

June 3, 2020
6:35 PM

A caucus meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of West Long Branch was held on the above date and time virtually via Zoom due to the Coronavirus and the need for social distancing.

Mayor Janet W. Tucci presided.

The Borough Clerk 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 in the newspaper and through a public notice posted on the Borough's website providing members of the public with the link to join the Zoom meeting.

PRESENT: BRAY, CIOFFI, MANGO, NEYHART, PENTA, SNIFFEN
ABSENT: NONE

MAYOR TUCCI:

Nothing.

COUNCILMAN BRAY:

Nothing.

COUNCILMAN CIOFFI:

1. A resolution has been placed on tonight's regular agenda to temporarily permit outdoor sales and dining with proper social distancing during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Borough Attorney suggested the following changes to the resolution:
 - a. Item (6)(a) should be changed to say "Borough Council Fire and EMS Committee" instead of "Borough Council."
 - b. An Item 9 should be added at the end that would state that the approvals would terminate on the date the Governor lifted the restrictions on such businesses.

No one had an objection to those suggestions.

COUNCILMAN CIOFFI: (Contd.)

2. It has been decided that the Borough Hall staff would return to regular operations commencing June 8th. However, Borough Hall would remain closed to the public until June 15th in order to allow additional time to finalize preparations for social distancing. It was mentioned that preparations were being made at the West Long Branch Library, such as relocation of the furniture and glass partitions (similar to what was done at Borough Hall), so that a decision could be made on a reopening date for them.

COUNCILWOMAN MANGO:

Nothing.

COUNCILMAN NEYHART:

Nothing.

COUNCILMAN PENTA:

Nothing.

COUNCILMAN SNIFFEN:

Nothing.

BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR DOLLINGER:

Nothing.

BOROUGH CLERK COLE:

1. The Zambelli Fireworks representative recommended changing the date for the fireworks display on the existing contract and returning it to him for processing. It was determined that a motion would be considered at tonight's regular meeting to change the date of this year's fireworks display and update the contract accordingly.

BOROUGH ATTORNEY BAXTER:

1. The Court Administrator advised that it was necessary to amend the parking fine ordinances that do not require a court appearance to add \$1.00 since the State had increased their portion of those fees by \$1.00. Therefore, the Borough Attorney prepared the amending ordinance for introduction at tonight's regular meeting.
2. The 2018 and 2019 ordinances have been forwarded to General Code for codification.
3. Councilman Penta and the Borough Attorney have exchanged e-mails concerning the update of the garbage ordinance. The amended ordinance should be ready for introduction at the next meeting.
4. The Borough received a Petition for Special Relief for Modification of the Television Market of Station WRNN-TV filed with the Federal Communications Commission by WRNN License Company, a New York television station, seeking approval to modify their television market to include the communities served by Comcast in the following New Jersey counties: Bergen, Hudson, Hunterdon, Middlesex, Morris, Monmouth, Ocean, Somerset, Union, and Warren. The Borough Attorney reviewed it and confirmed there would be no cost to the public and there would be an added channel.

Mayor Tucci opened the meeting up to the public.

Vincent Lepore, 33 Ocean Terrace, Long Branch, commented on the following items:

- He noted that the Borough Administrator mentioned monthly updates from the Monmouth County Regional Health Commission on COVID-19 and asked where we stood in light of the increasing number of cases in neighboring towns, such as Long Branch. The Borough Administrator replied that the spike in cases was the result of increased testing.

- He wanted to know what precautions the Borough had taken as a result of the recent civil unrest happening around the country. The Mayor commented that the recent protest in Long Branch was peaceful, and she expressed her confidence that if the West Long Branch Police Department was needed, they were ready.

The Borough Attorney explained that the Mayor and Borough Council would be going into executive session following the Council meeting.

There being no one else wishing to speak, Councilman Neyhart moved Council adjourn Caucus Session at 7:01 PM. Seconded by Councilman Bray and carried unanimously.


BOROUGH CLERK