

VILLAGE OF LOCH ARBOUR
MINUTES – SPECIAL MEETING
THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE VILLAGE OF
LOCH ARBOUR, MONMOUTH COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, WAS CONDUCTED BY
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ON MAY 13, 2020, CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:30 P.M. BY MAYOR FERNICOLA

Clerk called roll, present were Commissioner Cheswick, Commissioner D' Angelo, Mayor Fernicola.

Also present was Village Engineer, Peter Avakian, Clerk, Marilyn Simons and Beach Manager, Matt Goldfarb

The Clerk read the Open Public Meetings Announcement: The notice requirements of C.231, P.L. 1975, have been satisfied by transmitting the notice of this Special Meeting to the Village's two official newspapers on May 8, 2020, posting the notice on the office bulletin board on the same date and filing a copy of the notice in the Clerk's office.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Ordinance 2020-464
AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AND REGULATING PARKING
PERMIT ZONES ON CERTAIN STREETS OF THE VILLAGE OF LOCH ARBOUR,
COUNTY OF MONMOUTH AND PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES"

This Ordinance will be withdrawn from consideration on June 3, 2020.

UPON MOTION of Mayor Fernicola, seconded by Commissioner D' Angelo, the above Ordinance is being withdrawn for consideration.

Recorded Vote

Ayes: Commissioner Cheswick, Commissioner D' Angelo, Mayor Fernicola
Nays: None Absent: None

DISCUSSION: Beach opening – policies and procedures.

Due to the Coronavirus pandemic the Village is developing a Management Plan to open the Beach for 2020 Beach Season. The paramount concern is the health and safety of the beach patrons and staff. The Mayor and Commissioners scheduled this meeting to discuss the Plan as well as to receive input from the beach patrons and hear questions and concerns.

Village Engineer discussed the square footage of the beach. Discussed was the maximum capacity that will be allowed on the beach this summer season. Mayor Fernicola and Mr. Avakian discussed the aerial photo of the beach area. The Clerk confirmed, to date, only 600 season beach badges have been sold. Discussed was tracking the seasonal beach badges and daily beach badges sold in a day. Discussed was allowing 500 daily badges max to be sold in a day.

Discussed was the following issues:

Mayor Fernicola confirmed that swimming will not be restricted at the Village Beach. Social Distancing markings have been installed in the bathroom and the snack bar area.

A Plastic Shield has been installed in the gate house. A Plastic Shield will be installed in the snack bar area.

Discussed was the social distancing measures which will be taken in the bathroom areas. Also discussed was the frequency of cleaning the bathrooms. Discussed was the faucets in the bathroom, as well as, automatic soap dispensers and automatic hand sanitizers.

Discussed was the gatehouse, and where the employees will be stationed around the beach area to take care of the patrons, as well as maintain social distancing. The daily beach badges will be sold through an APP (Viply) or by credit card. No cash transactions. Discussed was to enforce social distancing among the lifeguards there will be one guard on each stand and then one guard on the ground patrolling.

The gate staff and lifeguards will be trained on all safety protocols. All PPE will be distributed to each employee. Also discussed was the monitoring of social distancing. The Mayor and Commissioners are hoping that the public will be compliant with the social distancing protocol. Signs will be posted throughout the beach premises reminding patrons to social distance. Face coverings will be required in the pavilion, bathrooms and the lines to the bathroom and snack bar.

The Showers will be closed.

UPON MOTION of Commissioner Cheswick, seconded by Commissioner D'Angelo, the meeting be opened to the public.

Dave DenBleyker, Euclid Avenue, disagrees with the amount of social distancing space being calculated by the Village. Mr. DenBleyker stated it should be a 25' x 25" area, not 10' x 10" area.

Melanie Nowlin, Edgemont Drive, questioned what the liability is for the town in terms of the employees and patrons. Ms. Nowlin stated hair dryers are the worst thing to use, because it spreads the germs around. Ms. Nowlin questioned the garbage collection.

Robert Wiener, Page Avenue, discussed venting the bathroom and the PPE protocols.

Mike Castellano, Surf Rider Foundation, thanked the Mayor and Commissioners for withdrawing the Parking Ordinance.

Joseph Coakley, Surf Rider Foundation, thanked the Mayor and Commissioners for withdrawing the Parking Ordinance.

Maria Garafalo, Beach patron, is in favor of renting temporary bathrooms and using both bathrooms. Also discussed was the training of the staff, and it should be reinforced for the whole summer. She is also in favor of signs enforcing social distancing.

David Gindi, Beach patron, discussed liability for the Village. Mr. Gindi discussed only selling seasonal badges and/or limiting daily badges.

Denise Geary, Beach patron, suggested spray guns with the cleaning solution in them to clean the bathrooms. Mrs. Geary suggested the workers signing liability waivers. She also suggested building 1 man-lifeguard stands.

Harriet Cook, suggested better safety regulations on the use of umbrellas on the beach.

Ralph Shamah suggested a parking permit for residents.

Mr. Shamie, Euclid Avenue, suggested if the budget does not allow certain protocol to be purchased, like additional bathrooms, or showers, then maybe a donation can be made to offset some of the costs.

Barbara Cohen, Beach patron, stated camps will not be in session this summer, so how will the influx amount of the kids be managed. Ms. Cohen asked how the bathrooms will be monitored.

Melanie Nowlin, disagrees with getting port-a-potties.

Denise Geary, suggested buying a device to install on the bathroom doors, so your forearm can open the door.

John Losoudo, beach patron, inquired about the Parking Permit Ordinance. Mayor discussed the issue with parking in Loch Arbour for the Hear, Sea, Now Festival held in Asbury Park in the Fall.

Dave DenBleyker, Euclid Avenue, showed photos of masks on the ground around Loch Arbour streets.

Natalie Terzi, Norwood Avenue, asked if Season Badge Holders will not be able to gain access to the beach if the beach is at capacity. Mayor Fernicola stated Seasonal Badges have never been limited when beach hits capacity. Ms. Terzi suggested the snack bar use an APP, with pickup only.

Esther Terzi, Norwood Avenue, suggested no grass cutting in Loch Arbour on Saturdays.

UPON MOTION of Mayor Fernicola, seconded by Commissioner D'Angelo, carried that the meeting be closed to the public.

Recorded Vote:

Ayes: Commissioner Cheswick, Commissioner D'Angelo, Mayor Fernicola

Nays: None

Absent: None

UPON MOTION of Mayor Fernicola, seconded by Commissioner D'Angelo, carried, that the following **Resolution** be and the same is hereby adopted:

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 et seq., permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and,

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Village of Loch Arbour, Monmouth County, New Jersey, as follows:

1. The public shall be excluded from discussion of and actions upon the hereinafter-specified subject matter.
2. The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is as follows: To discuss beach operations and personnel matters. Official Action may be taken upon returning from the Executive Session.
3. It is anticipated at this time that the above stated subject matter will be made public within 120 days.

Marilyn Simons, RMC
Village Clerk