

**BOROUGH OF LONGPORT**  
**COMMISSION MEETING**  
2.17.2010

WORKSHOP SESSION @ 4:30  
REGULAR SESSION @ 5:00

This meeting is called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Law. This meeting was included in a list of meetings notice mailed to the Press of Atlantic City and the Current Newspaper on November 19, 2009 and is also posted on the bulletin board and has remained continuously posted. In addition, a copy of this notice is and has been available to the public and is on file in the Borough Clerk's office. The notice is also posted on the Borough website.

Mayor Russo called the workshop session to order. In addition to Mayor Russo, Commissioner Dan Lawler and Commissioner Jim Leeds were in attendance.

- Mayor Russo
- Comm. Leeds following up on kayaks ordinance and Leeds is ready to speak with Pat Agnellini (solicitor).
  - Snow storms appeared to be one right after another. Mayor had a meeting with the Emergency Mgt Coordinator, Fire Chief, Police Chief and discussed how everything went with the snow emergency. Number of people without electric. Seventy-two hour barometer used before people are taken to another location. Name, telephone number and situation should be given to the police dispatcher. The Mayor discussed several options given to residents in the event of a prolonged power outage. Compliments were received about the snow removal.
  - Clean Ocean Action notification received. Comm. Leeds will take care of this project.
  - Longport Educational Foundation letter has been prepared and ready to be distributed at the end of March.
  - Read Across America and Youth Art Month will be introduced via Resolutions.
  - Library Lease will be renewed at the same rate as last year. No increase in rates have been received by Atlantic County.
  - Before next Commission meeting (March 10<sup>th</sup>), public Budget workshop is scheduled for 3pm attended by Mike Garcia. Comcast is also scheduled for the same date @ 6pm

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- Commissioner Leeds - Snow removal commends the Public Works dept for an excellent job!
- Bldg permits holding close to what was last year.
  - Well work is progressing- performance and cleaning test.
  - ADA Pre Construction meeting was held. Some disruptions will be beginning March 1<sup>st</sup>.

Mayor Russo received a request for permit parking and it was referred to Chief Porter for his evaluation and report by the next meeting.

Tom Hiltner mentioned that Resolution 2010-16 regarding the tax extension has a typo on the date. It reads Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> and it should be Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioner Lawler- asked about the Borough's responsibility regarding snow removal, cleaning streets, laying down salt. Commissioner Leeds stated that it's our responsibility to clear the streets for emergency vehicles. Couple of calls received were for persons with disabilities and Public Works tended to their needs. Mayor Russo mentioned that every street must be accessible.

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

**COMMISSIONERS' MEETING 5PM**

Flag Salute and Open Public Meeting Notice read, Fire exits and five minute public speaking rule was explained.

**Roll Call:** Mayor Russo, Commissioner Leeds and Commissioner Lawler present.

**Dedications:**

Memorial Plaque for Commissioner Thomas Reed for 28 years of service

Memorial Plaque for Fire Chief William A. Adams for 50 years of service

Service pins and Proclamations awarded to William Fiore for 50 years of service and

Anthony Viccharelli for 40 years of service to the Longport Fire Dept.

Commissioner Leeds made motion to approve minutes of the Jan. 13<sup>th</sup> meeting and seconded by Commissioner Lawler. ALL AYE

Bill pay list and Financial Report Summary was given by Commissioner Lawler. With no questions from the public, Commissioner Lawler made motion to approve the bill pay list and seconded by Commissioner Leeds. ALL AYE

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**ORDINANCE 2010-01** Second Reading

With no comments from the public, Commissioner Lawler made motion and seconded by Mayor Russo. Commissioner Leeds ABSTAINED from voting due to son in the Fire Dept.

**ROLL CALL VOTE: RUSSO- YES   LAWLER- YES   LEEDS-ABSTAIN**  
Ordinance passed

**RESOLUTION 2010-11** ATLANTIC COUNTY LIBRARY LEASE FOR 2010

Same lease as in 2009 with the same rate- no increase.

Commissioner Leeds made motion to accept Resolution 2010-11 and seconded by Commissioner Lawler. ALL AYE

**RESOLUTION 2010-12** YOUTH ART MONTH FOR MARCH, 2010

A program that encourages children to be sensitized to art education.

Commissioner Lawler made motion and seconded by Commissioner Leeds. ALL AYE

**RESOLUTION 2010-13** Read Across America

Passed yearly indicating that the government is sensitized to the importance of reading education. Commissioner Leeds made motion to accept Resolution 2010-13 and seconded by Commissioner Lawler. ALL AYE

**RESOLUTION 2010-14** Conflict Counsel Parker McCay

Continuance of last year for litigation counsel at a cost of \$175/hour. Commissioner Lawler made motion to approve Resolution 2010-14 and seconded by Commissioner Leeds. ALL AYE

**RESOLUTION 2010-15** – Award of repair project to AGATE INC.

Commissioner Leeds made motion to approve Resolution 2010-15 and seconded by Commissioner Lawler. ALL AYE

**RESOLUTION 2010-16** - Authorizing extension of tax due date to Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>

Due to the snowstorms, many residents had difficulty making arrangements to have the taxes paid. Commissioner Lawler made motion to approve Resolution 2010-16 and seconded by Commissioner Leeds. ALL AYE

**PLANNING/ZONING BOARD APPOINTMENTS**

Liz Donaghy, Alternate Member/Class IV

Leonard Geria -Class IV

Richard B Hirsch, Jr. Class II

**COMMISSIONERS REPORTS (SEE WORKSHOP NOTES)**

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**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Louis Naame, 7 Brunswick Ct, Margate – expressed concern about the fees charged for building repair permits (i.e. \$100 for zoning approval for roof, siding, \$300 for renovations and \$700 for new construction) Feels the fees are over excessive. The Mayor does not know where the fee schedule comes from. The Mayor doesn't know the barometer on how the fees were established. Fees will be reviewed and compared with other municipalities.

Joe Marcasiano, 13 N Overbrook Avenue, commends the town for the snow removal. On Overbrook Ave, there was an electric line down which was touched by a police officer. The officers should be instructed to take better precautions before touching any lines. The Mayor mentioned that the lines were discussed and these lines fall overnight. Suggestion is noted and will be taken into consideration for officer and resident safety.

Fire Chief Levon Clayton- wanted to make the governing body aware that the Fire Dept received a \$75,000 grant to replace all the self-contained breathing appartus. Competitive grant was filed in 2008 and denied and finally approved for 2009. Applications were filed totaling over 3 million dollars were received showing how competitive the grant was.

With no further business to discuss, Commissioner Leeds made motion to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Commissioner Lawler. ALL AYE