

**BOROUGH OF LONGPORT COMMISSION WORKSHOP MEETING  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 2305 ATLANTIC AVE  
LONGPORT, NJ 08403  
THURSDAY, AUGUST 1, 2019 – 8:30 AM**

Meeting was called to order and Municipal Clerk Kyle read the Opening Statement pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act.

ROLL CALL:

Nicholas Russo	present
James P. Leeds, Sr.	absent
Daniel Lawler	present

Engineer Carter, Zoning and Floodplain Management Officer Funk, and Municipal Clerk Kyle also in attendance.

**MAYOR RUSSO**

Mayor Russo noted that the meeting began at 8:40 am. He also announced the emergency exits. Mayor Russo noted that Solicitor Agnellini was not at the meeting, but asked if he had provided an update for the workshop. Engineer Carter noted that he was with the Solicitor at a meeting with several property owners to discuss Ordinance 2019-13 – An Ordinance Authorizing Execution of a Deed of Dedication and Perpetual Public Access Easement Over Street Ends and Beach for Public Access to Tidal Waters in the Borough of Longport, Atlantic County, New Jersey. Commissioner Lawler said that the solicitor provided an update, noting that he was not ready to introduce the easement ordinance at the next meeting. Engineer Carter also noted that the Solicitor was addressing some wording issues with the ordinance and is also looking into narrowing the width of the easement. He also discussed concerns with explanatory issues regarding the levels of dedication for the borough and property owners, and how any street vacation would not affect subsequent owners. Mayor Russo noted that the beach access easements seem to have been addressed already. Engineer Carter noted that the NJ DEP appears to be expanding its requirements.

**ENGINEER'S REPORT**

Engineer Carter discussed an electric shutdown that would affect the library on Saturday, Aug. 10th. The shutdown involved Atlantic Electric changing its main transformer. He explained that the building would be on emergency power, but it does not power the air conditioning, so the library will be closed that Saturday.

Engineer Carter discussed a vacant land analysis for the Council On Affordable Housing (COAH). He said he received a proposal from a company that prepared a similar report for Avalon, adding that the cost was approximately \$2,000. He recommended using this company as they have experience with barrier islands, such as Longport. Engineer Carter noted that Solicitor Agnellini had been in contact with Robert Merenich, Esq., for this type of report. He noted that he needed to discuss this with Solicitor Agnellini and that he may have a resolution for award ready for the next meeting.

Engineer Carter noted he is finishing up the report for the new well permit application.

Mayor Russo said it was too early to discuss the possible electric vehicle charging station. Engineer Carter asked where the station was going, adding that there could be concerns in relation to the infrastructure of an older building such as Borough Hall. Mayor Russo noted that the system would not use much electricity, but explained, that unfortunately, it cannot be solar powered. The Mayor also stated that he believed electric vehicles are the wave of the future. Mayor Russo also noted that two handicapped spots would be moved to another location to make room for the station. Engineer Carter stated that he would like to understand the charging station from a technical point of view. He added that he would like to have input on it as the engineer to be sure it is safe.

Mayor Russo noted that the Wounded Warrior event will be on September 10<sup>th</sup>. He noted that he has invited the mayors of Ventnor and Margate to join in welcoming this year's wounded warrior.

Mayor Russo also announced that the fireworks are scheduled for Aug. 10<sup>th</sup>, with a rain date the next day.

#### **COMMISSIONER LEEDS**

Absent.

#### **COMMISSIONER LAWLER**

Commissioner Lawler announced that the South Jersey Lifeguard Championships are this Friday and that Margate would be lending its stage for a band to play. He also noted that the Longport Volunteer Fire Department would be serving hot dogs and hamburgers.

Zoning Officer and Floodplain Manager Funk reminded everyone that this weekend, on Aug. 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Mummers would be in Longport, too.

#### **SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

Absent.

#### **2019 ANNUAL UPDATE ON THE ATLANTIC-CAPE MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL PROGRAM FOR PUBLIC INFORMATION – BRUCE FUNK, ZONING OFFICER AND FLOODPLAIN MANAGER**

Floodplain Manager Funk discussed a program for public information regarding flood mitigation through the NJ Coalition that is now being done regionally.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS**

Municipal Clerk Kyle noted that the audio from the commission meetings going forward is now available on the borough's website.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION- LAWLER, SECOND- RUSSO. ALL IN FAVOR - All AYES- none opposed. (8:52 am)