June 7, 2023 6:31 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, NEYHART, PENTA, SNIFFEN

ABSENT: GOMEZ

MAYOR TUCCI

There were no items to be listed for executive session.

Mayor Tucci stated that the Leisure Club reached out to her again regarding chair yoga; they want to have it once a week and asked if we could fund the program. Mayor Tucci stated that she advised them to try and work within their budget line item that the Borough already has for them. Councilman Bray commented that he is in favor of funding the program if it attracts active use. Councilman Bray recommended they start with hosting the program twice a month to gain insight on the turnout; if the program does well, then a discussion can be had to determine if their budget needs to increase.

COUNCILMAN CIOFFI

Councilman Cioffi reported that there is no working generator at the community center that works right now and asked if the council would be open to installing one now that the building is used much more frequently now. The council was in favor of obtaining a quote for a new generator next year.

COUNCILMAN NEYHART

Councilman Neyhart, in connection to the Long Branch Fire Department agreement on for approval that evening, asked the council what their thoughts were on billing the residents for the charges incurred to the Borough, should a structure fire occur, and Long Branch fireman are dispatched. The Council was not in favor of this.

BOROUGH ATTORNEY BAXTER

The Borough Attorney gave a summary of the ordinance for introduction that evening regarding chain of command in the police department.

The Borough Attorney discussed concerns that were brought to his attention by Board Attorney Irene, regarding impervious coverage as it relates to synthetic turf, and covered parking requirements at residential properties. Councilman Bray recommended forwarding the impervious coverage topic to the planning board for input. The council agreed that the covered parking topic was not worth moving forward with.

OPPORTUNITY FOR ANY PERSON TO BE HEARD:

There being no one wishing to speak, Councilman Neyhart moved Council adjourn Caucus Session at 7:02 PM. Seconded by Councilman Bray and carried unanimously.

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