

June 20, 2018

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, JULIANO (6:35 PM), MANGO, NEYHART, PENTA

ABSENT: MIGLIACCIO

MAYOR TUCCI:

1. Mayor Tucci received the following e-mail, dated June 14th:

Hello Mayor Tucci,

My name is Sue DesMarais, I am a retired Police Officer and currently the President and Chief K-9 Handler for K-9 Valor Task Force, a registered 501c3 nonprofit organization that I founded after a tragic fire destroyed my home and claimed the life of my beloved chocolate lab named Chaos. The firefighters and my sergeant were able to save my other dogs by doing CPR on them using special pet oxygen mask kits. Since that horrible day I've made it my mission to donate those lifesaving Pet Oxygen Mask Kits to Fire Departments all over and train Police, Fire, EMS and Pet Owners in Pet CPR, in honor of Chaos. I also have a Therapy Dog Outreach Program and bring the dogs to hospitals, nursing homes and to anyone in need of some puppy love. We spend a lot of time at the Veterans Memorial Nursing Home and working with children with disabilities. Recently, I added a new puppy and we are training for K-9 Search and Rescue and we are in dire need of a K-9 Search and Rescue vehicle. I was talking to my friend and retired West Long Branch Police Officer Brian Kramer and he advised me that WLBDP had a few vehicles that were going to be auctioned off, specifically a Dodge Durango and suggested I reach out to you to see if you'd be open to donating a vehicle to my nonprofit. I'd be more than happy to donate some Pet Oxygen Mask Kits to your Fire Department and host a Pet CPR class for all of your first responders and residents. For more info on K-9 Valor, please

check out our website www.k9valortaskforce.org. You can also go on our K-9 Valor Task Force Facebook page for pics of the dogs, people who we have helped and events.

Thank you very much for your time, Mayor Tucci. I look forward to hearing from you.

Respectfully,

*Sue DesMarais
President
K-9 Valor Task Force
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The Borough Attorney opined that the Borough can't donate public property unless it's under specific circumstances, such as to another governmental agency. The Borough Auditor concurred with this opinion.

2. There have been resident complaints concerning trees that are encroaching on their property from an adjacent neighbor's property. The Borough Attorney stated that the Borough should not get involved in these types of situations.
3. Resident complaints have been received regarding overgrown bamboo. The Borough Attorney advised that if the bamboo is impacting a property from an adjoining private property, that would be a private matter between the property owners. The Borough Attorney could not think of a current Borough ordinance that would cover this situation if it is on public property.
4. In response to an inquiry from the Mayor, the Borough Clerk advised that she is working with the Code Enforcement Officer and Public Works Director to ensure the registration of all landscapers working in the Borough. Councilman Penta suggested providing each landscaper with a copy of the Borough's ordinance showing that it is the responsibility of the landscaper to remove debris. The Borough Clerk pointed out that the Road Foreman has been diligent in maintaining a list of landscapers who may be in violation of the ordinance and providing that information to the

Code Enforcement Officer for appropriate action. The Mayor noted that she would like to see a central location to report violations so that the Governing Body could check on the status of a specific violation if necessary.

5. The Monmouth County Sheriff has once again arranged to have the grass cut next week in the cemetery at the intersection of Locust Avenue and Wall Street.

COUNCILMAN BRAY:

1. The following request has been forwarded to the West Long Branch Police Department for investigation:

Dear West Long Branch Town Council,

Let me begin by thanking you all for your dedication to our town. As a resident of Throckmorton Ave, I have been concerned with the increased traffic traveling down my street since the light at Locust and Popular was installed a few years ago. Knowing that in two years my son will be attending Frank Antonides Middle School and be required to walk home my concern for his safety and the other kids on my street is rising. We have approximately 20 kids that live on Throckmorton and 8 that live on Franklin Parkway. Many of these kids will be walking home from school with in the next few years. My son has to actually walk through the intersection to get to our house. I have tried to come up with a cost effective way to slow down the speed of the traffic because we do not have sidewalks on Throckmorton Avenue. I am requesting that Throckmorton Avenue and Franklin Parkway become a 4 way stop intersection rather than a 2 two way intersection for the safety of the kids that live on both streets. The cost to the taxpayer would only be adding two stop signs. The cost is worth the safety of our children.

I have been in discussion with many of the families on both streets and they are in agreement. I would be more than willing to get signatures if that would be necessary.

I appreciate your time with this matter and I look forward to hearing the Town Councils thoughts.

Thank you for your time!

Kristen McHugh

COUNCILMAN NEYHART:

1. The necessary parts to repair the new LED sign at 965 Broadway have been received, and the technician will be out to replace them. In the meantime, the vendor has not yet been paid for the sign.

Councilman Bray moved that the Council enter Executive Session at 6:41 PM. Seconded by Councilwoman Mango and carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the following portion of this meeting dealing with the following generally described matters shall not be open to the public:

Police Personnel; Code Enforcement Personnel; Administration Personnel; Roof Contract

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it is anticipated that the matters to be considered in private may be disclosed to the public at a later date under the following circumstances:

When the need for privacy as to each item no longer exists.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the private consideration is deemed required and is permitted because of the following noted exceptions set forth in the Open Public Meetings Act (N.J.S.A. 10:4-12):

- _____ 1. Rendered confidential by Federal law or that if disclosed would impair receipt of Federal funds.
- _____ 2. Rendered confidential by State Statute or Court Rule.
- _____ 3. Would constitute an unwarranted invasion of individual privacy.

- ☐ 4. Deals with collective bargaining or any employment agreement, including negotiations positions.
- ☐ 5. Deals with purchase, lease or acquisition of real property with public funds.
- ☐ 6. Related to setting of bank rates or the investment of public funds and disclosure could adversely affect the public interest.
- ☐ 7. Related to tactics and techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public and disclosure may adversely affect the public.
- ☐ 8. Related to investigation of violations or possible violations of the law.
- ☒ 9. Related to pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiations in which the public body is or may be a party.
- ☒ 10. Falls within the attorney-client privilege and confidentiality is required.
- ☒ 11. Deals with personnel matters involving the employment, appointment, termination of employment, terms and conditions of employment, performance evaluation or discipline of any public officers or employees, either current or prospective, and all of the employees or appointees whose rights could be adversely affected have not requested that the matter be discussed publicly.
- ☐ 12. Quasi-judicial deliberations after public hearing that may result in imposition of a civil penalty or suspension or loss of a license or permit.

Councilman Neyhart moved Council adjourn Executive Session at 7:23 PM, seconded by Councilwoman Mango, and carried unanimously.

Councilman Bray moved Council adjourn Caucus Session at 7:30 PM. Seconded by Councilman Penta and carried unanimously.


BOROUGH CLERK
