

REGULAR MEETING

CITY COUNCIL

JANUARY 14, 2014

7:30 PM

The Regular Meeting of the Long Branch City Council was held on Tuesday, January 14, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 344 Broadway, Long Branch, New Jersey.

Present: John Pallone, Council President; Mary Jane Celli, Council Vice-President; Joy Bastelli, Councilwoman; Kathleen Billings, Councilwoman; Michael Sirianni, Councilman

Others Present: Mayor Adam Schneider; Howard Woolley, Business Administrator; James G. Aaron, City Attorney; Ronald Mehlhorn, Finance Director; Kathy L. Schmelz, City Clerk

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and certification was read into the record.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

None

**HEARINGS:** Grant Application – Ross Island Stone Hut Preservation

A presentation was made by Faith Teitelbaum of the Long Branch Environmental Commission and Beth Woolley of the Long Branch Historical Association regarding the history of the Ross Island Stone Hut and what the monies will be used for in restoring the hut. This is for a \$4,000 matching grant.

Motion by Councilman Sirianni, seconded by Councilwoman Celli to open the public hearing for all comments – Ayes 5

After no one responded, a motion was made by Councilman Sirianni, seconded by Councilwoman Billings to close the public hearing – Ayes 5

Resolution #3-14 regarding the above grant application is on for adoption this evening.

**READING AND APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

December 30, 2013 - A motion was made by Councilman Sirianni, seconded by Councilwoman Celli to approve the minutes of December 30, 2013 was carried out upon the following roll call vote: Ayes 5

**CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES**  
**PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL CONSIDERATION**

None

**ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION:**

**#1-14 BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BY THE CITY OF LONG BRANCH, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF \$1,240,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,179,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE CITY TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Billings, seconded by Councilwoman Bastelli to introduce on first reading, advertise and post according to law and set the public hearing for January 28, 2014 and carried out upon the following roll call vote: Ayes 5

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Bastelli, seconded by Councilwoman Celli to open the public portion of this meeting and carried out upon the following vote: Ayes 5

**Vincent Lapore – 80 North Broadway**

Spoke regarding FEMA monies received for Superstorm Sandy, the Governor and the retaliation on Mayors, noticed served on the Planning Board, Leslie Schneider and the case against the City, parking meters and R314-13 relative to the default letter to BAC.

**Diana Multare – 21 North Bath Avenue**

Spoke regarding FEMA monies, “Bridge Gate” and the Faulkner Act with regards to endorsements.

**Gerry Scarano – Ocean Boulevard**

Spoke regarding the Governors speech, Board of Education health benefits, benefits received by the Mayor and Council and asked if there were any cost savings to the City in the budget.

The Mayor and Council responded.

After ample time was given and no one else came forward, a motion was made by Councilman Sirianni, seconded by Councilwoman Celli to close the public portion of this meeting. Ayes 5

**RESOLUTIONS:**

On file in the Clerks Office and posted on the City’s Web Site.

**APPLICATIONS:**

1. APPROVAL OF KIRBY PATRICK GARDNER AS AN HONORARY MEMBER IN THE ELBERON ENGINE COMPANY

A motion was made by Councilman Sirianni, seconded by Councilwoman Celli to approve the above applications was carried out upon the following roll call vote: Ayes 5

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER**

**Councilwoman Bastelli** – I’d like to commend the Whalepond Brook Watershed Association and Faith Teitelbaum. She’s worked consistently and feverishly on improving our watershed and this is just another step of progress that she’s made over the last few years and I’ve watched her just take one step at a time and they look like small steps but she has progressed and I just want to thank her for what she’s done. I really commend her. Thank you.

**Councilwoman Billings** – I’d just like to thank everyone for coming out and giving us your comments. They are appreciated, thank you.

**Councilman Sirianni** – Thank you again for coming out and thank you again for your work with the Watershed.

**Council Vice President Celli** – I’d just like to remind everybody that this coming weekend is Martin Luther King weekend. There are several festivities within the City and if you can attend, please do so. It is listed on our website. Thank you.

**Council President Pallone** – And I’d also like to thank everyone for coming this evening and Faith, also thank you for your work and thank you for the presentation this evening.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Celli seconded by Councilwoman Billings to adjourn this meeting at 7:56 p.m.