

BOROUGH OF LAVALLETTE (minutes)
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
LAVALLETTE MUNICIPAL BUILDING – COUNCIL CHAMBERS
Monday, October 15, 2012-7:00 pm

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Walter G. LaCicero, presiding

ROLL CALL: Council Members Borowski, Zalom, Filippone, Lamb, Horan and Stogdill

Also present: Christopher F. Parlow, Borough Administrator/Municipal Clerk
Philip George, Borough Attorney
Donnelly Amico, Deputy Municipal Clerk

READING OF THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT STATEMENT: Notice of this meeting complies with the Open Public Meetings Act. Public Notice was given to the Asbury Park Press and was published in the Ocean Star on January 6, 2012. Notice was also posted on the municipal bulletin board and the municipal website.

MOMENT OF SILENCE: The Mayor asked for a moment of silence for Dennis Rulli a long time resident who recently passed away and for all our troops overseas.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Councilman Lamb led us in the Salute to the Flag.

PRESENTATION: Richard Fowler to read a poem dedicated to Joy Grosko.

Mr. Fowler stated that he spent numerous summers in Lavallette and when he was thirteen his parents bought a home in Lavallette. His mother passed away a number of years ago and has not lived here in a very long time but he stated that his heart has not left. His mother always talked about how wonderful Mrs. Grosko was so he decided to meet her. He stated that she greeted him with open arms and that they talked for hours. He stated that since the first time they met he has visited her frequently and that he enjoys their visits. He stated that he dedicates this poem to her.

Mr. Fowler read aloud a poem he wrote for Mrs. Grosko.

MAYOR'S WELCOMING STATEMENT: The Mayor thanked everyone for coming out to tonight's meeting.

COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC (Items not listed on agenda / not staying for remainder of meeting)

Mayor LaCicero asked if anyone wished to comment on any items that were not on the agenda or if they could not stay for the remainder of the meeting they could do so now.

No one wished to comment at this time.

Mayor LaCicero closed the floor to public comments.

APPROVAL OF CLERK’S MINUTES:

Caucus/Regular Meeting of October 1, 2012
Executive Session of October 1, 2012

A Motion was made by Councilman Horan to approve the minutes. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Stogdill. Vote: Council Members Borowski, Filippone, Zalom, Stogdill, Horan and Lamb voted Yes. The Motion Passed.

REPORTS:

- a) Police Overtime Report for September-Councilwoman Filippone-read report
- b) Municipal Court Report for September-Councilwoman Filippone-read report

RESOLUTIONS-ON CONSENT:

- 2012-268 authorizing the Chief Financial Officer cancel the unexpended and dedicated balances of the Capital Appropriations regarding the Refunding Bond Ordinance 2012-04 (1103)
- 2012-269 proclaiming October 17, 2012, as “Pretty In Pink Day” in the Borough of Lavallette to promote breast cancer awareness
- 2012-270 approving the submission of a grant application and execution of a grant agreement with the NJDOT for the Virginia Avenue Road Improvement Project
- 2012-271 approving the submission of a grant application and execution of a grant agreement with the NJDOT for the Newark Avenue Road Improvement Project- Councilman Borowski requested that this resolution be put off consent.

A Motion was made by Councilman Horan to approve the consent agenda minus 2012-271. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Stogdill. The Mayor opened the floor to the public and asked if anyone wished to comment on the consent agenda. No one wished to comment. The Mayor closed the floor to the public and asked Council for a vote on the consent agenda.

Vote: Council Members Borowski, Filippone, Zalom, Stogdill, Horan and Lamb voted Yes. The Motion Passed.

RESOLUTIONS-OFF CONSENT:

- 2012-271 approving the submission of a grant application and execution of a grant agreement with the NJDOT for the Newark Avenue Road Improvement Project

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Filippone to approve Resolution 2012-271. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Stogdill. Vote: Council Members Filippone, Zalom, Stogdill, Horan and Lamb voted Yes. Councilman Borowski Abstained. The Motion Passed.

2012-272 approving a special event/facilities use application to DQ Events to hold a triathlon on June 2, 2013 from 5am to 11am

Ross Reynolds was in the audience as a DQ Events representative so he came up to the microphone for any questions.

Council President Zalom stated that some of Council was concerned about the amount of noise that may be heard for an event that is asking to be started at 5 a.m.

Mr. Reynolds stated that is when the applicants will start arriving but the race will not start until 8 a.m. The bull horn does not start being used until about 7:30 am.

Councilwoman Filippone questioned how many runners would be in attendance.

Mr. Reynolds stated that it varies with the races.

Councilman Borowski stated that that application provides that there may be a maximum of 500 runners.

Councilwoman Filippone questioned how 500 runners were going to be quiet at 5 a.m. She stated she has no objection to the event but the residents in that area are always complaining about the noise before 8 a.m. and the streets being blocked.

Councilman Lamb stated that they have nothing against this company or event it is just that we have had triathlons from different companies before and they have created such a big problem for us and we start becoming reluctant to approve any of these events.

Councilman Borowski questioned if this was a private company and how much the entry fee was. He also questioned how many triathlons they have in a year.

Mr. Reynolds stated that it is a private company and the entry fee is between \$60 and \$75 and they run about 14 to 17 events per year in different towns. He stated that 10% of the profits will be given to the Borough as well as they will make donations local charities.

Councilman Borowski questioned if the race could be moved to the weekend before Memorial Day weekend.

Mr. Reynolds stated that he would have to look into it.

Councilwoman Filippone stated that the bikers would have to bike around the route three times in the town. She was not comfortable voting on this until she gets some more information and researches it further.

Councilman Stogdill stated that having the event schedule for a Saturday morning will cause problems for residents from West Point Island that go to church services on Sunday morning.

Mayor LaCicero stated that we could defer this resolution until the next meeting.

A Motion was made by Councilman Horan to defer this Resolution 2012-272 until the next meeting. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Stogdill. Vote: Council Members Borowski, Filippone, Zalom, Stogdill, Horan and Lamb. The Motion Passed.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:

2012-273 Bills List in the amount of \$1,009,759.02

A Motion was made by Councilman Horan to approve the bills list. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Stogdill. Vote: Council Members Borowski, Filippone, Zalom, Stogdill, Horan and Lamb voted Yes. The Motion Passed.

ORDINANCES ON FOR ADOPTION:

Ordinance No. 2012-15 (1114) ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF LAVALLETTE AMENDING CHAPTER 89 OF THE GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF LAVALLETTE, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY ENTITLED “VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC”

Mayor LaCicero stated that this Ordinance places the two hour parking restrictions along Grand Central Avenue into the Borough Code so that any parking violations issued can be written against a Borough Ordinance so that the Borough would retain the ticket revenues. As it is right now, the State receives the bulk of the fees for the tickets.

A Motion was made by Councilman Borowski to adopt Ordinance 2012-15 (1114). The Motion was seconded by Councilman Horan. The Mayor opened the Public Hearing and asked if anyone wished to comment on this Ordinance. No one wished to comment. The Mayor closed the public hearing and asked Council for a vote on Ordinance 2012-15 (1114).

Vote: Council Members Borowski, Filippone, Zalom, Stogdill, Horan and Lamb voted yes. The Motion Passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Councilman Horan stated that the Borough’s electric utility ratepayers will save approximately \$41,000 next year as a result of the electric customers’ conservation efforts made during the peak days last summer. The Borough notified the electric customers on the anticipated peak days and also utilized the back up generator at the water pumping stations.

Mayor LaCicero stated that is a \$41,000 savings to the ratepayers.

Councilwoman Filippone stated that our notification system is wonderful. She stated that some people who she has spoke with questioned her on whether it could just call one number if they answer instead of both numbers.

Mr. Parlow stated that he will look into it but if there are two numbers on the registration those numbers will be contacted.

NEW BUSINESS:

Council President Zalom stated that a friend of hers from Manchester came over to see the parade and he was in the military. He told her that a bell is very special to the ship and shipmates. He noticed that we did not have a proper lanyard to ring the bell so he offered to make one for the borough. She also stated that she will be teaching the 2nd and 4th graders from Lavallette School at the Library. She will be teaching them the history of Lavallette and the USS Lavallette

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Joe Palinsky - 122 Washington Avenue - stated that he is looking over the facilities use application and it seems pretty ambitious. It seems to be the largest triathlon and covers a lot of ground. They are looking for traffic control, use of our parking facilities and a lot of Borough property. If they want use of our parking lot we should be charging them for each space.

Mayor LaCicero stated that they have some issues with this event also that is why we held it off until next meeting. We seem to be pretty loaded up with these events every year and he thinks it is getting worse and worse each year. We are going to look into this before the next meeting.

Councilwoman Filippone stated that if they need our parking lot they will have to pay for parking stickers for each vehicle and if the participants use our parking lot they will need a sticker also.

COMMENTS OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Councilman Borowski stated that he appreciates the new notification system. It helped with informing our residents about changing to the winter garbage schedule and reminding them about bulk pickup. We also used it for our flu clinic which seemed to have more people than last year. He stated that someone questioned him about informing the residents where the flooding is when it rains.

Mayor LaCicero stated that we do have unlimited use of the system. We really need to sit down and figure out what other notifications should be sent also.

Councilman Horan stated that with that \$41,000 savings we are getting 5% off of next years cost already.

Mayor LaCicero stated that is reducing our capacity charge which is wonderful.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

There was no executive session.

ADJOURNMENT:

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Filippone to adjourn the Regular Meeting. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Stogdill. Vote: All of Council was in favor. The Motion Passed.

The Regular Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

CERTIFICATION

I, Christopher F. Parlow, Municipal Clerk of the Borough of Lavallette, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, does hereby certify that these are a true copy of the Minutes of the meeting held on the 15th day of **October 2012**

Christopher F. Parlow
Municipal Clerk