

**BOROUGH OF LONGPORT WORKSHOP COMMISSION MEETING  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 2305 ATLANTIC AVE  
LONGPORT, NJ 08403  
WEDNESDAY, JULY 7, 2021 – 4:00 PM**

The meeting was called to order.

Municipal Clerk Kyle read the Opening Statement pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act. A notice of this meeting was emailed to the Press of Atlantic City and the Current on July 1, 2021. In addition, copies of notices were posted on the bulletin board and filed in the office of the municipal clerk. Notices on the bulletin board have remained continuously posted.

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

Alternate Borough Solicitor Agnellini, Administrator Porter, CFO Kelly, Chief Culmone, Engineer Dennis, Library Director Gerhardt, and Municipal Clerk Kyle also present.

Mayor Russo stated the location of emergency exits and noted that there is no public comment during workshop meetings. *Administrator Porter requested that the Mayor pause for a moment as there was difficulty starting the remote portion of the meeting. This was quickly resolved.*

Library Director Ricky Gerhardt provided an overview of a project the library has undertaken in cooperation with the Borough to electronically scan Minute books for preservation and archiving purposes. Commissioner Leeds asked if the Library could also work with the building department. Library Director Gerhardt noted that the archived information would be electronically stored as back up in three different locations.

Administrator Porter:

Administrator Porter provided an update on the on-going street opening repair project. He said that the project is now complete. He added that the only items remaining for closure included paying the bill and adopting a resolution to address contractual changes.

He also said that the Borough's Domestic Violence Policy has been distributed per the State's guidelines under the NJ SAFE Act.

Administrator Porter provided an update on the fire department boat lift dock project. He said that a meeting is scheduled for Friday and that the needed materials are ready.

He also discussed a coin drop event that the Longport Volunteer Fire Department would like to hold on August 15, 2021. He explained that the event had been originally scheduled to be held on Memorial Day, but was canceled due to inclement weather. He explained that a resolution approving the coin drop would need to be added to the regular meeting's agenda as it then needs to be approved by the County prior to being held. There was further discussion on the resolution.

Alternate Borough Solicitor Agnellini:

Solicitor Agnellini report that the sun is shining and the water is warm in Cape Cod.

Engineer Dennis:

Engineer Dennis discussed a 2022 NJ Department of Transportation State Aid Grant that he applied for funding for repairs to Monmouth Avenue (32<sup>nd</sup> Avenue to the Margate border) in the amount of \$500,000. He said that he would have a water tower tank inspection report ready for the Governing Body at the next commission meeting.

Engineer Dennis said that Borough was recently awarded a FEMA grant for an estimated \$1.5 million that would be used for a drainage project to address flooding on Winchester Avenue. He discussed how the FEMA grant process works and that it could be some time before the project begins.

He also discussed the installation of speed tables on Amherst Avenue between 33<sup>rd</sup> and 36<sup>th</sup> avenues. He said that he went through the quote process and that removable speed tables that were code compliant did not exist. He discussed different options including permanent/ asphalt speed tables and raised crosswalks. He said that the cost for an asphalt speed table was estimated at \$10,000. He discussed the role of speed tables and how they best work for traffic calming. He asked the Governing Body if it wished to move forward with the installation of the speed table by adding a resolution to the agenda to award the contract. He added that if the Governing Body wanted to wait, it could be something for consideration at a future meeting. Mayor Russo explained that he wished to hold off on award at this time and to continue to gather information on the traffic flow in the area. Commissioner Leeds agreed with Mayor Russo on holding off at this time. He also expressed his concern with the noise that speed tables can cause when certain types of vehicles drive over them. Commissioner Lawler also agreed on waiting. He added that the recently added Stop sign has been effective in slowing down traffic in the area. He said his preference would be a raised walkway that was more aesthetically pleasing. There was further discussion on this topic. Commissioner Lawler added that he has been in contact with Commissioner Amodeo and that Margate will share the traffic data it has gathered, allowing for the two municipalities to compare information.

Mayor Russo:

Mayor Russo had nothing further to discuss.

Commissioner Leeds:

Commissioner Leeds had nothing further to discuss.

Commissioner Lawler:

Commissioner Lawler discussed the Borough's beach access assistance program that helps those who require assistance to get onto the beach. It was noted that the program, pre-COVID received anywhere between 1,000 to 1,400 requests for assistance. Commissioner Lawler said he would like to reestablish the program. Mayor Russo suggested having the recreation department assist in the program. He added that the dunes have made beach access more challenging for some. Commissioner Lawler discussed that the beach patrol is looking for regulations/ policy regarding the assistance program. It was noted that Margate rents the ATVs used in its program. There was further discussion on this topic.

Municipal Clerk Kyle:

Municipal Clerk Kyle noted that Margate has reached out to the Borough with a November date for a paper shredding event.

Miscellaneous:

None.

**Motion to Adjourn** – Commissioner Leeds, seconded by Commissioner Lawler. All in Favor – Yes. None Opposed. Meeting adjourned at 4:24 pm.

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WEDNESDAY, JULY 7, 2021**

The meeting was called to order with the flag salute at 4:25 pm.

Municipal Clerk Kyle read the Opening Statement pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act. A notice of this meeting was emailed to the Press of Atlantic City and the Current on July 1, 2021. In addition, copies of notices were posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building and filed in the office of the municipal clerk. Notices on the bulletin board have remained continuously posted. Official action may be taken at this meeting.

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

Alternate Borough Solicitor Agnellini, Administrator Porter, CFO Kelly, Chief Culmone, Engineer Dennis, and Municipal Clerk Kyle also present.

Emergency Exits, Public Speaking Announcement – announced by Mayor Russo.

Approval of minutes-

Municipal Clerk Kyle requested a motion for approval of the minutes from the June 2, 2021, Workshop and Regular Commission Meeting and the June 2, 2021 Executive Session Meeting. Mayor Russo made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Lawler, to approve the minutes. ALL AYES- none opposed.

A Second Reading/ Public Hearing was held on the following ordinances:

**Ordinance O2021-12 – An Ordinance Amending the Code of the Borough of Longport, Chapter 167-33 Stormwater Management**

Mark Hyman of 4 N. 31<sup>st</sup> Avenue asked if this ordinance would help address flooding on his street. He explained that the water is up to his knees when it floods. Mr. Hyman requested that the engineer help address flooding on his street.

**Ordinance O2021-13 – An Ordinance Amending Chapter 1613.1 – Seasonal No Parking**

No one wished to speak on this ordinance.

**ORDINANCES:**

Number	Title
2021-12	An Ordinance Amending the Code of the Borough of Longport 167-33 Stormwater Management
Purpose	The purpose of this ordinance is to amend the Code of the Borough of Longport,

	<p>Chapter 167-33 Stormwater Management, to be consistent with the amended Stormwater Management rules, NJAC 7:8, adopted by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP). The proposed Ordinance will replace the current requirement that major developments incorporate nonstructural stormwater management strategies to the “maximum extent practicable” to meet groundwater recharge standards, stormwater runoff quantity standards, and stormwater runoff quality standards, with a requirement that green infrastructure be utilized to meet these same standards. The proposed Ordinance will also amend existing definitions and add new definitions, will make changes related to total suspended solids (TSS) removal, and other changes. The amended Stormwater Management rules adopted by the NJDEP represent the minimum standard for municipal stormwater control ordinances. Therefore, municipal stormwater control ordinances must be revised to be consistent with these amendments.</p>
Motion	Motion – Mayor Russo, seconded by Commissioner Leeds to Adopt Ordinance #O2021-12.
Roll Call Vote	Mayor Russo – Yes    Commissioner Leeds – Yes    Commissioner Lawler – Yes ALL AYES. None opposed.
2021-13	An Ordinance Amending Chapter 161.3.1 – Seasonal No Parking
Purpose	The purpose of this ordinance is to amend the Code of the Borough of Longport Chapter 161.3.1 to add the following language, “the Chief of Police, in his discretion, may establish exceptions to this parking Ordinance as he deems necessary for commercial and/or construction vehicles. Such exceptions are to be for temporary parking only during permitted work hours. The Chief of Police shall set forth any exceptions to this Ordinance in a Directive and provide a copy of the same to the Borough Administrator.”
Motion	Motion – Commissioner Lawler, seconded by Commissioner Leeds to Adopt Ordinance #O2021-13.
Roll Call Vote	Mayor Russo – Yes    Commissioner Leeds – Yes    Commissioner Lawler – Yes ALL AYES. None opposed.

The following ordinances were introduced for a first reading/ introduction:

First Reading/ Introduction of Ordinance O2021-14 – An Ordinance Amending the Salaries, Wages and Compensation in Year 2021 for Seasonal Employees and Certain Temporary Employees. *A second reading and public hearing will be held at the July 21, 2021, Regular Commission Meeting that will follow the 4 pm workshop meeting.*

First Reading/ Introduction of Ordinance O2021-15 – An Ordinance Adding Article X – Street Closures to Chapter 161 – Vehicles and Traffic of the Code of the Borough of Longport. *A second reading and public hearing will be held at the July 21, 2021, Regular Commission Meeting that will follow the 4 pm workshop meeting.*

Commissioner Leeds had a question on the wording of Ordinance 2021-15. He wanted to be sure that the fire department be consulted on any street closures.

**ORDINANCES:**

Number	Title
2021-14	An Ordinance Amending the Salaries, Wages and Compensation in Year 2021 for Seasonal Employees and Certain Temporary Employees
Purpose	The purpose of this ordinance is to establish salaries, wages and compensation for seasonal employees and certain temporary for the year 2021.
Motion	Motion – Commissioner Lawler, seconded by Mayor Russo to Introduce Ordinance #O2021-14.
All in Favor	ALL AYES. None opposed.
2021-15	An Ordinance Adding Article X – Street Closures to Chapter 161 – Vehicles and Traffic of the Code of the Borough of Longport
Purpose	The purpose of this ordinance is to authorize the Chief of Police, or in his absence, disability, or inability to act, then the Chief’s designee, is hereby authorized to provide by directive for the closing of any street or portion thereof to motor vehicle traffic on any day or days or during specified hours during any day or days whenever he finds that such closing is necessary for the preservation of the public safety, health of welfare and to issue permits to citizens for temporary street closures to allow community functions such as block parties and/or neighborhood festivals.
Motion	Motion – Commissioner Leeds, seconded by Commissioner Lawler to Introduce Ordinance #O2021-15.
All in Favor	ALL AYES. None opposed.

Public Comment or questions on listed resolutions:

There was no public comment or questions on the listed resolutions.

**RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT AGENDA (R2021-105 through R2021-110):**

Number	Title
2021-105	A Resolution Appointment of Russell Lichtenstein, Esq., as Litigation Attorney for 2021 and Authorizing the Award of a Non-Fair and Open Professional Service Contract MOTION – RUSSO, SECOND- LAWLER, All AYES- none opposed.
2021-106	A Resolution of the Borough of Longport, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey, Authorizing the Disposal of a Beach Cleaning Machine – Trade In MOTION – RUSSO, SECOND- LAWLER, All AYES- none opposed.

2021-107	Chapter 159 – Budget Insertion for NJ Click It or Ticket Grant MOTION – RUSSO, SECOND- LAWLER, All AYES- none opposed.
2021-108	A Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Contract Between the Borough of Longport and the Borough Chief of Police MOTION – RUSSO, SECOND- LAWLER, All AYES- none opposed.
2021-109	Chapter 159 – Budget Insertion for New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety – Office of the Attorney General – SFY21 Body Worn Camera Grant Program MOTION – RUSSO, SECOND- LAWLER, All AYES- none opposed.
2021-110	A Resolution Authorizing the Participation and Acceptance of a New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety – Office of the Attorney General Grant for Body Worn Cameras (Police Department) MOTION – RUSSO, SECOND- LAWLER, All AYES- none opposed.

**BILL LIST**

Commissioner Leeds, Commissioner of Revenue and Finance, asked if there were any questions on the July 7, 2021 Bill List. There were none. MOTION – LEEDS, SECOND – LAWLER. ALL IN FAVOR - ALL AYES. NONE OPPOSED.

**ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT:**

Nothing further to report.

**SOLICITOR’S REPORT:**

Nothing further to report.

**ENGINEER’S REPORT:**

Nothing further to report.

**COMMISSIONERS REPORTS:**

**MAYOR RUSSO**

Mayor Russo had nothing further to report.

**COMMISSIONER LEEDS**

Commissioner Leeds had nothing further to report.

**COMMISSIONER LAWLER**

Commissioner Lawler had nothing further to report.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mark Hyman of 4 N. 31<sup>st</sup> Avenue asked the engineer to address flooding on his street. Engineer Dennis explained that it is on his list of items to address. Mr. Hyman also said that there is a utility pole that is leaning dangerously on Atlantic Avenue as you enter Longport. He expressed his concern that it could fall on someone and kill them. He explained that the pole located before this one and the one after will

also need to be looked at as they are weakened by the one leaning. Mr. Hyman also said that the street light on his corner near Ventnor Avenue is blinking on and off and that he is asking the Borough to have it fixed.

Bob English of 130 N. 32<sup>nd</sup> Avenue complimented the Governing Body on the recent street opening repair project. He also wanted to alert the Governing Body of a law that is ready for the Governor's signature that would allow the NJ Board of Public Utilities to overrule municipalities when it comes to placement/installation of electric lines. He explained that the law is a result of the Orsted off shore wind project. He said that Ocean City is objecting to the where lines would be installed in the city. He added that it might be something the Governing Body would want to look into and develop a position on the project. Commissioner Leeds noted that Ocean City has been voicing its opinion on the project and questioned if Longport should do the same.

Lisa Jacobson of Evergreen Avenue called in and said that storm sewer lines in Margate had been replaced in the past year. She asked if the engineer could look at Longport's storm sewer lines on both Ventnor and Monmouth avenues to see if they need to be replaced. She said that they appear to be filled with water prior to any rainfall. Engineer Dennis said that he has looked at the lines and is working on this project. He said that it would be a one to two year process to address drainage upgrades. Mayor Russo added that the storm sewer basins are cleaned out as part of their routine maintenance.

Terri Grossman of 3202 Sunset Avenue expressed her concerns about misinformation regarding traffic in the Borough. She said that there are some drivers who obey the traffic rules, but there are also others who are driving aggressively and speeding. She was concerned for her safety and noted that there is still a great deal of traffic on Amherst and Sunset avenues. She also noted a traffic change on Monmouth Avenue. Mayor Russo discussed some of Ms. Grossman's concerns. She was particularly concerned about the bend at 33<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and asked that it be addressed. There was further discussion on this topic including the installation of a 'light up solar' Stop sign. She also questioned if the speed could be reduced lower than 25 miles per hour. Engineer Dennis explained that 25 mph is the minimum speed permitted by State statute. There was further discussion on this topic.

No one else wished to speak.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Adjournment – 4:44 pm.