

**BOROUGH OF LONGPORT WORKSHOP COMMISSION MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 2305 ATLANTIC AVE
LONGPORT, NJ 08403
WEDNESDAY, May 18, 2022 – 4:00 PM**

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 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 May 13, 2022. 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

Borough Solicitor Affanato, Administrator Porter, Engineer Dennis, Police Chief Culmone, Fire Chief Clayton, and Municipal Clerk Kyle also present.

Mayor Russo stated the location of the emergency exits and discussed opportunities for public comment.

A proclamation and plaque were presented to Officer Christopher Ricciotti for more than 32 years of service to the Borough of Longport. The Longport Police Department also made a presentation to Officer Ricciotti.

Likie Nika of Ozzie’s Luncheonette and Joseph Tucker of Catch appeared before the Board of Commissioners regarding an application for the installation of an outdoor tent in front of their restaurants. Ms. Nika presented the Mayor with a petition to allow the outdoor tent. Solicitor Affanato explained that outdoor dining is currently permitted. He added that the Governing Body needed to decide if it would permit the covering of Borough property, the sidewalk, located in front of the restaurants. Ms. Nika and Mr. Tucker discussed their ideas and plans for a tent. There was further discussion on this topic including the safety of diners and pedestrians. The Board of Commissioners concluded that a resolution would be added to the regular meeting agenda to allow for the covering of the sidewalk. Solicitor Affanato explained that the covering/tent location, design, and pedestrian walkway would require approval by the Zoning Officer, Police Chief and Fire Chief. Commissioner Lawler noted that he would like to see a more permanent solution for the following summer season. Commissioner Lawler also discussed some future changes, including the installation of safety bollards in front of the parking spaces in this area.

Commissioner Lawler requested that Fire Chief Clayton discuss a topic that he had brought up at the last meeting as he was unable to attend that meeting. Fire Chief Clayton explained that he attended the previous meeting to request that that Governing Body reconsider allowing dogs on the beach during the summer season during from approximately 6:30 am to 8:30 am. There was further discussion on this topic. Solicitor Affanato said that he would draft an amending ordinance for the Governing Body’s review.

Administrator Porter:

Administrator Porter had no further report for the workshop meeting.

Borough Solicitor Affanato:

Solicitor Affanato discussed a request by the New Jersey Division of Taxation to use the old boat dock previously used by the Longport Volunteer Fire Department. He explained that the Division could not provide a hold harmless form, but did name the Borough of Longport as 'additional insured.' He did not see any legal issues with allowing use of the dock. The Governing Body agreed to allow the NJ Division of Taxation to use the dock located behind Borough Hall.

Solicitor Affanato also discussed an ordinance drafted by the Longport Planning and Zoning Board for consideration by the Board of Commissioners at the June 1st meeting. He noted that a representative from the planning and zoning board would attend a workshop meeting to discuss the ordinance.

Borough Engineer Dennis:

Borough Engineer Dennis provided an update on the Well House #4 project. He noted that the slabs would be poured soon. He explained that work would continue through the middle of June in order to complete masonry work. He said that heavy duty work would be stopped for the summer season to minimize any disturbance in the neighborhood. He said that the permit work for the bulkhead repair at Amherst Avenue was underway. He also said he is working on 2023 State grant applications with the Public Works Department.

Mayor Russo:

Mayor Russo – nothing further to report.

Commissioner Leeds:

Commissioner Leeds – nothing further to report.

Commissioner Lawler:

Commissioner Lawler – nothing further to report.

Municipal Clerk Kyle:

Municipal Clerk Kyle noted that she had a request from a resident for a borough-wide yard sale event. There was further discussion on this topic.

Commissioner Lawler:

Commissioner Lawler noted that the City of Margate had reached out to the Borough regarding municipal court services. He said that they wanted to meet to discuss continuing the agreement for shared municipal court services. There was further discussion on this topic. It was noted that the cost to join the Atlantic County Centralized Court System would be approximately \$42,000 a year.

Miscellaneous:

None.

Motion to Adjourn – Commissioner Leeds, seconded by Commissioner Lawler. All in Favor – Yes. None Opposed. Meeting adjourned at 5:04 pm.

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

Borough Solicitor Affanato, Administrator Porter, Police Chief Culmone, Engineer Dennis, and Municipal Clerk Kyle also present.

Emergency exits and public comment information provided by Mayor Russo.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lawler, seconded by Commissioner Leeds to add Resolution R2022-63 to the agenda. All in Favor – Yes. None Opposed.

Approval of minutes-

Municipal Clerk Kyle requested a motion to approve the minutes from the April 13, 2022, Workshop and Regular Commission Meetings. Commissioner Leeds made a motion, seconded by Mayor Russo, to approve the minutes from the April 13, 2022, meeting. ALL AYES- none opposed.

ORDINANCES – SECOND READING/ PUBLIC HEARING on O2022-05 - Bond Ordinance Appropriating Three Million Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$3,300,000) and Authorizing the Issuance of Three Million One Hundred Thirty Five Thousand Dollars (\$3,135,000) in Bonds and Notes of the Borough of Longport for Various Capital Improvements or Purposes Authorized to be Undertaken by the Borough of Longport, in the County of Atlantic, New Jersey

Bob English of 130 N. 32nd Avenue had several questions, including if the bond was increased to include the purchase of a new fire truck for the Longport Volunteer Fire Department, how payment works and how much would taxes increase. He also discussed the Longport Volunteer Fire department and supported the purchase of a new truck. He noted some of the items included in the bond ordinance are the repair of tennis courts and new playground equipment, although he said he believed that public safety should be the number one priority.

Mary Nugent of 2604 Oberon Avenue questioned what was included as ‘other various capital improvements’ in the bond ordinance. Administrator Porter addressed her question. Ms. Nugent also

discussed over bonding and retiring residual funds. Engineer Dennis explained that any remaining funds would be reallocated to the capital fund.

There was no further comment on this ordinance.

ORDINANCES – SECOND READING/ PUBLIC HEARING on O2022-06 - Bond Ordinance Providing for Various Water/Sewer Utility Capital Improvements in and by the Borough of Longport, in the County of Atlantic, New Jersey Appropriating One Million Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,600,000) therefor and Authorizing the Issuance of One Million Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,600,000) Bonds or Notes of the Borough for Financing the Cost Thereof.

No one wished to speak on this ordinance.

ORDINANCES – SECOND READING/ PUBLIC HEARING on O2022-07 – An Ordinance Amending Longport Code Chapter 167-44 F – Duties and Powers of the Zoning Officer.

No one wished to speak on this ordinance.

ORDINANCE

Number	Title
2022-05	Bond Ordinance Appropriating Three Million Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$3,300,000) and Authorizing the Issuance of Three Million One Hundred Thirty Five Thousand Dollars (\$3,135,000) in Bonds and Notes of the Borough of Longport for Various Capital Improvements or Purposes Authorized to be Undertaken by the Borough of Longport, in the County of Atlantic, New Jersey
Purpose	The purpose of this ordinance is to authorize the municipality to appropriate Three Million Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$3,300,000) and authorize issuing Three Million One Hundred Thirty Five Thousand Dollars (\$3,135,000) in Bonds and Notes for various capital improvements or purposes authorized to be undertaken.
Motion	Motion – Mayor Russo, seconded by Commissioner Lawler to Adopt Ordinance #O2022-05.
Roll Call Vote	Mayor Russo – YES. Commissioner Leeds – YES. Commissioner Lawler – YES. ALL AYES. None opposed.
2022-06	Bond Ordinance Providing for Various Water/Sewer Utility Capital Improvements in and by the Borough of Longport, in the County of Atlantic, New Jersey Appropriating One Million Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,600,000) therefor and Authorizing the Issuance of One Million Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,600,000) Bonds or Notes of the Borough for Financing the Cost Thereof
Purpose	The purpose of this ordinance is authorize the municipality to appropriate One

	Million Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,600,000) for various water/sewer utility capital improvements in and by the Borough of Longport and authorizing the issuance of One Million Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,600,000) in bonds or notes for financing the cost.
Motion	Motion – Commissioner Leeds, seconded by Commissioner Lawler to Adopt Ordinance #O2022-06.
Roll Call Vote	Mayor Russo – YES. Commissioner Leeds – YES. Commissioner Lawler – YES. ALL AYES. None opposed.
2022-07	Ordinance O2022-07– An Ordinance Amending Longport Code Chapter 167-44 F – Duties and Powers of the Zoning Officer
Purpose	The purpose of this ordinance is amend Longport Code Chapter 167-44 F – Duties and Powers of the Zoning Officer to include the following: <i>after completion of the roof framing and building and eave height; a roof pitch certification by a licensed surveyor shall be provided showing the roof pitch in compliance with Chapter 167-7A.</i>
Motion	Motion – Commissioner Lawler, seconded by Commissioner Lawler to Adopt Ordinance #O2022-07.
Roll Call Vote	Mayor Russo – YES. Commissioner Leeds – YES. Commissioner Lawler – YES. ALL AYES. None opposed.

Public Comment or questions on listed resolutions:

The public comment section prior to the listed resolutions was unintentionally omitted by the Municipal Clerk; however, Solicitor Affanato noted that comment is permitted on resolutions. Mary Nugent of 2604 Oberon Avenue discussed the location of the pedestrian walkway in Resolution R2022-63. She expressed her concern with the North/ South traffic on the sidewalk. Solicitor Affanato addressed her concerns regarding the location of the walkway on the sidewalk.

RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT AGENDA (R2022-54 through R2022-62):

Number	Title
2022-54	Chapter 159 – Budget Insertion for Optional Safety Incentive Grant MOTION – RUSSO, SECOND- LAWLER, All AYES- none opposed.
2022-55	Approving Updated Flood Insurance Promotion Activity with the Atlantic Cape Multi-Jurisdictional Program for Public Information MOTION – RUSSO, SECOND- LAWLER, All AYES- none opposed.
2022-56	Establishment of an Emergency ‘No Parking’ Area, Closure, and Detouring During 2022 Memorial Day Parade MOTION – RUSSO, SECOND- LAWLER, All AYES- none opposed.

2022-57	Award of Contract to Hertrich Fleet Services, Inc., 1427 Bay Road, Milford, DE 19963, for the Purchase of a 2021 Dodge Ram 1500 Classic 4WD Crew Cab at Longport Beach Patrol MOTION – RUSSO, SECOND- LAWLER, All AYES- none opposed.
2022-58	A Resolution Establishing a Temporary Emergency ‘No Parking’ Area Along Atlantic Avenue – Southeast Corner of 22 nd to Margate City Line – South Side MOTION – RUSSO, SECOND- LAWLER, All AYES- none opposed.
2022-59	Approving the Award of a License to Conduct Beach Vending Pursuant to the Terms and Conditions of Licensure and the Sealed Bid Established by Resolution 2021-182 MOTION – RUSSO, SECOND- LAWLER, All AYES- none opposed.
2022-60	A Resolution to Retain Tiffany A. CuvIELLO, PP, LLC, as a Consultant for a Vacant Land Analysis MOTION – RUSSO, SECOND- LAWLER, All AYES- none opposed.
2022-61	A Resolution Amending R2022-50 Designating the Bathing Season and the Guarded Beaches Including Authorized Staffing in the Borough of Longport MOTION – RUSSO, SECOND- LAWLER, All AYES- none opposed.
2022-62	Award of Contract to Monmouth Telecom 10 DRS. James Parker Blvd., Suite 110, Red Bank, NJ 07701, for the Purchase of a Telephone System for Borough Hall and Other Departments at 2305 Atlantic Avenue MOTION – RUSSO, SECOND- LAWLER, All AYES- none opposed.

RESOLUTION

Number	Title
2022-63	A Resolution Granting Covering of Borough Sidewalks for Outdoor Dining MOTION – LAWLER, SECOND- LEEDS, All AYES- none opposed.
Roll Call Vote	Mayor Russo – Yes Commissioner Leeds – Yes Commissioner Lawler – Yes

FINANCIAL SUMMARY REPORT

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

BILL LISTS (Amended for April 13, 2022) and May 18 2022

Commissioner Leeds, Commissioner of Revenue and Finance, asked if there were any questions on the Bill Lists. There were none. MOTION – LEEDS, SECOND – RUSSO. 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 noted that the Memorial Day Parade will be held at 11 am.

COMMISSIONER LEEDS

Commissioner Leeds - nothing further to report.

COMMISSIONER LAWLER

Commissioner Lawler – nothing further to report.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bob English of 130 N. 32nd Avenue had several questions regarding the municipal budget and the remaining costs for shared municipal court services for the City of Margate. Administrator Porter addressed Mr. English's questions. Commissioner Leeds also noted that the CFO could address this question and his previous questions about the fire truck at the next meeting.

Mary Nugent of 2604 Oberon Avenue asked about the status of Seaview Harbor's appeal to secede from Egg Harbor Township. Solicitor Affanato noted that the appeal was denied. Ms. Nugent questioned what the status was of the bulkhead project on 36th and Amherst avenues. Engineer Dennis noted that he is working with the adjacent property owner, Mr. Lamberti, to repair the bulkhead. Ms. Nugent had several questions regarding the use of Borough-owned property, the sidewalk, for outdoor dining and if the restaurants provided the Borough with proper insurance, etc. Solicitor Affanato addressed her question. She also expressed concern with allowing dogs on the beach during the summer season. She said that when cleaning up after dogs that everything is not removed and was concerned about children on the beach. She felt the Governing Body should reconsider based on this premise. Ms. Nugent also requested live video streaming of Borough Commission Meetings without public participation. Solicitor Affanato noted that the Borough does currently provide live audio streaming of the meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION – COMMISSIONER LAWLER, SECOND – COMMISSIONER LEEDS. All AYES- none opposed.
Adjournment – 5:29 pm.