

**BOROUGH OF LAVALLETTE(minutes)  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
LAVALLETTE MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
Tuesday, February 21, 2017-7:00 pm**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Councilman Robert Lamb, presiding

Mayor LaCicero was absent.

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

Also present: John Bennett, Borough Administrator  
Eric Bernstein, Borough Attorney  
Donnelly Amico, Municipal Clerk

**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 6, 2017. Notice was also posted on our municipal website and municipal bulletin board.

**MOMENT OF SILENCE:** Councilman Lamb asked for a moment of silence for three long time residents, Sue Boyers, Peter Sturm and Nate Hesslein who past away recently. Sue Boyers was our Supervisor in the Badge Office and was very active in the Lavallette Beautification Committee, Peter Sturm was very active in the Republican Club, and Nate Hesslein owned Martin's Drugs and Martin's Casuals. They will all be in our thoughts and prayers.

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

**MAYOR'S WELCOMING STATEMENT:** Councilman Lamb stated that 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.

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

Frank DeRosa, 13 Elizabeth Avenue asked for an update on the beach replenishment project.

Councilman Lamb stated that the last that the Mayor spoke about was the draft state aid agreement for this project and how it seemed that the maintenance of this project from year to year would have to be paid for by the Borough which was never discussed at all this whole time.

Councilwoman Filippone stated that we know just what we are told. It is supposed to start sometime in the spring and we still don't know where they will be starting. They will not stop the project during the summer so they will be working right through the summer months. They will be completing roughly three blocks at a time. Once they start that three block radius they finish it completely before moving on to the next area of beach.

Councilman Lamb stated that once we get an update the Mayor announces it at the next meeting for the residents to keep them updated.

**APPROVAL OF CLERK’S MINUTES:**

Caucus/Regular Meeting of February 6, 2017  
Executive Session Meeting of February 6, 2017

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

**RESOLUTIONS-ON CONSENT:**

- 2017-101      refunding planning board escrow to Peter Frampton in the amount of \$1,026.00
- 2017-102      approving a facilities use application to Anthony Morici from Soccer Shots to hold soccer classes for children on Chandler Field on Mondays, 5pm to 8pm and Saturdays, 9am to noon from April 1<sup>st</sup> through June 30<sup>th</sup>
- 2017-103      refunding unused planning board escrow to Anthony & Josephine D’Achille in the amount of \$437.00
- 2017-104      refunding unused planning board escrow to McCrea Family Trust in the amount of \$585.00
- 2017-105      rescinding Resolution 2013-107 adopted on March 11, 2013 adopting certain policies and procedures to assist non-conforming structures and uses in the rebuilding process from super storm sandy
- 2017-106      authorizing the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to sign and execute the Inter-Municipal Agreement establishing NJ Public Power Authority, A Municipal Shared Services Energy Authority

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

Councilman Lamb opened the floor to the public and asked if anyone wished to comment on the consent agenda.

No one wished to comment. Councilman Lamb closed the floor to the public and asked Council for a vote on the consent agenda.

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

**RESOLUTIONS OFF CONSENT:**

There were no resolutions off consent.

**APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:**

2017-107 Bills List in the amount of \$401,951.86

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

**ORDINANCES ON FOR PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL ADOPTION:**

ORDINANCE NO. 2017-04 (1164) ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF LAVALLETTE, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 7 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF LAVALLETTE TO AMEND THE PERCENTAGE FEE WHEN USING A CREDIT CARD FOR THE PURCHASE OF BEACH BADGES

Mr. Bennett stated that this is just increasing the percentage fee for the use of credit cards when purchasing beach badges due to our fees being increased as well.

A Motion to adopt this Ordinance was made by Councilman Finter. The Motion was Seconded by Councilwoman Filippone.

Councilman Lamb opened the public hearing and asked if anyone wished to comment on this ordinance.

No one wished to comment.

Councilman Lamb closed the public hearing and asked Council for a vote on this Ordinance.

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

There was no unfinished business.

**INTRODUCTION OF BRYAN COVERT, TAX ASSESSOR**

Mr. Covert introduced himself as the new Borough Tax Assessor saying he took the position at the end of last summer and it definitely has been a challenge. His goal is to get all the 2015 added assessments on for this year. He is available in the office from 2 to 4 pm on Wednesdays.

He can also be reached by email and can make appointments outside his normal business hours if needed. We did receive a letter from Ocean County Tax Office encouraging us to do a revaluation. We haven't decided if that is an option for us right now but we have discussed it and will continue to discuss it further. He has been working along with the Construction Office to review all the new co's as well as past co's to make sure everything is on the books correctly. We want to make sure every home is assessed fairly.

Mr. Bennett stated questioned what was done with all the damaged homes after the storm.

Mr. Covert stated that all the damaged homes after the storm received a storm code reduction which reduced their assessed value for a period of time to give the homeowners time to renovate and reconstruct their damaged homes and bring them back to what they were. Right now, there are still about 200 of these homes that still need to be reviewed and given the correct assessment for their renovations.

Councilman Lamb asked if anyone had any questions for the Tax Assessor.

Clem Boyers, 20 Kerr Avenue questioned if these 200 homes still under review since the storm are unlivable and still damaged?

Mr. Covert stated that these homes have still not been reviewed and looked at to see if they are still in fact damaged or back to where it was before the storm. That is my goal, to get all these additional homes to where they should be on the tax records.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

State of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection through the New Jersey Tree Recovery Campaign Partners is offering free seedlings to all towns that apply by February 28<sup>th</sup>

Councilman Borowski stated that he believes this program was done before and the gardener down at PW took care of it all.

Councilman Lamb stated that he thinks we should do this program again for the residents.

A Motion to authorize PW to request the free seedlings from the DEP was made by Councilman Borowski. The Motion was Seconded by Councilman Finter. Vote: Council Members Borowski, Filippone, Stogdill, Finter and Lamb voted Yes. The Motion Passed.

Councilman Borowski stated that he read in the NJ League Magazine about water infrastructure and he thinks that maybe when we do the road improvements to a street we need to check our water mains on each of the streets to make sure they are all good.

Councilman Lamb stated that it sounds like a good idea to do that while the street is already being repaved they can open it up first and then repave.

Mr. Bennett stated that the next street is Elizabeth and Dover so he will inform the Engineer.

## **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

There were no comments from the public.

## **COMMENTS OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

Councilman Borowski stated that Seaside Heights will be having their Polar Plunge this weekend so be ware of the traffic.

Councilwoman Filippone requested that she be excused for the two meetings in March since she will be on vacation for the month of March.

Councilman Lamb stated that we should also excuse the Mayor from this meeting with a vote.

A Motion to excuse Councilwoman Filippone from the two March Council Meetings and to excuse the Mayor from this Council Meeting of February 21<sup>st</sup> was made by Councilman Stogdill. The Motion was Seconded by Councilman Finter. Vote: Council Members Borowski, Filippone, Stogdill, Finter and Lamb voted Yes. The Motion Passed.

Councilwoman Filippone stated that the shared services agreement went into affect on the 14<sup>th</sup> of February. There were a few glitches but things are falling into place.

Councilman Lamb questioned if Seaside Park was adverse in this agreement?

Councilwoman Filippone stated that Seaside Park approved the shared services agreement and the Borough of Lavallette is the prime municipality in this. We collect all the revenues and pay all the employees in this department. They are now Lavallette's employees. We share one Construction Official. The zoning department there does rental co's as well as mercantile licenses which Lavallette doesn't do so there are some differences to get use to. She will update everyone as the weeks go on.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

There was no executive session.

## **ADJOURNMENT:**

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

The Regular Meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm.

**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 21<sup>st</sup> day of February 2017

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**