. Yarmouth noted that the sewer drain at Yarmouth and Ventnor avenues needs to be cleaned out. Engineer Carter noted that he would make a note of it.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION- LAWLER, SECOND-LEEDS. All AYES- none opposed. (9:57 am)