

**BOROUGH OF LONGPORT COMMISSION MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 2305 ATLANTIC AVE
LONGPORT, NJ 08403
WEDNESDAY, December 18, 2019 – 4:30 PM**

The meeting opened with the flag salute and was called to order.

Municipal Clerk Kyle read the Opening Statement pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act. *The following was added after the Opening Statement: A notice of the relocation to the Longport Public Library was posted on the borough website, the bulletin board and doors of Commission Chambers and Centennial Room on Thursday, December 12, 2019.*

ROLL CALL: Nicholas Russo present
 James P. Leeds, Sr. present
 Daniel Lawler present

Engineer Carter, Solicitor Agnellini, Administrator Porter, CFO Kelly, Chief Culmone, and Municipal Clerk Kyle also in attendance.

Emergency exit/fire drill/ public speaking limit/ library announcement – Mayor Russo.

Approval of minutes- Municipal Clerk Kyle requested a motion for approval of the minutes from the November 7, 2019, Commission Workshop Meeting. Commissioner Leeds made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Lawler, to approve the minutes of the November 7, 2019, Commission Workshop Meeting. ALL AYES- none opposed.

Ordinances – Second Reading/ Public Hearing.

Number	Title
22	An Ordinance Authorizing Salaries, Wages and Compensation in Year 2020 for Employees Not Covered by Previous Ordinance or Union Contracts.
Purpose	The purpose of this Ordinance is to authorize salaries, wages and compensation for employees not covered by previous ordinances or union contracts for the year 2020.
Public Hearing	No one wished to speak.
Motion	Motion – Mayor Russo, seconded by Commissioner Lawler to approve Ordinance #O2019-22.
Roll Call Vote	Mayor Russo - Yes Comm. Leeds – Yes Comm. Lawler - Yes. ALL AYES. None opposed. <i>*Solicitor Agnellini requested that a motion be made to re-vote on Ordinance 2019-22 and advised Mayor Russo to abstain from voting on the second reading.</i>

Motion (to re-vote)	Motion to Re-vote – Mayor Russo, seconded by Commissioner Lawler to have a re-vote on Ordinance #O2019-22. All In FAVOR – ALL AYES – none opposed.
Motion	Motion – Commissioner Lawler, seconded by Commissioner Leeds to approve Ordinance O2019-22.
FINAL Roll Call Vote	Mayor Russo - Abstain Comm. Leeds – Yes Comm. Lawler - Yes. TWO AYES. One Abstained.

Public Comment on listed resolutions:
No one wished to comment.

RESOLUTIONS

Number	Title
2019-140	A Resolution for Appointment of a Certified Tax Collector MOTION - LEEDS, SECOND- LAWLER, All AYES- none opposed.
2019-141	A Resolution Fixing the Rate of Interest and Year-End Penalty MOTION – LEEDS, SECOND – RUSSO, ALL AYES – none opposed.
2019-142	A Resolution for a Chapter 159 – Budget Insertion for 2019 Body Armor Replacement MOTION-LAWLER, SECOND- RUSSO, All AYES- none opposed.
2019-143	A Resolution Authorizing Work to ABS Electric, Inc. of Monroeville, NJ for the Installation of a VFD Drive for Well #3 MOTION -RUSSO, SECOND- LAWLER, All AYES- none opposed.
R2019-144	A Resolution Authorizing A Change Order to the Contract for Disaster Recovery Services Using the Education Services Commission of New Jersey Cooperative – All Risk Property Damage Experts MOTION - RUSSO, SECOND- LEEDS, All AYES- none opposed.
R2019-145	A Resolution Amending Resolution R2019-126 – A Resolution Recognizing the Margate-Longport Municipal Alliance MOTION – RUSSO, SECOND- LAWLER, All AYES- none opposed.
R2019-146	A Resolution Authorizing Transfer of Appropriations MOTION -LEEDS, SECOND- LAWLER, All AYES- none opposed.

BILL PAY LIST& FINANCIAL SUMMARY REPORT

Commissioner of Finance and Revenue, Jim Leeds, Sr., asked if there were any questions on the bill pay list of December 18, 2019. There were none. MOTION – LEEDS, SECOND – LAWLER. ALL IN FAVOR- ALL AYES. NONE OPPOSED.

Commissioner of Finance and Revenue, Jim Leeds, Sr., read the Financial Report Summary into the record asked if there were any questions on the report. There were none. MOTION – LEEDS, SECOND – LAWLER. ALL IN FAVOR- ALL AYES. NONE OPPOSED.

COMMISSIONERS REPORTS:

MAYOR RUSSO

Mayor Russo – nothing further to report.

COMMISSIONER LAWLER

Commissioner Lawler - nothing further to report.

COMMISSIONER LEEDS

Commissioner Leeds noted that at the previous meeting, he discussed asbestos and mold issues in borough hall and explained that he spoke with CFO Kelly regarding funding to address these issues. He said the borough has committed itself to approximately \$100,000 for the remediation of the court room/ commission chambers.

He said funding is available from previously issued bonds. He recommended that the governing body begin thinking about the bonds and what the items the money was initially committed for and decide whether to revise it or issue a new bond. CFO Kelly noted that you can re-appropriate the allocated funds or if the governing body was interested, it could go out for a new bond.

CFO Kelly discussed some of the items that were listed in the bond ordinance. Engineer Carter discussed that the money for a new public works building (approximately \$500,000) could be used towards repairs in borough hall. He explained that the new well would need to be completed first before the new public works building could be built and that in the meantime, the money could be used for borough hall. He added that money for the new building could be re-allocated in a year or so, once the new well was completed. CFO Kelly also noted that there is also funding set aside for the Point turn-around area that could be used. CFO Kelly noted that there was approximately \$750,000 available. There was further discussion on funding ideas.

Commissioner Lawler also discussed what steps needed to be taken to address environmental issues in the police department.

Engineer Carter discussed the Centennial Room and noted that if the room is gutted, that it should be ok without any type of climate control.

Administrator Porter discussed trailers for the police department and added that the vendor had some ideas on how to address the police department's needs. Commissioner Lawler noted that the next move is to address the police department. He suggested holding off on the Centennial Room and to begin focusing on the police department.

CFO Kelly noted that the library discussed contributing funding toward the remediation of the Centennial Room.

Engineer Carter noted that a professional services contract would need to be awarded for the work to begin in the police department. He noted that the work for the Centennial Room could be removed from the project's scope of work. There was further discussion regarding the HVAC system in the police department.

Commissioner Leeds discussed scheduling a meeting to visit another municipality, such as Sea Isle City, that recently built a new municipal complex. Commissioner Lawler discussed visiting Beach Haven, which also recently built a new building and was comparable in size to Longport.

Mayor Russo requested an Air BnB update. Solicitor Agnellini noted that the borough needs to decide what its goal is regarding rules and regulations for short-term rentals and then an ordinance could be drafted based upon those goals. Mayor Russo asked if information could be placed on the borough's website regarding rentals in the borough. There was further discussion on this topic. Commissioner Leeds discussed scheduling a meeting with the solicitor, municipal administrator, chief of police, and a member of the building department to address this topic.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Engineer Carter noted that he provided the governing body with a copy of a letter that the State of New Jersey inspected the work recently completed on 29th Avenue and that there were no deficiencies found.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor Agnellini noted that the borough has officially submitted its Municipal Public Access Plan for approval to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection. Mayor Russo noted that he will follow up with the NJ DEP on this. Solicitor Agnellini noted that the borough will need to apply for an emergency beach access permit to maintain the beach.

MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Porter noted that he would reach out to All Risk regarding a time frame for the completion of Commission Chambers/ Court Room. Engineer Carter suggested calling the State if remediation work would not be continued in the Centennial Room.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no comment from the public.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION- LAWLER, SECOND-LEEDS. All AYES- none opposed.

(5:06 pm)