

September 20, 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

MAYOR TUCCI

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

- i. Borough Administrator Contract
- ii. Shared Services Agreement – Court
- iii. Police Personnel
- iv. Santos Property

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.

Councilman Bray moved to go into the first executive session at 6:32 PM. Seconded by Councilman Gomez and carried unanimously.

Regular Caucus resumed at 6:46 PM.

Mayor Tucci reminded everyone that West Long Branch is no longer in District 11 but is now in District 13.

COUNCILMAN CIOFFI

Councilman Cioffi reported that Yoga in the Park continues to be a success and averages about 15 people per class; the Senior Exercise Program averages an attendance of 10 people. Councilman Cioffi stated that the following are events to look out for:

- Movie Night at the community center on September 23rd
- Fall Festival at Franklin Lake on October 15th from 12 PM – 4 PM
- Lantern Walk at Franklin Lake on November 17th.
- Christmas Tree Lighting at Franklin Lake on December 2nd

Councilman Cioffi updated that he has been working with State police on a new notification system for West Long Branch residents. Councilman Neyhart suggested that a leaflet detailing the process for Code-Red sign-ups be included with next year's borough calendar.

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COUNCILMAN NEYHART

Councilman Neyhart reported that there have been a lot of resident complaints regarding loud vehicles racing on Highway 36 between the hours of 8 PM and midnight. Acting Chief Botti stated that patrolmen will be directed to patrol the area more heavily during those hours.

COUNCILMAN PENTA

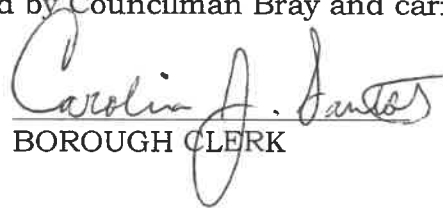
Councilman Penta stated that he will be reaching out to Verizon to obtain an update on the FIOS installation in town; there were some delays, but installation should be ongoing in the first quarter of 2024.

COUNCILMAN SNIFFEN

Councilman Sniffen reported that a resident had requested to close Virginia Terrace to traffic on the evening of Halloween; there is a large decorative installation there that brings a lot of foot-traffic. Councilman Sniffen stated that he checked with the police department and was informed that closing the street should not be an issue, so long as the council was in favor. The council agreed that closing the street was the best option to ensure pedestrian safety.

OPPORTUNITY FOR ANY PERSON TO BE HEARD:

There being no one wishing to speak, Councilman Neyhart moved Council adjourn Caucus Session at 7:10 PM. Seconded by Councilman Bray and carried unanimously.


BOROUGH CLERK