



## Long Beach Township (LBT) Caucus & Public Meetings Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022 & January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023

In attendance from LPOA: Ann Barkey

### HIGHLIGHTS

**Covid & Flu Shots.** The LBI Health Department is offering covid and flu shots (including the high dose for older adults) on Jan. 31<sup>st</sup> from 10 am – 12 pm in the courtroom in the LBI Municipal Building at 68<sup>th</sup> Street in Brant Beach. This service is also available at the Borough halls of Harvey Cedars and Barnegat Light on Jan. 17<sup>th</sup> from 10 am – 12 pm.

Please make sure you bring your ID and the completed flu vaccine form with you. Printable forms are available online on the Health Department's website <https://lbihealth.com> under the FLU tab.

For more information, call the LBI Health Department at (609) 492-1212.

**Emergency Medical Services (EMS).** Commissioner Lattanzi stated that he and others on the island are addressing the EMS situation and working on solutions. This problem is not only locally challenging, but it is also a major concern state-wide. Specifically, discussions focus on the best ways to ensure timely responses to emergency situations by making sure that responding personnel have all the resources they need and that there are enough qualified people available to utilize those resources.

**Ordinances Proposed (First Reading):** These ordinances will be posted on the LBT website no later than Friday, Jan. 13<sup>th</sup> [www.longbeachtownship.com](http://www.longbeachtownship.com). From the home page, click on Menu, then Government (click on the down arrow over to the right), then Administration (same click on the down arrow maneuver), the scroll down to LBT Public Meeting Info and click on it.

**23-01C:** This state-mandated ordinance would require all rental units to have the appropriate insurance coverage.

**23-02C:** This state-mandated ordinance would require all rental units to be inspected for lead-based paint by a professional who is authorized to do so.

**23-03C:** Revises the fee schedule for requests for public records under OPRA (Open Public Records Act). Mayor Mancini noted that often a tremendous amount of time is required to prepare the requested documents for release because all information about individuals not involved in the matter must be completely redacted to ensure their privacy.

**23-04C:** In response to complaints about lighting on rooftop decks in particular, this ordinance would regulate that type of illumination with the goal of minimizing or eliminating light disruption experienced by the neighbors.

**23-05C:** Clarifies the installation process for swimming pools and hot tubs.

**Ordinance Passed on Second Reading during the public meeting on Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022:**

**22-25C:** Establishes the new 2023 water and sewer rates and an increase of \$5 in the cost of pre-season beach badges.

Note that each homeowner's base rate for water is no longer based on fixture count, i.e., how many water-bearing items you have in your home, such as faucets and showers. Instead, everyone will be charged the same base rate of \$100 per month for COMBINED base water and sewer charges plus a charge, based on a sliding scale, for how much water you actually use. **You will be billed quarterly for both water and sewer.**

Here's the math: The base charge for water **per quarter** is \$150. The base rate for sewer **per quarter** is \$150.

$\$150 + \$150 = \$300 \times 4 \text{ quarters} = \$1,200 \text{ per year divided by } 12 = \$100 \text{ per month}$

For more complete information about these new rates, access the FAQ, which provides answers to frequently asked questions about the new water and sewer rates. This FAQ was included as an attachment to the Dec.5<sup>th</sup> HBHTA Newsletter emailed to members.

**22-26:** This ordinance, required by the State of NJ to be passed annually in all municipalities, includes the adjustments to the salary ranges for all LBT employees.

**Recycling Plastic.** Confused about what plastic containers you can recycle? (No worries. You are not alone). Look at the bottom of the plastic container. If a 1, 2, or 5 appears there surrounded by little arrows, throw the clean plastic container in the recycling bin. If any other number appears there (or no number), throw it in the trash.

"Clean" is an important point here. Plastic containers with remnants of food in them get tossed from the recycling process AND they mess up the machinery, which slows everything down and can cause costly repairs for the processing equipment.

For more handy information about recycling, check out the middle section of the Township's 2023 Trash & Recycling Calendar, which has been mailed to all LBT property

owners. If you haven't received your calendar yet, don't panic. Some people report that their calendar just arrived today, while others received theirs last week.

**Replenishment Funds for the Island.** Mayor Mancini gleefully announced that the \$32M has been approved for LBI beach replenishment as part of the recently passed omnibus bill. "The money is in place," he said. No details are available about the nitty-gritty of the scope and roll-out, but as more information becomes available, we will keep you informed.

**Rusty Water.** You could experience rusty water flowing out of your tap, particularly if you haven't been at your house for a while and no one else on your street has been at theirs, either. If rusty water is flowing, here's what to do:

- Call the LBT Water/Sewer Department at (609) 492-6314 so someone can be sent out to your property.
- Water/Sewer Department personnel will open a fire hydrant to flush out the system.
- After that, you should turn on your faucet and let it run for 5-10 minutes to flush out the pipes in your house.

Commissioner Bayard said that homeowners use about 50-100 gallons of water when they turn on their faucets and let the water run to flush out their system. If you are letting your faucet run for 10 minutes during a quarter in which you use relatively little water (less than 15,000 gallons in that quarter), the cost of running the water is negligible (about a dime). That is because you are charged \$1.00 for each 1,000 gallons of water you use during the quarter for the first 15,000 gallons.

**Science Saturdays** are back in Loveladies at the Long Beach Island Foundation of the Arts & Science beginning January 14<sup>th</sup> and extending through March 18<sup>th</sup>. During the winter months, Science Saturday lectures focus on a variety of local topics concerning sustainability issues that directly affect our shore community.

Offered via Zoom or in-person when noted on the website, Science Saturdays offer interactive and informative hands-on presentations in an informal atmosphere and cover a range of topics including our coast, flooding and resilience, energy and getting involved. For more information go to the Foundation's website [www.lbifoundation.org](http://www.lbifoundation.org) and click on Science.

**Water Smart App.** Here is some good news about the infamous and much-delayed app that allows you track your water usage at your home in HBH. You should be able to login to the app now, in spite of some login problems experienced earlier this week. Watch your mail for an announcement with login information.