

August 7, 2019
6:00 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, MANGO, MIGLIACCIO, NEYHART, PENTA
ABSENT: NONE

Mayor Tucci turned the meeting over to Councilman Cioffi, who serves as the Liaison to the West Long Branch Emergency Medical Services, for the West Long Branch Emergency Medical Services Recognition Awards.

Councilman Cioffi announced that members of the West Long Branch Emergency Medical Services would be recognized this evening for achieving the required number of hours for the President's Volunteer Service Award. He explained that the President's Volunteer Service Award was a civil award bestowed by the President of the United States and was established by Executive Order of President George W. Bush. It was established to honor those who volunteer hundreds of hours per year helping others in their community through the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation and can be awarded to individuals, families, and organizations located throughout the United States. He went on to add that depending on the number of service hours, individuals can receive the Bronze, Silver, Gold, and/or the President's Call to Service Award, the most prestigious one, which has only been awarded to a few Americans, to recognize over 4,000 hours of extraordinary service.

At this point, Councilman Cioffi introduced the EMS Captain and Line Officers for the award presentations. The following members were recognized:

Matthew Zweighaft
Karen Bischoff
Ryan Loehr
Jonathan Tucholski
Pooja Shah
Michael Rescinio
Alyssa Rescinio
Ethan Binning
Artiom Efimenko
Timothy Knotts

Councilman Bray moved that the Council enter Executive Session at 6:05 PM. Seconded by Councilman Cioffi 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:

*Potential Property Acquisition; School Contract; Administration
Personnel; Police Personnel; 95 Poplar Avenue 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 7:41 PM, seconded by Councilman Bray, and carried unanimously.

Mayor Tucci opened the meeting up to the public.

Thomas Fishkin, 128 Beechwood Avenue, appeared this evening concerning the speeding problem in town. He mentioned that rumble strips were installed on some streets in the past to deal with the problem. He asked if it was possible for the Police Department to increase patrols, especially during the morning/evening rush hours when the problem was especially evident. Councilman Neyhart advised that he has had conversations with the Police Chief about the problem, and the Police Department has been actively addressing it. Mr. Fishkin specifically mentioned Mount Drive being used as a cut through and pointed out that other municipalities have restricted vehicles from cutting through certain neighborhoods. Councilman Neyhart indicated that he wasn't in favor of that proposal.

Mr. Fishkin also reported that the house across the street from his has a hedge row that made it difficult to see. The Borough Administrator was asked to notify the Code Enforcement Officer of this complaint. Councilman Cioffi encouraged Mr. Fishkin to also e-mail the complaint to the Code Enforcement Officer.

There being no one else wishing to speak, Councilman Neyhart moved Council adjourn Caucus Session at 7:53 PM. Seconded by Councilman Bray and carried unanimously.


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