

Long Beach Township (LBT) Public Meeting November 7, 2022

In attendance from LPOA: Ann Barkey

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Veterans Day November 11. Join LBT & Barnegat Light VFW 3729 as they pay homage to our local LBI veterans at Veterans Park from 12-1pm on Friday. Light refreshments will be served. The park is located at 133 St. & Delaware Ave. in Beach Haven Terrace.

Carving on the ramp at the 59th Street public beach access. There is a dramatic drop-off at the end of the left (northern) ramp leading to the beach (i.e. the wider path over which vehicles drive). Fortunately, the ramp on the right (southern) side did not experience damage and it is walkable. Please use that ramp on the right side to access the beach over the next few months and avoid the other ramp completely.

The Township plans to bring in a bulldozer to level up the ramp and the beach at the end of winter. Why is there no immediate fix RIGHT NOW? It's because during the winter, the sand will naturally build up so there will actually be something for the bulldozer to push around when it arrives.

Island Beach Replenishment. Even though media and congressional sources have already reported that it is a "done deal", Mayor Mancini stated that the \$32M for LBI's 2023 beach replenishment by the Army Corps of Engineers has not been approved yet. He said that the House of Representatives has approved \$31M, but when that bill went over to the Senate for review and discussion, that amount was knocked down to \$18M. Nothing has been finalized and appropriated as of this date.

The Township has hired a lobby firm to advocate in Congress for the proper funding, which the mayor estimates to be about \$38M for the entire island. We will keep you posted as this effort proceeds.

Ordinance Proposed (First Reading):

22-23C: Clarifies and confirms that flood elevation level in Flood Hazard Protection Area – V, a FEMA classification for coastal areas that are subject to frequent inundation.

22-24C: Proposes a standard way of measuring buildings erected on bayfront lots and lots on lagoons and confirms a maximum height of 34' for those structures; raises the fee for installing sheds, grade-level decks, pavers and similar construction to \$75 from \$50.

Ordinance Passed on Second Reading:

22-22C: Establishes a minimum height of 5' above mean sea level for all new and replacement bulkheads at marinas and on landlocked lagoons in the marine *commercial zone*.

Water & Sewer rates for 2023 are in the process of being finalized and they will be debuted at the December 5th public meeting as a first reading ordinance. We will send LPOA members a detailed FAQ explaining the rating system very soon after that meeting.

Delivery of the now-infamous app that would allow you to monitor your water usage in real time has again been delayed. New launch month is April, 2023.