

**BOROUGH OF LONGPORT COMMISSION WORKSHOP MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 2305 ATLANTIC AVE
LONGPORT, NJ 08403
THURSDAY, July 5, 2018 – 8:30 AM**

Meeting was called to order and 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, Chief Culmone, Municipal Clerk Conlon, Howard Blum, Richard Hirsch, and Deputy Municipal Clerk Kyle also in attendance.

There was discussion on a resident's complaint alleging that a neighbor is running a homebased business and that the truck being used is full of scrap metal and unsightly. Solicitor Agnellini did not believe that the activity rose to the level of a home-based business. Debra Dulin of 24 N. Pelham Ave. stated that the truck will be parked on her property and not readily visible from the street. Solicitor Agnellini noted that the contract with the Atlantic County Utilities Authority will need to be reviewed to be sure there are no issues with the collection of the metal items.

MAYOR RUSSO:

Mayor Russo noted that the beach gators (beach equipment) were purchased at an increased price of approximately \$2300 in order to receive them more quickly.

He discussed the police chief's concern regarding vehicles parking in the municipal parking lot. It was noted that beachgoers are using the spaces intended for library and borough hall use. He discussed the idea of providing placards for municipal employee vehicles.

Mayor Russo announced that the library will be celebrating its first anniversary on July 26th and that a plaque has been ordered for the occasion. He also added that library attendance continues to increase.

COMMISSIONER LEEDS:

Commissioner Leeds noted that he received a letter from the beach patrol regarding safety access to the Point area. Engineer Carter noted that he would work with the beach patrol and public works to address access and any needed adjustments in relation to the recent beach fill and dune project. Mayor Russo noted that he recently had a meeting with department heads regarding safety access to the beach and Point areas.

Commissioner Leeds referred to a letter that discussed different signage recommendations for the beach. There was further discussion on beach access signs. Mayor Russo noted that Chief Culmone would like a sign to address the dangers of swimming at 11th Avenue.

Engineer Carter discussed the 13th Avenue bulkhead and a resident's request to include steps to allow for bay access. Solicitor Agnellini suggested adding a 'No Swimming' sign and limiting the activity there

to fishing and kayaking. Mr. Lerner who lives on 13th Avenue noted that neighbors in the area do not object to the access.

COMMISSIONER LAWLER:

Commissioner Lawler discussed a sign on the seawall placed by a resident to prevent people from walking on the seawall near 18th Avenue. Solicitor Agnellini discussed the barricade, noting that it needs to be removed. Discussion continued on the seawall.

ENGINEER CARTER:

Engineer Carter noted that he re-applied for the beach maintenance plan. He also discussed a revised version of Chapter 99 that he recommended for introduction at the next meeting, contingent on release from the Planning Board. He explained that this would allow for enough time if major revisions were needed and the ordinance needed to be re-introduced. Engineer Carter commended the planning board for the amount of research conducted to revise Chapter 99. Commissioner Lawler noted that he would not be available to attend the next meeting.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Solicitor Agnellini reviewed the Cohn license agreement for 23rd Avenue and the beach. He noted that the revised drawing allows more room for access.

Solicitor Agnellini also noted that the Mel-JIF is recommending that municipalities review any solicitation ordinances to be sure they are in compliance based on recent court decisions.

Solicitor Agnellini discussed a complaint received about construction on Saturdays. He explained that borough ordinance allows for construction on Saturdays; however, it is limited to construction that does not disrupt the neighbors. There was further discussion on Saturday construction. Code Enforcement Office Blum will send a reminder to contractors regarding start/stop times for construction and the Saturday construction limitation.

Engineer Carter noted that there would be a crane in the back parking lot the next morning to deliver equipment for the elevator.

Engineer Carter discussed steps at Ocean Plaza. Engineer Carter noted that Ocean Plaza would like to re-install the steps in accordance with the borough's design standards.

MUNICIPAL CLERK'S REPORT:

Municipal Clerk Conlon discussed the licensing and fee chapter in the borough's code book. He suggested limiting fees to four categories and removing outdated licensing/fees. There was further discussion on licensing and fees.

Municipal Clerk Conlon discussed commercial filming rules and permit conditions.

Municipal Clerk Conlon discussed fees for usage of the community building and potentially applying it to usage of other municipal rooms/ property.

Commissioner Leeds discussed a memo received regarding handicapped parking. Chief Culmone noted that he would like to revise the ordinance to remove handicapped parking areas listed that are no longer

in use. Commissioner Leeds also noted the need to revise parking lines in the borough, adding that newer construction might require the lines be changed.

Public Comment:

Bonnie Leek of 2006 Atlantic Avenue discussed a sign on the seawall, noting that it has “No Walking” written on it and the area also has sod and river rock.

Richard Hirsch, Building Department Head and Mel-JIF Fund Commissioner, discussed landscaper licenses/fees, noting that this is something that State charges for and that the borough could not charge additional fees. Mr. Hirsch also discussed walking on the seawall.

MISCELLANEOUS:

No further discussion.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION- Commissioner Lawler, SECOND- Commissioner Leeds. ALL IN FAVOR - All AYES- none opposed.
(9:31 am)