

**BOROUGH OF LONGPORT WORKSHOP COMMISSION MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 2305 ATLANTIC AVE
LONGPORT, NJ 08403
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, 2023 – 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 Ocean City Sentinel on March 10, 2023. 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	absent

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

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

Administrator Porter:

Administrator Porter discussed the municipal budget for 2023. He noted that it would be introduced soon.

He also discussed new playground equipment for 33rd Avenue and the beach. He said the delivery date for the equipment would be July 2023. He wanted direction from the Governing Body on how it wanted to handle installation of the equipment. Mayor Russo suggested waiting for installation after the summer season. Administrator Porter explained that there is a delay in the delivery of the equipment. He added that the Borough was clear that it wanted the equipment installed before the summer season. There was discussion on possibly delaying delivery of the order. One of the concerns is if it is delivered in July there is no space to store the equipment until it is ready for installation. There was further discussion on this topic.

Administrator Porter also requested that the Governing Body withdraw Resolution 2023-39 as some additional details needed to be addressed prior to adoption.

Alternate Borough Solicitor Agnellini:

Alternate Borough Solicitor Agnellini had nothing to report.

Borough Engineer Dennis:

Engineer Dennis discussed ongoing construction projects in the Borough and provided updates on the following: Atlantic Avenue roadway construction, the Monmouth Avenue roadway project, and the water tower renovation project. He added that there have been weather delays regarding the water tower project, but that the interior and exterior have been blasted and are ready to be painted. He also discussed well building #4 and said that the Borough is waiting for the electric company to finish service

work. He said that the 36th Avenue bulkhead project will be starting soon and that the contractor will hang a sediment curtain as a precursor to construction. He also discussed a resolution to award the tennis and pickle ball court renovation project. He added that one tennis court would be removed and replaced with pickle ball courts. He said the work would be completed before Memorial Day. He discussed the firehouse floor resurfacing project. He also discussed upgrades of the police holding cells. He noted that he met with library representatives regarding its proposed library expansion and that his office reviewed the scope of the project.

Mayor Russo asked if the Borough had passed the stage where residents could still experience water pressure fluctuations. It was noted that it has not. Commissioner Leeds noted that there had been discussion previously regarding the pickle ball courts, including that one will be added where a tennis court used to be.

Mayor Russo:

Mayor Russo provided an update on the next 125th Anniversary Committee meeting, adding that the next scheduled meeting is April 4th at 4 pm. He also provided an update on the food vendors for the Town Party.

Commissioner Leeds:

Commissioner Leeds had nothing further to report.

Commissioner Lawler:

Commissioner Lawler – absent.

Municipal Clerk Kyle:

Municipal Clerk Kyle noted that minutes were provided to the Governing Body earlier today for review.

Miscellaneous:

None.

Motion to Adjourn – Commissioner Leeds, seconded by Mayor Russo. All in Favor – Yes. None Opposed. Commissioner Lawler – absent. Meeting adjourned at 4:17 pm.

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

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

Emergency exits and public comment information provided by Mayor Russo.

Approval of Minutes:

Municipal Clerk Kyle requested a motion to approve the minutes from the February 15, 2023, Workshop and Regular Commission Meeting. Commissioner Leeds made a motion, seconded by Mayor Russo, to approve the minutes from the February 15, 2023, meeting. ALL AYES- none opposed. Commissioner Lawler – absent.

ORDINANCES – SECOND READING/ PUBLIC HEARING on **Ordinance O2023-04** – An Ordinance Amending Chapter 161 – Vehicles and Traffic of the Code of the Borough of Longport, Atlantic County, NJ, as it Pertains to Handicapped Parking

There were no comments or questions from the public on Ordinance O2023-04.

ORDINANCE:

Number	Title
2023-04	An Ordinance Amending Chapter 161 – Vehicles and Traffic of the Code of the Borough of Longport, Atlantic County, NJ, as it Pertains to Handicapped Parking
Purpose	The purpose of this ordinance is to amend Chapter 161 by removing the handicapped parking space at 135 North Woodcrest Avenue from Section 14:1: Schedule 2A Handicapped Parking.
Motion	Motion – Commissioner Leeds, seconded by Mayor Russo to adopt Ordinance #O2023-04.

Roll Call Vote	Mayor Russo – YES. Commissioner Leeds – YES. Commissioner Lawler – Absent. ALL AYES. None opposed.
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ORDINANCES – SECOND READING/ PUBLIC HEARING on Ordinance O2023-05 – An Ordinance Amending Article I Chapter 61-2 Beach Fees

There were no comments or questions from the public on Ordinance O2023-05.

ORDINANCE:

Number	Title
2023-05	An Ordinance Amending Article I Chapter 61-2 – Beach Fees
Purpose	The purpose of this ordinance is to amend beach fees to increase fees for the regular seasonal beach tag, to increase the fee for weekly tags, and to add a fee for a daily beach tag.
Motion	Motion – Commissioner Leeds, seconded by Mayor Russo to adopt Ordinance #O2023-05.
Roll Call Vote	Mayor Russo – YES. Commissioner Leeds – YES. Commissioner Lawler – Absent. ALL AYES. None opposed.

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

First Reading/ Introduction of the following Ordinances: O2023-06 – An Ordinance Authorizing Salaries, Wages and Compensation for Members of the Longport Policemen’s Benevolent Association; Ordinance O2023-07 – An Ordinance Authorizing the Salaries, Wages and Compensation in Year 2023 for Employees not Covered by Previous Ordinance or Union Contract; O2023-08 – An Ordinance Authorizing Salaries, Wages and Compensation for Members of the Longport Lifeguard Association, and Ordinance O2023-09 – An Ordinance of the Borough of Longport, County of Atlantic and State of New Jersey, Amending Chapter 167 – Zoning and Chapter 15 – Development Procedures, Relating to Building Height Requirements. A second reading and public hearing will be held at the April 19, 2023, Regular Commission Meeting that will follow the 4 pm workshop meeting.

ORDINANCE:

Number	Title
2023-06	An Ordinance Authorizing Salaries, Wages and Compensation for Members of the Longport Policemen’s Benevolent Association
Purpose	The purpose of this ordinance is to authorize the salaries, wages and compensation for members of the Longport Policemen’s Benevolent Association, providing a salary guide from years 2022 through 2027
Motion	Motion – Mayor Russo, seconded by Commissioner Leeds to Introduce

	Ordinance #O2023-06.
All in Favor	ALL AYES. None opposed. Commissioner Lawler – absent.

First Reading/ Introduction of Ordinance O2023-07 – An Ordinance Authorizing the Salaries, Wages and Compensation in Year 2023 for Employees not Covered by Previous Ordinance or Union Contract.
A second reading and public hearing will be held at the April 19, 2023, Regular Commission Meeting that will follow the 4 pm workshop meeting.

ORDINANCE:

Number	Title
2023-07	An Ordinance Authorizing the Salaries, Wages and Compensation in Year 2023 for Employees not Covered by Previous Ordinance or Union Contracts
Purpose	The purpose of this ordinance is to authorize salaries, wages and compensation in year 2023 for employees not covered by previous ordinance or union contracts
Motion	Motion – Commissioner Leeds, seconded by Mayor Russo to Introduce Ordinance #O2023-07.
All in Favor	ALL AYES. None opposed. Commissioner Lawler – absent.

First Reading/ Introduction of Ordinance O2023-08 – An Ordinance Authorizing Salaries, Wages and Compensation for Members of the Longport Lifeguard Association.
A second reading and public hearing will be held at the April 19, 2023, Regular Commission Meeting that will follow the 4 pm workshop meeting.

ORDINANCE:

Number	Title
2023-08	An Ordinance Authorizing Salaries, Wages and Compensation for Members of the Longport Lifeguard Association
Purpose	The purpose of this ordinance is to authorize salaries, wages and compensation for members of the Longport Lifeguard Association for years 2023 through 2025.
Motion	Motion – Mayor Russo, seconded by Commissioner Leeds to Introduce Ordinance #O2023-08.
All in Favor	ALL AYES. None opposed. Commissioner Lawler - absent.

First Reading/ Introduction of Ordinance O2023-09 – An Ordinance of the Borough of Longport, County of Atlantic and State of New Jersey, Amending Chapter 167 – Zoning and Chapter 15 –

Development Procedures, Relating to Building Height Requirements. *A second reading and public hearing will be held at the April 19, 2023, Regular Commission Meeting that will follow the 4 pm workshop meeting.*

ORDINANCE:

Number	Title
2023-09	An Ordinance of the Borough of Longport, County of Atlantic and State of New Jersey, Amending Chapter 167 – Zoning and Chapter 15 – Development Procedures, Relating to Building Height Requirements
Purpose	The purpose of this ordinance is to amend sections of Chapter 167 Zoning and Chapter 15 – Development Procedures, related to building height requirements.
Motion	Motion – Commissioner Leeds, seconded by Mayor Russo to Introduce Ordinance #O2023-09.
All in Favor	ALL AYES. None opposed. Commissioner Lawler - absent.

Public Comment or questions on listed resolution R 2023-35 – Emergency Temporary Appropriation 2023:

There were no comments or questions from the public.

Commissioner Leeds made a motion to adopt **R2023-35**, seconded by Mayor Russo. All in Favor – All Ayes. None Opposed. Commissioner Lawler – absent.

Public Comment or questions on listed resolutions:

There were no comments or comments from the public.

A motion was made by Mayor Russo, seconded by Commissioner Lawler, to adopt the Consent Agenda with the exception of **Resolution 2023-39 – A Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Contract Between the Borough of Longport and the Longport Lifeguard Association 2023-2025**, this was Withdrawn. All Ayes – None Opposed. Commissioner Lawler – absent.

RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT AGENDA (R2023-36 through R2023-46):

Number	Title
2023-36	Resolution of the Borough of Longport Approving the Second Joinder Agreement Allowing the City of Egg Harbor City to Withdraw as a Participant and including New Jersey – American Water Company, Inc., as a New Participant MOTION – RUSSO, SECOND- LEEDS, All AYES- none opposed. Commissioner Lawler – Absent.
2023-37	A Resolution Approving the Application of the Longport Volunteer Fire Department for Conducting a Coin Drop on Ventnor Avenue, a County Road MOTION – RUSSO, SECOND- LEEDS, All AYES- none opposed. Commissioner Lawler – Absent.

2023-38	<p>A Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Contract Between the Borough of Longport and the Borough Chief of Police MOTION – RUSSO, SECOND- LEEDS, All AYES- none opposed. Commissioner Lawler – Absent.</p>
2023-39*	<p>A Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Contract Between the Borough of Longport and the Longport Lifeguard Association 2023 – 2025 *MOTION to WITHDRAW– RUSSO, SECOND- LEEDS, All AYES- none opposed. Commissioner Lawler – Absent.</p>
2023-40	<p>A Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Contract Between the Borough of Longport and the New Jersey Policemen’s Benevolent Association Local No. 363 MOTION – RUSSO, SECOND- LEEDS, All AYES- none opposed. Commissioner Lawler – Absent.</p>
2023-41	<p>A Resolution Appointing an Alternate Conflict Public Defender for the Borough of Longport MOTION – RUSSO, SECOND- LEEDS, All AYES- none opposed. Commissioner Lawler – Absent.</p>
2023-42	<p>A Resolution Authorizing the Disposal of Surplus Property MOTION – RUSSO, SECOND- LEEDS, All AYES- none opposed. Commissioner Lawler – Absent.</p>
2023-43	<p>A Resolution Designating Additional Official Borough of Longport Newspapers for the Year 2023 MOTION – RUSSO, SECOND- LEEDS, All AYES- none opposed. Commissioner Lawler – Absent.</p>
2023-44	<p>Appointment of Municipal Engineer and Authorization of Non-Fair and Open Contract to Edward D. Dennis, Jr., of Remington & Vernick Engineers for Professional Services as Longport Municipal Engineer MOTION – RUSSO, SECOND- LEEDS, All AYES- none opposed. Commissioner Lawler – Absent.</p>
2023-45	<p>Award of Contract for Tennis Courts and Basketball Courts Resurfacing to Nickolaus Construction Company of Vincentown, NJ MOTION – RUSSO, SECOND- LEEDS, All AYES- none opposed. Commissioner Lawler – Absent.</p>
2023-46	<p>Award of Contract to Michael Angerman Landscaping, Inc., 4066 Ocean Heights Avenue, Egg Harbor Township, NJ, 08234, for the 2023 and 2024, Lawn Care & Spring Clean Up at Various Locations MOTION – RUSSO, SECOND- LEEDS, All AYES- none opposed. Commissioner Lawler – Absent.</p>

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. Commissioner Lawler – absent.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY REPORT

Commissioner Leeds 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. Commissioner Lawler – absent.

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 discussed a memo from the Municipal Clerk. Administrator Porter noted that it was an informational update the Governing Body.

COMMISSIONER LAWLER

Commissioner Lawler – absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jamie Mullen of Longport asked about banking insurance information based on recent news regarding banking institutions. CFO Kelly addressed his question.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION – COMMISSIONER LEEDS, SECOND – MAYOR RUSSO. All AYES- none opposed. Commissioner Lawler – absent. Adjournment – 4:29 pm.