

BOROUGH OF LONGPORT

MINUTES
JULY 24, 2010

THE PRESS AND THE DOWNBEACH CURRENT WERE NOTIFIED OF THIS MEETING AND A COPY OF SAME WAS POSTED ON THE BULLETIN BOARD IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING.

Workshop session was called to order by Mayor Russo

Roll Call: Mayor Russo, Commissioner Leeds, Commissioner Lawler in attendance.

Boro Engineer Dick Carter, CFO Jenna Kelly, Deputy Municipal Clerk Emilia Strawder and Solicitor Pat Agnellini also in attendance.

Absent: Tom Hiltner/ Borough Clerk

Commissioner Lawler stated that the beach badge sales are ahead of last year. Beach Badge checkers are doing a good job with enforcement.

Commissioner Lawler attended the Non-Resident Advisory Board meeting this morning and noted some areas of concern by that committee namely:

- 1) Parking permits from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Dick Carter mention much must be thought through prior to coming up with a solution to this.
- 2) People putting trash out on Saturdays and wanted to know if the ordinance is being enforced. Commissioner Leeds stated that Public Works is unable to enforce (not on duty Sat & Sun) but the Police Dept should be.
- 3) Zoning for solar panels on roof or in yard. Mr. Carter stated no talk at this time but the Zoning Board should consider this.

Commissioner Leeds received a call early this morning reporting a “boot camp” on the beach exercising. He was unable to catch the person in charge but spoke with his wife. Commissioner Leeds stated that perhaps the issue of licensing this type of activity should be looked into.

Commissioner Leeds mentioned drainage issues with 34th Ave being on the agenda. Carter stated that a master plan is being prepared for 29th Ave and Ponzio is looking into it. The Commissioner also gave the status of well #2 and #3 and the Municipal Hall’s cooling/heating system and water leaks. Waiting for proposals.

Mayor Russo reported that a meeting was held with the supervisors of Public Works, Beach Patrol, Fire Dept, Police Dept and Emergency Mgt to discuss hurricane emergency preparations. The Mayor mentioned that all residents should adequate supplies in the event a power outage should last up to 72 hours. Also, a request to the Diocese of Camden is being made to ask that Totaro Hall be designated a shelter area for storms. The Mayor also reported that each dept will be held responsible to have vehicles gassed up and prepared for any emergency.

WITH NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO DISCUSS, COMMISSIONER LAWLER MADE MOTION TO ADJOURN THE WORKSHOP SESSION AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LEEDS. ALL AYES

REGULAR SESSION @ 5 PM

Open Public Meeting Act was repeated as stated in the workshop session.

FLAG SALUTE, ANNOUNCEMENTS (FIRE EXITS)

ROLL CALL- BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS – (same as in the workshop session)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (7-7-2010)

Commissioner Lawler made motion to approve the minutes for 7-7-2010 and seconded by Commissioner Leeds. ALL AYES

ORDINANCES (1ST READING/INTRODUCTION / 2ND READING SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 4TH)

2010-09 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 76 CONSTRUCTION, CONTAINERS AND DUMPSTERS OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF LONGPORT- Commissioner Leeds made motion to approve the 1st reading of Ordinance 2010-09 and seconded by Commissioner Lawler. ALL AYES

2010-10 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 161-VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF LONGPORT (*adding Colgate Ave, East, from Ventnor Ave to Amherst Ave*) Mayor Russo made motion to approve the 1st reading of Ordinance 2010-10 and was seconded by Commissioner Lawler. ALL AYES

2010-11 AN ORDINANCE REPEALING CHAPTER 87 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF LONGPORT- EMPLOYMENT OF NON-RESIDENTS (*this ordinance was created and passed in 1963 and no longer needed*) Mayor Russo made motion to approve the 1st Reading of Ordinance 2010-11 and was seconded by Commissioner Lawler. ALL AYES

2010- 12 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 161-14 SCHEDULE 2 HOUR LIMITED TIME FOR PARKING (*this ordinance will allow will allow for 15 minutes parking in front of the Historical Society on Saturdays from 8am to noon*) Mayor Russo made motion to approve the 1st Reading of Ordinance 2010-12 and was seconded by Commissioner Leeds. ALL AYES

RESOLUTIONS

#63 CALLING ON THE STATE LEGISLATURE AND THE GOVERNOR TO ENACT PROPERTY TAX REFORM WITH PASSAGE OF THE “MUNICIPAL TOOLKIT” AND OTHER MANDATES RELIEF
Mayor Russo made motion to approve and seconded by Commissioner Lawler
ALL AYES

#64 RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING THE SUCCESS OF THE LONGPORT AMERICAN MILE

Mayor Russo read the Proclamation to those in attendance and presented the proclamation to Premier Properties, the Claymans and Dr. Doug Farrell. Dr. Farrell sang a verse of "God Bless America"

#65 AWARD OF CONTRACT TO MATHIS CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC FOR INSTALLATION OF A STORM DRAINAGE MANHOLE AT 34TH AVE

Commissioner Leeds made motion to approve and seconded by Mayor Russo.
ALL AYES

#66 AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH LOTHAR R. HAPKE OF LANDENBERG, PA FOR WATER TOWER INSPECTION

Commissioner Leeds made motion to approve and seconded by Commissioner Lawler. ALL AYES

BILL PAY LIST AND FINANCIAL REPORT SUMMARY

Commissioner Lawler read the Financial Report Summary and asked if there were any questions regarding the Bill Pay List. With no comments or questions from the audience, Commissioner Lawler made motion to approve and seconded by Commissioner Leeds. ALL AYES

COMMISSIONERS REPORT

Commissioner Leeds and Commissioner Lawler (see workshop notes)

Mayor Russo mentioned that beach tags are not being worn on expensive bathing suits. The Mayor sat with a beach tag checker and noted that in the 2-3 hr period that he was there, he never heard so many excuses on why the beach tag was not available.

Bruce Funk gave a presentation on the safety bags that were distributed to the residents. He stated that anyone who didn't get a bag can contact him and one will be issued.

After the presentation, the Mayor announced that the Police Dept is in the process of obtaining three (3) new SUV's for their fleet. These SUV's are beneficial for a shore community as they can also be used for the beach.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. DiGiacomo, 102 N 34th Ave thanked the governing body for their quick response to the drainage problem on 34th Ave.

Murray Bevits, 17 N Colgate Ave, commended the Borough on the safety bags and asked if the ordinance introduced today (O2010-10) could extend the entire block.

Jane Morse, 123 N 31st stated that 33rd Ave takes the brunt of the parking since it is close to the restrooms, lifeguards, etc.

Anthony Colaiezzi, 3011 Winchester Ave, also expressed his concern about the parking issue

Joe Dougherty, 2913 Pacific Ave, thanked the governing body for the bike racks. He was concerned about vehicles parking on the sidewalks. Walkers are using the bike

lanes causing bikes to go into traffic. Mayor mentioned the need for Class I officers for next year to help with enforcement.

Mary Nugent, 2604 Oberon Ave, suggested opening beach blocks and the south end of the Borough for parking. Also suggested increasing the price of the beach tags to discourage overcrowding of beaches. Ms. Nugent also inquired on the status of the school board. The Mayor stated that the Borough has the option to stay in existence.

Tony McCloskey, 120 N 20th Ave, 120 N 20th Ave, asked about the beach regulations stated on the sign by each beach entrance. Chief Adams spoke with the Police Dept and will have patrol occasionally use the ATV to do a beach sweep.

Andrew Morse, 123 N 31st Ave, suggested that the Borough be a 2 hr parking with permits being issued.

Joe Kirby, 3013 Devon Ave, asked if the pole that used to hold the old fire siren could be taken down.

Cathy Dougherty, 2913 Pacific Ave, stated that her home and surrounding homes have sustained damage from the banging of the piling installation. She was advised to contact the builders. Bruce Funk asked that she contact him on Monday and he can speak with her.

ADJOURNMENT- With no further business to discuss, Commissioner Lawler made motion to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Commissioner Leeds. ALL AYES- meeting adjourned at 12:10 pm.

amended (Russo)

amended (Leeds) 7/29/2010