

**BOROUGH OF LONGPORT COMMISSION MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 2305 ATLANTIC AVE
LONGPORT, NJ 08403
Wednesday, December 6, 2017 – 4:30 PM**

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

Municipal Clerk Conlon 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 Conlon, CFO Kelly, and Deputy Clerk Kyle also in attendance.

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

Approval of minutes- Clerk Conlon noted that the minutes for the 11/17/17 regular meeting had been distributed. Commissioner Leeds noted that he was not present at the last meeting, but was fine with the minutes. Commissioner Lawler made a motion, and seconded by Mayor Russo to approve the minutes for the November 17, 2017, regular meeting. All in Favor – YES. None opposed.

Ordinances – Second Reading/ Public Hearing.

Number	Title
24	An Ordinance Amending Chapter 61 Beaches, Parks, Recreational Areas of the Borough of Longport Code
Purpose	To establish fees and fines for the Longport Public Library
Public Comment	None
Motion	Motion - Mayor Russo, seconded by Commissioner Lawler to approve ordinance #2017-24.
Roll Call Vote	Mayor Russo - Yes Comm. Leeds - Yes Comm. Lawler - Yes ALL AYES. None opposed. Ordinance is approved.
Number	Title
25	An Ordinance Amending Subchapter 167-25 Signage in Chapter 167 – Zoning of the Code of the Borough of Longport, Atlantic County, New Jersey
Public Comment	None

Purpose	Amends rules and regulations pertaining to signs in the Borough of Longport, including, but not limited to real estate signs, contractor signs, and subcontractor signs
Motion	Motion- Mayor Russo, seconded by Commissioner Lawler to approve ordinance #2017-25. Comm. Leeds noted that he was not here for the introduction, and stated that he felt the signs were too big and would vote against it.
Roll Call Vote	Mayor Russo - Yes Comm. Leeds - No Comm. Lawler - Yes TWO AYES. ONE OPPOSED. Ordinance is Approved.

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

There were no questions or comments on the resolutions.

RESOLUTIONS

Number	Title
2017-113	A Resolution Recognizing the Margate-Longport Municipal Alliance – MOTION - RUSSO, SECOND- LAWLER Comment by Finance Officer Jenna Kelly – The Alliance regards shared training and outfitting of police officers by Margate and Longport All AYES- none opposed.
2017-114	A Resolution Appointing the Municipal Court Judge for the Borough of Longport MOTION - RUSSO, SECOND- LEEDS, All AYES- none opposed.
2017-115	A Resolution Appointing the Prosecutor for the Borough of Longport MOTION - LAWLER, SECOND- LEEDS, All AYES- none opposed.
2017-116	A Resolution Appointing the Public Defender for the Borough of Longport MOTION - LEEDS, SECOND- LAWLER, All AYES- none opposed.
2017-117	A Resolution Appointing the Municipal Solicitor for the Borough of Longport MOTION - LEEDS, SECOND- LAWLER, All AYES- none opposed.
2017-118	A Resolution Continuing the Green Team Advisory Committee MOTION - RUSSO, SECOND- LAWLER, All AYES- none opposed.

2017-119	<p>A Resolution Appointing the Public Agency Compliance Officer for the Borough of Longport</p> <p>MOTION - LAWLER, SECOND- LEEDS, All AYES- none opposed.</p>
2017-120	<p>A Resolution Authorizing the Approval of the Official Towers for the Borough of Longport</p> <p>MOTION - RUSSO, SECOND- LAWLER, All AYES- none opposed.</p>
2017-121	<p>A Resolution Approving the Contract for James Rutala and Associates for Grant Writing for FEMA related Grants</p> <p>MOTION - RUSSO, SECOND- LAWLER, All AYES- none opposed.</p>
2017-122	<p>A Resolution Authorizing the Transfer of Funds</p> <p>MOTION - LEEDS, SECOND- RUSSO, All AYES - none opposed.</p>

BILL PAY LIST

Commissioner of Finance and Revenue, Jim Leeds, Sr., asked if anyone had any questions regarding the bill pay list. There were none. MOTION-LEEDS, SECOND-LAWLER. ALL AYES/NONE OPPOSED.

COMMISSIONERS REPORTS

Mayor Russo discussed the Longport Farmers Market. He added that Longport Holy Trinity Parish is agreeable to holding the market on the church’s parking lot. He added that the market might warrant further discussion at a workshop meeting. We carry out the farmer’s market as a convenience to the citizens of Longport. Worries and concerns are competition from other localities farmer’s markets and vendors wanting exclusivity with regard to the products they are sending. Monica Kyle discussed the optimization of using the church for increased traffic from the bridge.

Item 2. Mayor Russo discussed what is perceived to be the possibility of statewide recreational marijuana sales. Towns, at some point, will need to decide to opt in or out. There is upside and downside. The upside is tax revenue. Towns that opt out do not get tax revenue. Downsides is that marijuana is still illegal by federal law and banking rules and issues are relevant.

Solicitor Agnellini discussed further issues regarding the federal legality of recreational marijuana and bank involvement. Colorado is laying the ground work and much of what New Jersey is going to do will benefit from Colorado’s experience. A big issue is the ability to test people with regard to driving under the influence. Governor Elect Murphy is going to try to get this passed within 6 months.

Mayor Russo noted the borough is receiving approximately \$29,000 from the MEL-JIF.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Engineer Carter discussed the dune project, noting that the Army Corps of Engineers is leaving Longport and returning to Margate.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor Agnellini noted that he will be meeting with counsel in the upcoming week regarding litigation on Atlantic Avenue Parking.

Mayor Russo noted that an email was received expressing the sender's wish that the borough lease public land and not sell it. Solicitor Agnellini noted that he was waiting to receive the appraisal on the land and the issue will be addressed at that time.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION- LEEDS, SECOND-LAWLER. All AYES- none opposed. Meeting adjourned at 4:53pm.