



## Long Beach Township (LBT) Caucus & Public Meetings Monday, June 3rd, 2024

### HIGHLIGHTS

**Beach Replenishment on LBI.** Unfortunately, there has been a snag. The project has been delayed, although no one could say for how long.

As you know, the request for bids went out last month, but the proposals received in response were too high—about \$5M over the expected estimate. Back to the table to figure out where to get the additional money.

**Blinking Red Lights.** By now, everyone has encountered the pedestrian crossing with the blinking red lights at the border of Surf City and North Beach (close to Yellowtail at the Y in the road).

Good idea, but generally misunderstood. Please note that the solid red light means a hard STOP AND WAIT, but the blinking red light means STOP, LOOK, and if all clear (no pedestrians in the crosswalk on either side), then GO.

**EMTs On Board.** Congratulations to the **eight** new emergency medical technicians who have officially started their duties as part of the Beach Haven Volunteer First Aid Squad, thanks to a partnership between Long Beach Township and the First Aid Squad.

Members of all three LBI volunteer emergency medical squads—Beach Haven, Surf City and Barnegat Light—respond to calls all over the island so it is not inconceivable that these certified professionals will be in Loveladies from time to time, doing what they do so well, and we are grateful for their dedication and expertise.

**Red Lights.** There used to be an old joke floating around about what the red, green and yellow lights on traffic signals meant: Stop. Go. Hurry Up. Not so funny if you happen to be driving the car that gets T-boned by someone hurrying up and running a red light.

Mayor Mancini was also not in a laughing mood when he announced that, to address the worrisome uptick in the frequency of this dangerous driving maneuver, the police are going to be giving out tickets to drivers when they run red lights, starting immediately. “Slow down,” the mayor advised.

**LBT Logo.** The winning design for the new Long Beach Township logo was unveiled at the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary party on May 25. LBT Business Administrator Kyle Ominski reported that the new logo design will be displayed on the LBT website soon, so keep checking the website at <https://www.longbeachtownship.com/>

**The Right Lane.** Mayor Mancini, who expressed his concern about safety issues throughout the meeting, advised that the police will be enforcing the “Stay Right” rule. In other words, drive in the right lane and only use the left lane to pass.

The problem this rule is trying to address is the Left Lane Road Hog. These are the drivers who drive for miles in the left lane and won't move over to the right to let others pass. They back up traffic to such an extent that other drivers become frustrated and try to pass on the right, sometimes with disastrous results, or the drivers trying to get by just succumb and join the parade in the left lane, which increases the frustration . . . and the cycle continues.

**Shuttle Buses.** All good and running smoothly, Commissioner Lattanzi reported. Through Sunday June 23, they will be running on Fridays from 4 pm – 12 am, Saturday from 3 pm – 12 am and Sunday from 3 – 9 pm.

Beginning Monday June 24 through Labor Day September 2, buses will run Sunday – Thursday from 3 – 11 pm and Friday & Saturday from 3 pm – 12 am.

More information and the link to the shuttle bus tracker can be found on the LBT website <https://www.lbishuttle.com/>. The cost is \$5 per ride; children 12 and under are free when accompanied by an adult.

**Speed Limits.** By now, everyone is aware that most of the speed limits in LBT are set at 35 mph (15 – 20 mph on some streets in the southern part of the island), but nonetheless, Mayor Mancini advised people to be mindful of the change.

**Traffic & Bicycles.** Mayor Mancini reminded all that the state law requires drivers to be four feet away from a bike when they are driving past the cyclist. “Be careful and move over,” the mayor advised.

## ORDINANCES

**Proposed On First Reading.** *First reading ordinances are not available for inspection on the LBT website anymore. Links to all the first ordinances are provided in the newsletter to which this summary is attached.*

**24-14C** Required by the state, this ordinance clarifies how salt and other de-icing materials used by residents on roads, driveways and sidewalks must be stored to prevent exposure to stormwater.

**24-15C** Also required by the state, this ordinance establishes the revised and required regulations around stormwater control. It establishes minimum stormwater management protocols and specific controls for major development.

**24-16C** Authorizes the addition of two stop signs on bayside streets near the Acme.

**24-17C** Establishes a fund for the purpose of self-funding insurance benefits, including health benefits, for Township employees and their dependents. Mayor Mancini stated that the new employee health plan is less expensive than the former plan.

## Passed On Second Reading

**24-13C** This ordinance makes minor changes in wording in an ordinance passed on second reading in March 2024. The original ordinance clarified some requirements around applying for a business license. The tweaks in the wording contained in *this* ordinance make the connections to other sections in the Township Code clearer.