

**BOROUGH OF LONGPORT WORKSHOP COMMISSION MEETING  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 2305 ATLANTIC AVE  
LONGPORT, NJ 08403  
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17, 2022 – 4:00 PM**

The meeting was called to order at 4:03 pm due to issues starting the audio for remote members of the public wishing to listen to the meeting.

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 August 12, 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, CFO Kelly, CRS Coordinator Funk, Library Director Gerhardt, and Municipal Clerk Kyle also present.

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

Community Rating System Coordinator Funk provided the Governing Body with an Annual Community Rating System Activity 2022 Year in Review report. He discussed a shared service agreement with Margate and Ventnor cities for the purchase of a mobile command center. He also discussed monthly testing of the Emergency Warning System. He explained that the Early Warning System now has the ability to be activated remotely. He also discussed flood warning procedures. Mayor Russo asked if there is a way to integrate the Stevens Flood Advisory System with the Borough's warning system. CRS Coordinator Funk said he would look into coordinating Stevens and Code Red messaging. He also discussed a LEAP grant for Forerunner CRS software. He discussed the NJ Department of Environmental Protection's new regulations requiring municipalities to revise flood damage prevention ordinances. Commissioner Leeds had questions regarding the Borough's current ordinance and the State mandated changes. Solicitor Affanato addressed Commissioner Leeds' questions. CRS Coordinator Funk also provided an update on the NJ Coalition as well as the installation of live web cams throughout the Borough to show flooding and other weather events in real time. He discussed several grants received by the Borough including an electric vehicle charging station grant and a grant for an electric vehicle. Commissioner Leeds asked where the charging station would be located. CRS Coordinator Funk explained that it would be installed behind Borough Hall. He also discussed several other grants applied for including BRIC grants. He explained how he regularly surveys the beaches and dunes, adding if the Borough is hit by a coastal storm that this helps in assessing damages. He said that this year he will complete this process by using a drone. Mayor Russo discussed the NJ Coastal Coalition and commended Bruce Funk, Jim Agnesino, and Jim Galantino in creating the coalition.

Administrator Porter:

Administrator Porter discussed beach operations and the Longport Beach Patrol. He said that they had 1,094 rescues, 1,093 first aid calls, and responded to two ambulance calls during the month of July. He

also discussed the beach transport program handled by the Recreation Department. He noted that the program is working very well and that to date there have been 95 beach transports. He said last year there were over 1,000 transports. He explained that Recreation Supervisor and Solicitor Affanato created a new policy that is working very well.

He discussed recent OSHA inspections that included the Borough's beach patrol and others throughout the State. He said the Borough received a letter of non-conformance regarding lightning and surfboard operations. He discussed various options to address OSHA's letter.

Administrator Porter also discussed a LEAP Grant resolution on the regular meeting agenda.

He discussed the addition of two new officers in the Longport Police Department. He said they would begin early 2023 following completion of the police academy. He said that there were 1,287 police calls in July. He said that 447 were property checks, 322 parking complaints, and 10 were ordinance violations.

Administrator Porter also discussed shared municipal court services. Mayor Russo noted that he would like to continue to the shared services agreement with Margate City. He added that he felt that the County system still had some bumps to work out. Solicitor Affanato discussed the current shared service agreement with Margate and requested clarification regarding the fee agreement. Administrator Porter explained that Margate had lowered its fee for the service. Solicitor Affanato discussed amending the shared service agreement with Margate. There was further discussion on this topic. Commissioner Lawler said that Margate significantly reduced its fees since the initial agreement. He also said that he heard that there were some operational issues that still need to be worked out with the County system. He added that based on this, he would like to continue with Margate and wait 16 more months before making a decision regarding joining the County system. The Governing Body agreed to move forward with continuing with Margate and requested that the Solicitor prepare a resolution and new contract for the next commission meeting. Administrator Porter said that he would reach out to Margate to inform them of the Governing Body's intent.

#### Borough Solicitor Affanato:

Borough Solicitor Affanato discussed a resolution on the regular agenda for a LEAP grant. He explained that Longport is the grant recipient and that the five or six municipalities would be sub-lessees.

He also discussed a draft ordinance that he provided to the Governing Body for review regarding the addition of daily beach tag sales. The Borough currently sells weekly and seasonal tags. Mayor Russo supported the idea of a daily tag. He also discussed installing an ATM machine so people would have access to cash needed for purchasing tags. Commissioner Leeds asked if the daily tag would be a wrist band. Solicitor Affanato said he would prepare the ordinance for introduction at the next Commission Meeting.

#### Borough Engineer Dennis:

Borough Engineer Dennis discussed several upcoming projects that are scheduled to begin in the fall/winter, including the rehabilitation of the water tank. He noted that this project was ready to go out for bid. He discussed the Monmouth Avenue road project from 32<sup>nd</sup> Avenue to the Margate border and said that he is in the process of completing the design phase.

He also discussed the Atlantic Avenue roadway project (from 22<sup>nd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> Avenues) and explained that it was currently in the engineering phase and would go out to bid soon for construction in the fall.

He noted that there were several pricing and vendor options for playground equipment for the Governing Body's review.

He provided an update on Well House #4. He also discussed the Amherst Avenue bulkhead project and said that the permit application had been submitted. The firm handling the permit said that it is expected to be ready sometime mid-fall. He suggested going out to bid in September in anticipation of receiving the permit in October.

Engineer Dennis said he met with Mr. Rutala to discuss grant funding and stimulus monies that should become available soon.

Mayor Russo:

Mayor Russo discussed the fireworks display and said that the cost was \$12,700. He added that approximately \$9,800 had been raised in donations. He said that the contract was signed and it would be held on Sept. 3, with a wind/rain date of Sept. 4<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioner Leeds:

Commissioner Leeds discussed the playground equipment and suggesting moving forward on it quickly so the equipment could be installed in time for the summer season.

Commissioner Lawler:

Commissioner Lawler asked about the fireworks display donation process.

Municipal Clerk Kyle:

Municipal Clerk Kyle discussed the 2023 Board of Commissioners Annual Meeting Schedule. She also noted that she would work on addressing static issues with the speaker/microphone system.

Miscellaneous:

None.

**Motion to Adjourn** – Commissioner Leeds, seconded by Commissioner Lawler. All in Favor – Yes. None Opposed. Meeting adjourned at 4:40 pm.

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

Borough Solicitor Affanato, Administrator Porter, Engineer Dennis, CFO Kelly, Beach Patrol Chief Kresz, Library Director Gerhardt, and Municipal Clerk Kyle also present.

Emergency exits and public comment information provided by Mayor Russo.

The annual Community Rating System Activity 2022 update was provided by CRS Coordinator Funk during the workshop meeting.

Approval of minutes-

Municipal Clerk Kyle requested a motion to approve the minutes from the July 20, 2022, Workshop and Regular Commission Meetings. Commissioner Leeds made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Lawler, to approve the minutes from the July 20, 2022, meeting. ALL AYES- none opposed.

The following ordinance was introduced for a first reading/ introduction:

**First Reading/ Introduction of Ordinance O2022-13 – An Ordinance Authorizing the Salaries, Wages and Compensation for Members of the Government Workers Union – Public Works.** *A second reading and public hearing will be held at the September 21, 2022, Regular Commission Meeting that will follow the 4 pm workshop meeting.*

**ORDINANCE:**

Number	Title
2022-13	An Ordinance Authorizing the Salaries, Wages and Compensation for Members of the Government Workers Union – Public Works
Purpose	The purpose of this ordinance is to establish the salaries, wages and compensation in years 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025, for members of the

Motion	Government Workers Union – Public Works. Motion – Mayor Russo, seconded by Commissioner Lawler to Introduce Ordinance #O2022-13.
All in Favor	ALL AYES. None opposed.

Public Comment or questions on listed resolution:

There was no public comment on the listed resolution.

**RESOLUTION:**

Number	Title
2022-89	A Resolution for the Governing Body – Certification of the Annual Audit MOTION – RUSSO, SECOND- LAWLER.
Roll Call Vote	Mayor Russo – YES. Commissioner Leeds – YES. Commissioner Lawler – YES. ALL AYES. None opposed.

Public Comment or questions on listed resolutions:

There was no public comment on the listed resolutions.

**RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT AGENDA (R2022-90 through R2022-100):**

Number	Title
2022-90	A Resolution Authorizing a Fireworks Display in the Borough of Longport MOTION – RUSSO, SECOND- LEEDS, All AYES- none opposed.
2022-91	A Resolution Establishing an Emergency “No Parking” Area During the 2022 Wounded Warrior Parade MOTION – RUSSO, SECOND- LEEDS, All AYES- none opposed.
2022-92	A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Contract Between the Borough of Longport and the Government Workers Union (Public Works) MOTION – RUSSO, SECOND- LEEDS, All AYES- none opposed.
2022-93	Resolution to Extend 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter Tax Due Date MOTION – RUSSO, SECOND- LEEDS, All AYES- none opposed.
2022-94	Chapter 159 – Budget Insertion for Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over – Holiday Crackdown MOTION – RUSSO, SECOND- LEEDS, All AYES- none opposed.
2022-95	Chapter 159 – Budget Insertion for FEMA FMA Flood Mitigation Planning Grant – Winchester Avenue MOTION – RUSSO, SECOND- LEEDS, All AYES- none opposed.
2022-96	Chapter 159 – Budget Insertion for 2022 American Rescue Act Funds MOTION – RUSSO, SECOND- LEEDS, All AYES- none opposed.

2022-97	Authorizing the Borough of Longport to Execute a LEAP Grant Agreement with the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services MOTION – RUSSO, SECOND- LEEDS, All AYES- none opposed.
2022-98	A Resolution Requesting Permission for the Dedication by Rider for Unemployment Insurance Trust MOTION – RUSSO, SECOND- LEEDS, All AYES- none opposed.
2022-99	A Resolution Authorizing Payment of Accumulated Sick Time MOTION – RUSSO, SECOND- LEEDS, All AYES- none opposed.
2022-100	Support the Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over 2022 Statewide Labor Day Crackdown MOTION – RUSSO, SECOND- LEEDS, All AYES- none opposed.

**BILL LIST**

Commissioner Leeds asked if there were any questions on the Bill List. There were none. MOTION – LEEDS, SECOND – RUSSO. ALL IN FAVOR - ALL AYES. NONE OPPOSED.

**FINANCIAL SUMMARY REPORT**

Commissioner Leeds asked if there were any questions on the Financial Summary Report. 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 – nothing further to report.

**COMMISSIONER LEEDS**

Commissioner Leeds – nothing further to report.

**COMMISSIONER LAWLER**

Commissioner Lawler – nothing further to report.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Bob English of 130 N. 32<sup>nd</sup> Avenue discussed a power outage that caused a break in water supply. He wanted to know if there were backup generators for the water supply. It was noted that there are backup generators, but there was an issue that affected the backup system.

Mr. English also requested that the speed control sign from Amherst Avenue be moved closer to Winchester Avenue and the Margate border. He said he felt that traffic was speeding down Winchester Avenue and it would be more effective on this street. He noted that when cars are parked on both sides of Winchester Avenue, it is difficult to see at the intersections. He also requested that the AV system be addressed due to excessive static. Commissioner Leeds also discussed the sign on Amherst Avenue.

Chief Clayton of the Longport Volunteer Fire Department said that the marine unit of the fire department was requested to respond to two jet skis that had a mechanical malfunction in Lakes Bay in Pleasantville. He noted that the Margate City Fire Department and Longport Beach Patrol also assisted in the rescue of the two jet skiers. He noted that Longport has been called on for assistance more this year because of its marine equipment.

Patrick Armstrong of 402 N. 34<sup>th</sup> Avenue thanked all involved in the South Jersey Lifeguard Championship races event. He noted that the police, fire and beach patrol departments all worked together for the event. He said these types of events are what make Longport a great community.

**PROCLAMATION TO THE MEMBERS OF TEAM THUNDERDOME** – Patrick Armstrong, James Haney, Gavin Neal and John Sahl, winners of the Four-Person Relay – 56<sup>th</sup> Around the Island Swim competition.

Coach Joe Haney of Atlantic City discussed the swim event and the relay team put together, Team Thunderdome, to participate in the event. He said they won the race overall, in addition to the four-way relay. Both Patrick Armstrong and James Haney were in attendance to receive the proclamation. Haney noted that Gavin Neal and John Sahl were not able to attend the meeting. He also discussed the difficult swimming conditions including 8-foot swells and frigid water temperatures as low as 54 degrees Fahrenheit.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION – COMMISSIONER LEEDS, SECOND – COMMISSIONER LAWLER. All AYES- none opposed.  
Adjournment – 5:00 pm.