

**BOROUGH OF LAVALLETTE(minutes)
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
LAVALLETTE MUNICIPAL BUILDING
Monday, August 22, 2016-7:00 pm**

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Walter G. LaCicero, presiding

ROLL CALL: Council Members Borowski, Zalom, Filippone, Lamb, Finter and Stogdill
A Motion to excuse Council Members Borowski and Stogdill was made by Council President Zalom. The Motion was Seconded by Councilman Finter. Vote: All of Council Present was in favor. The Motion Passed.

Also present: John Bennett, Borough Administrator
Donnelly Amico, Municipal Clerk
Dominic DiYanni, Borough Attorney

READING OF THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT STATEMENT: Notice of this meeting complies with the Open Public Meetings Act. Public Notice was published in the Ocean Star on January 8, 2016. Notice was also posted on our municipal website and municipal bulletin board.

MOMENT OF SILENCE: The Mayor asked for a moment of silence for long time resident Richard Adams from West Point Island. He was a former Commodore of the Lavallette Yacht Club and was a Lavallette resident for many, many years.

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

MAYOR'S WELCOMING STATEMENT: The Mayor welcomed everyone to tonight's meeting. He stated that he was supposed to have attended a Mayors Meeting last Friday with the Governor but it was cancelled at the last minute. It was supposed to be updating us on more funding for the essential services grant. We have done a good job with our budget without the grant but it would have been nice to see what would be offered to us again. Hopefully, they will reschedule it and we will find out. He stated that anyone in the audience who 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.

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

Darren Monroe, Café Diem Vendor Truck stated that he has a vendor truck in town and he sells smoothies and select sandwiches and the truck requires two people to run it at all times. He was just informed about two weeks ago that he has to pay for every helper on the truck he has a \$700 fee as well as being fingerprinted. He had to lay off some of his employees because he cannot afford to pay those extra fees. He would like Mayor and Council to look into waiving that fee for him because unlike ice cream trucks he needs two people at all times in his truck. He stated that he did send the Mayor a letter last week referencing his issue.

Mayor LaCicero stated that he did receive his letter and it will be on correspondence for the next meeting. This issue is governed by an Ordinance. In order to waive any fees Council would have to review the ordinance and amend it which would require two Council Meetings for introduction and adoption so nothing can be done for you this year anyway. We will have our ordinance committee review the ordinance and see what can be done.

APPROVAL OF CLERK'S MINUTES:

Caucus/Regular Meeting of August 8, 2016

A Motion to approve the minutes was made by Council President Zalom. The Motion was Seconded by Councilman Lamb. Vote: Council Members Filippone, Zalom, Finter and Lamb voted Yes. The Motion Passed.

RESOLUTIONS-ON CONSENT:

- 2016-238 appointing Todd Morgano as the part-time Construction Official at an hourly rate of \$35.00-Councilwoman Filippone requested that this Resolution be withdrawn due to the applicant deciding to not take the position.

- 2016-239 appointing a badge checker for the remainder of the 2016 summer season at an hourly rate of \$8.00

- 2016-240 appointing two lifeguards for the remainder of the 2016 summer season at an hourly rate of \$9.00

- 2016-241 authorizing the Chief Financial Officer to refund the remaining escrow fee balance in the amount of \$880.00 for solar interconnect

A Motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Councilman Lamb. The Motion was Seconded by Councilman Finter.

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 minus Resolution 2016-238.

Vote: Council Members Filippone, Zalom, Finter and Lamb voted Yes. The Motion Passed.

RESOLUTIONS OFF CONSENT:

2014-242 authorizing the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to execute an agreement between the Borough of Lavallette and the Lavallette Volunteer First Aid Squad

A Motion to approve Resolution 2016-242 was made by Councilwoman Filippone. The Motion was Seconded by Councilman Finter.

The Mayor opened the floor to the public and asked if anyone wished to comment on this Resolution.

No one wished to comment.

The Mayor closed the floor to the public and asked Council for a vote on this Resolution.

Vote: Council Members Filippone, Zalom and Lamb voted Yes. Councilman Finter Abstained. The Motion Passed.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:

2016-243 Bills List in the amount of \$366,932.00

A Motion to approve the bills list was made by Councilman Filippone. The Motion was Seconded by Councilman Lamb.

The Mayor opened the floor to the public and asked if anyone wished to comment on the bills list.

No one wished to comment.

The Mayor closed the floor to the public and asked Council for a vote on the bills list.

Vote: Council Members Filippone, Zalom, Finter and Lamb voted Yes. The Motion Passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Request for Proposals for Procurement of Water Storage Tank Inspection Services

Mr. Bennett stated that this is a proposal for O'Donnell to prepare the specs to go out to bid for the inspection services for this project. The cost will be \$2,000.

A Motion to approve the proposal of \$2,000 to prepare the specs for bid was made by Councilwoman Filippone. The Motion was Seconded by Councilman Finter. Vote: Council Members Filippone, Zalom, Finter and Lamb voted Yes. The Motion Passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor LaCicero stated that the State is giving grants out to municipalities again for streetscape plans.

Council President Zalom stated that she spoke to the DOT and she believes these grants are on hold also due to the Governor's hold on all projects.

Mayor LaCicero questioned where we would use it again this year in our business district. Should we increase the number of streets and do both sides of street. These are all things we need to think about. We really need a plan.

Council President Zalom stated that if we are going to apply for it we definitely should be more aggressive with what we ask for.

Mayor LaCicero stated that Mr. Bennett should take a look at the area and come up with something for us to at least discuss.

Mr. Bennett said he will start working on that this week.

Councilwoman Filippone stated that she would like to see those street lights on both sides of the street and the pavers.

Mayor LaCicero stated that pavers would have to be ripped up for underground electric so we would really have to look into that as well.

Councilwoman Filippone stated that she thinks it should all be uniform.

Council President Zalom stated that right now the only street job that is allowed to keep going is the bridge.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Mark Speaker, 111 Brown Avenue stated that Founder's Day is coming soon and we will have some roads closed. Washington and Philadelphia Avenues will be closed from Bay Blvd. to Rt. 35 South as well as Bay Blvd. from each of those streets. Baltimore Avenue will also be closed for parking of vehicles.

Joe Palinsky, 122 Washington Avenue stated that the town should hire a HVAC Engineer to figure out what the problem is with this system in this building.

Mr. Bennett stated that we are in the process of having it looked at. They have already fixed most of the issues so we are now on track.

COMMENTS OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Councilwoman Filippone stated that she received an estimate for some shades for the windows for this building and downstairs and the court. The estimate seems a bit too high for my taste so we are going to get some quotes.

Councilman Finter stated that there is some information from JCP & L on the back table about how much items in a home cost for electric.

Council President Zalom stated that Pickleball is a big hit in Lavallette. The Women Lifeguard Tournament was great. Lavallette came in second which is wonderful! Congressman MacArthur sent a letter to the Army Corps. requesting they move quickly with starting this project in Lavallette. There is a Bocci Ball Tournament on September 17th.

Mr. Bennett stated that he prepared two ordinances for Council to review before the introduction at the next meeting. One is amending the property maintenance code to allow the Borough to go onto the property if abandoned and make any necessary cleanup needed and then put a lien on the property for our services. The other is a road opening permit to amend the code to only allow emergency openings of streets if the street has already been paved and to make sure that if the street is opened that the company repairs the road exactly how it was and they will have to provide the Borough a performance bond as a safety net for these issues. He is also working on amending the fence ordinance which he will also have for Council this week to review regarding chain link fences on the bay side with 2 inch openings.

Mr. Bennett stated that we had an employee resign downstairs in our Administration Office and we will be having interviews this week for that position. Also, as of right now we do not have a replacement for our current Construction Official. He has reached out to other towns to see if any of their Officials would be interested in the part-time position or if we could do some type of shared services. He will update Council periodically on this issue.

Councilman Lamb stated that he has received a proposal on repairing the basketball courts so he will make sure Council gets a copy and we can discuss it further.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

There is no executive session.

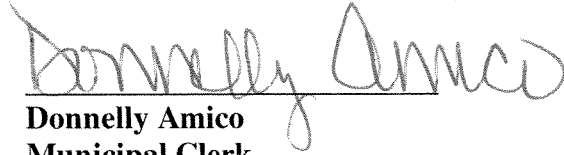
ADJOURNMENT:

A Motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting was made by Councilman Lamb. The Motion was Seconded by Councilman Finter. Vote: Council Members Filippone, Zalom, Finter and Lamb. The Motion Passed.

The Regular Meeting was Adjourned at 7:39 pm.

CERTIFICATION

I, Donnelly Amico, Municipal Clerk of the Borough of Lavallette, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, does hereby attest these to be a true copy of the minutes of the meeting held on the 22nd day of August 2016

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Donnelly Amico". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Donnelly Amico
Municipal Clerk