



Long Beach Township (LBT) Caucus & Public Meetings Monday, March 4th, 2024

HIGHLIGHTS

LBT Beach Badge Shack opens Friday March 29 from 9 am – 3 pm. Easter weekend hours continue with Saturday 9 am – 3 pm and Sunday 9 am – 12 noon. Beginning April 1, the shack will be open daily from 9 am – 3 pm.

LBI Beach Replenishment is on schedule. The bids are going out at the end of this month, the contract will be awarded in April and work is expected to commence in June.

Note that replenishment is expected to start in Harvey Cedars and then move on to Loveladies, Beach Haven and Holgate.

Easter Egg Hunt. Who doesn't love a chance to spend time with an alpaca, who will be there along with music, refreshments and the Easter Bunny at the Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday March 23 from 12 – 2 pm at Bayview Park. Rain Date is Sunday March 24.

Bring your own basket and join the LBT Police Department and LBT PBA #373 at 68th Street in Brant Beach for this annual event, featuring all the activities mentioned above plus crafts and bouncy houses. Questions? Call Gina at 609-361-6697 or email recreation@longbeachtownship.com.

First Responders Certification Program. Commissioner Lattanzi announced that this program, inaugurated last year in partnership with the Beach Haven Volunteer First Aid Squad, is making “very good progress” in building out the emergency medical squad for this year. In other words, they have been very successful in finding volunteers and getting them trained and certified to be emergency medical technicians so they can become part of the Beach Haven first responders' squad.

While the commissioner said it was too soon to declare victory, he was clear that he is very pleased with the results so far.

LBT Municipal Offices are closed Friday March 29 for Good Friday (but the beach badge shack reopens on that day from 9 am – 3 pm).

Transportation: LBI Shuttle & Gator Service. Both services will be offered this season with no major changes anticipated in either program. More information to follow when available.

WaterSmart app. WHAT?!?!? You haven't signed up for the free WaterSmart app yet? What are you waiting for? You can monitor water usage in nearly real-time and/or sign up for usage alerts. You can find out that your house has a leak *before* you get there, open the door, hear that dreaded running water sound and discover that things that should not be squishy actually are.

Go to the LBT website to sign up for the app OR click here longbeachtwpnj.watersmart to get started. You'll need your water/sewer account number to complete the sign-up. Not sure what it is? You can find that on the LBT website as well. Click [HERE](#) to access water/sewer account information and then search on your name.

Welcome: New LBT Police Officer Kelley Lutz. After summarizing the new officer's spectacularly successful career so far with the LBT Police Department, Captain Michel Brennan conducted the swearing-in ceremony of Officer Lutz, who is now a full-time Class II Officer. His brother Ryan, a distinguished police officer with the Ocean City Police Department, held the Bible during the ceremony, which was attended by many family members and what looked like the entire LBT PD, who cheered him on (and then went back to work).



ORDINANCES

Proposed On First Reading. First reading ordinances will not be available for inspection on the LBT website for a while because the website is in the process of being re-designed. We have been advised, however, that when that process is completed, it is the intention to make first reading ordinances available again online.

24-07 Allows the municipal appropriation budget to be exceeded and establishes a 2024 cap bank. If this sounds familiar, that is because this ordinance is introduced and passed every year under a new identification number. It allows the budget cap of 2.5% imposed by the State of New Jersey to be raised to 3.5%, if needed. Mayor Mancini reaffirmed that even though this ordinance appears annually like clockwork, it has never been used and he does not expect to use it this year.

24-08C This ordinance, required by state law, repeals and replaces current regulations related to pawnbrokers and dealers in secondhand goods. Since there are no such business establishments operating in LBT, it is proposed to fulfill the state's requirement.

24-09C This ordinance would require oceanfront homeowners to roll up and safely store their beach access walkways November 2 – March 31. Rollover beach access walkways would be permitted April 1 – November 1.

Passed On Second Reading

24-02 & 24-03 Authorizes bonds in the amounts of \$235,000 and \$965,000, respectively, for equipment for the Water/Sewer and Public Works Departments.

23-04 Clarifies parking space requirements for *new construction*. Each required space must have adequate ingress and egress to the street.

24-05 Establishes landscaping fees, requires construction permits for any plantings over 12 inches in height and revises upward the distance plantings must be from public roadways.

23-06 Requires businesses to have insurance certifications and "Mercantile" licenses for commercial establishments with outdoor seating.