BOROUGH OF LONGPORT WORKSHOP MEETING February 8, 2018

February 8, 2018 9:00 am

PURSUANT TO THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT, ADEQUATE NOTICE OF THIS MEETING HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAW. PURSUANT TO THE ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE OFFICIAL ACTION WAS TAKEN AT THIS MEETING.

Meeting called to order at 9:00 am

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Open Public Meeting Announcement

Roll Call – Mayor Nick Russo, Commissioner Jim Leeds and Commissioner Dan Lawler. Also present: Engineer Carter, Solicitor Agnellini, Clerk Conlon, and Deputy Clerk Kyle.

Clerk Conlon requested approval of the January 17, 2018, regular meeting of the Borough of Longport Board of Commissioners. First – Commissioner Lawler, Second – Commissioner Leeds. ALL IN FAVOR – YES. None opposed.

Clerk Conlon requested approval of the January 17, 2018, Borough of Longport Board of Commissioners Closed Executive Session - Special Session Confidential Minutes. First – Commissioner Lawler, Second – Commissioner Leeds. ALL IN FAVOR – YES. None opposed.

Resolution 2018-13 – A Resolution Appointing the Municipal Judge for the Borough of Longport – Mayor Russo noted that the resolution has a minor correction from a resolution passed previously (on December 6, 2017). Mayor Russo made motion to approve, Seconded by Commissioner Lawler. ALL IN FAVOR – YES. None opposed.

Engineer Carter reviewed the Bid Summary for Improvement to Oceanfront Bulkhead at 32nd Avenue. He noted that the lowest bidder had reconsidered his bid and is withdrawing it. He is recommending the second low bidder for award at the next regular meeting.

Clerk Conlon reviewed the agenda for the next regular commission meeting, including the ordinances for second reading, and a salary ordinance as well as general litigation counsel.

Mayor Russo discussed door hangers for alerting residents/visitors of the lawn sprinkling guidelines.

Mayor Russo discussed several options regarding maintenance/ storage of the lifeguard stands and boathouse. The governing body and solicitor discussed this topic. Commissioner Leeds also discussed the beach tag checkers and how the new dune system might affect how beach tags are inspected and the possibility of having a supervisor on an ATV.

Mayor Russo and Solicitor Agnellini discussed the Clean Air Council v. United States of America and the implications of the Borough participating or not participating in the legal suit. Copies of the lawsuit will be provided to the governing body for review.

Mayor Russo discussed the sprinkler registration ordinance. A letter will be sent out from the municipal clerk's office to landscapers and new home contractors. Engineer Carter also discussed the sprinkler registration system.

Commissioner Leeds noted that he previously discussed the beach tag checkers.

Commissioner Lawler discussed the ice cream vending license. The borough's current vendor is withdrawing. The borough will need to re-bid the ice cream vending license. Discussion continued on the ice-cream vending license.

Engineer Carter reviewed the Engineers Report with the governing body. He noted that there have been two requests for street light removals on 11th and 21st avenues and the installing of Victorian style lamps. He added that Atlantic City Electric needs to have formal approval from the borough regarding this change in the street lights.

Engineer Carter noted that the Public Works Department is working on signs to alert the public of the Stop sign being removed at 33rd Avenue.

Engineer Carter discussed having a looped waterline systems between 25th and 26th avenues.

Mayor Russo discussed the potential of purchasing land near the public works garage. Engineer Carter noted the additional land could be beneficial to the borough, but that it was not necessary for a new water well.

Engineer Carter noted that the Longport Planning/Zoning Board has recommended introducing an ordinance to limit the height of a pool. He added that an ordinance could be prepared for the next regular meeting on February 21, 2018. Solicitor Agnellini noted that some homes are built on a dune and that might be something to take into consideration when drafting the ordinance.

Solicitor Agnellini discussed the Verizon Nodes, adding that Verizon is currently evaluating different locations as a means to help minimize the visual impact in the borough.

Solicitor Agnellini provided an update on the Verizon Franchise Agreement, adding that he sent an email requesting a plan from Verizon. There was further discussion regarding Verizon.

Solicitor Agnellini discussed boats parked in streets and driveways. He added that he would work on updating the ordinance regarding boats.

Solicitor Agnellini discussed non-conversion agreements regarding new construction and the first floor of the home, which cannot be converted to living space.

Solicitor Agnellini also discussed cleaning up an ordinance that allows fishing off of Atlantic Avenue.

Solicitor Agnellini discussed parking on Atlantic Avenue. He noted that the homeowners' counsel must be notified if the governing body decides to change the ordinance.

Engineer Carter noted that the borough's beach maintenance permit had been denied and the borough must apply for a beach access plan. He discussed options to address the issue.

Librarian Gerhardt noted that the library is featuring a second artist and that it is also starting a concert series. Librarian Gerhardt added that more people are visiting the library and that the library is using various media outlets to notify the community of the new programs, including the addition of museum passes.

With no further business to discuss, Commissioner Lawler made a motion to adjourn, with a second by Commissioner Leeds. ALL IN FAVOR – YES. None opposed.

Meeting adjourned at 10:29 am.