

April 26, 2023
6:30 PM

A caucus meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of West Long Branch was held on the above date and time in the Council Chambers, Borough Hall, 965 Broadway, West Long Branch, N.J.

Mayor Janet W. Tucci presided.

Mayor Tucci reported that in accordance with N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 adequate notice of this meeting of the Mayor and Council has been provided.

PRESENT: BRAY, CIOFFI, GOMEZ, NEYHART, PENTA, SNIFFEN

ABSENT: NONE

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The Borough Attorney listed the items on for discussion in Executive Session, which included the following:

- i. Summer Concert Contracts
- ii. Tax Appeals
- iii. Fire Department Contracts

It was determined that the Mayor and Borough Council would go into executive session twice, one session following the Council meeting and one session during caucus.

MAYOR TUCCI

Mayor Tucci reported that a resident had reached out to her asking if they could plant a tree at Valenzano Park in memory of Mark Valenzano; the council had no objections to this request and stated that a plaque should be ordered to accompany the new tree.

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The Borough Attorney reported that municipalities will need to adopt an ordinance regarding electric vehicle charging stations; the State has provided a model ordinance for municipalities to use, but there are few alterations that can be made. The Borough Attorney recommended the topic be discussed in more detail at the next council meeting and, if no one objects, the sample ordinance will be sent to the Planning Board for their review.

The Borough Attorney commented on the ordinance being introduced that evening establishing fees for health permits for food establishments. Councilman Neyhart asked if the provision for mobile and temporary vendors would affect the farmers market; the Borough Attorney stated that they would not be, as the farmers market vendors apply for a different permit.

The Borough Attorney stated that two of the four summer concert series contracts on for approval that evening would be postponed to a later date as there were concerns with some provisions within their contract agreements.

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COUNCILMAN GOMEZ

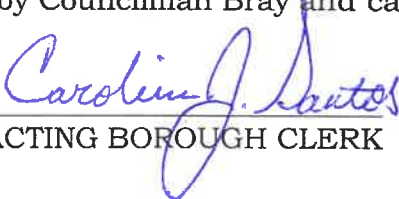
Councilman Gomez briefed the mayor and council on the recent NJ Senate Bill No. S3675 and asked if the council would pass a resolution either in favor or in opposition of the bill. The council agreed to investigate the matter further before deciding.

COUNCILMAN SNIFFEN

Councilman Sniffen reported that the Police Department will be hosting National Night Out this year on August 1st at the community center from 5:00-8:00 PM.

OPPORTUNITY FOR ANY PERSON TO BE HEARD:

There being no one wishing to speak, Councilman Neyhart moved Council adjourn Caucus Session at 6:53 PM. Seconded by Councilman Bray and carried unanimously.


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