BOROUGH OF LAVALLETTE (minutes)
CAUCUS/REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
LAVALLETTE MUNICIPAL BUILDING – COUNCIL CHAMBERS
November 8, 2010-7:02 pm

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Walter G. LaCicero, presiding

ROLL CALL: Council Members Borowski, Zalom, Lamb, Horan and Filippone were present.
Councilman Stogdill was absent.

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 Ocean County Gazette
and was published in the Ocean Star on January 8, 2010. Notice was also posted on our Municipal
Website and the Municipal bulletin board.

MOMENT OF SILENCE: The Mayor asked for a moment of silence for all our troops in Iraq and
Afghanistan.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Councilman Lamb led the Salute to the Flag

MAYOR’S WELCOMING STATEMENT: The Mayor thanked everyone for their attendance at
tonight’s meeting.

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

Mayor LaCicero opened the floor to anyone who wished to comment on any items that were not on
the agenda and did not wish to stay for the remainder of the meeting.

No one wished to speak at this time.

Mayor LaCicero closed the floor to public comment.

APPROVAL OF CLERK’S MINUTES

Regular Meeting of October 18, 2010
Executive Session Meeting of October 18, 2010
Bid Opening of October 28, 2010

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

a) Police Report for October-Councilwoman Filippone-read report
b) Planning Board Report for October-Councilwoman Filippone-The second meeting in October was cancelled. Our next meeting is November 10th and we have four cases on.
c) Public Affairs Report for October-Council President Zalom-We had a great Beach Sweeps and we were the first town to turn in our cards and we had a lot of them. The Halloween Hoedown was great except we had to cancel the bonfire due to high winds. She asked that everyone not forget about our exercise classes aerobics, tai chi, yoga and Zumba at the First Aid Bldg. The Oyster Dinner is on December 4th and our Tree Lighting will be on December 3rd. The Ladies Fire Auxiliary is having their annual wreath sale.
d) Zoning Report for October-Councilwoman Filippone-read report
e) Construction Report for October-Councilwoman Filippone-read report
f) Animal Control Report for October-Councilwoman Filippone-read report
g) Friends of Lavallette Beautification Committee 2010 Year End-Councilwoman Filippone-The Beautification are requesting that the decorations be put up right after Thanksgiving and stay up until February. They are also going to be doing a fundraiser called Christmas in July. Council President Zalom stated that the tradition is always to put the Christmas decorations up before the Tree Lighting and lighting them up the day of the Tree Lighting which will be December 3rd this year and she would not like to break that tradition. Councilwoman Filippone stated that she would like to look into purchasing some wreaths for the downtown area. She would like an approval from Council to purchase 6 wreaths.

A Motion to purchase 6 wreaths was made by Councilwoman Filippone. The Motion was Seconded by Council President Zalom. Vote: Council Members Borowski, Filippone, Zalom, Horan and Lamb voted Yes. The Motion Passed. Council President Zalom stated that the snowflakes can go up anytime but the rest of the Christmas lights do not get lit until our Tree Lighting Ceremony on the 3rd. Councilman Borowski stated that all of the decorations should go up at the same time and be lit at the same time. They have always been lit up at the Tree Lighting but taking them down in February is just a little too long for me. Christmas and New Year’s is long done by February. Councilwoman Filippone stated that they should go on at the Tree Lighting on the 3rd. The snowflakes can stay up until end of January but we can take down the other decorations after New Year’s. Mayor LaCicero suggested that all the decorations are lit at the Tree Lighting and we can figure out when they come down after New Year’s Day.
h) Revenue Transaction Report for September-Chief Financial Officer
i) Tax Account Report for October-Tax Collector

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

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CONSENT AGENDA/OFF CONSENT AGENDA, AND VOUCHERS:

RESOLUTIONS – ON CONSENT:
accepting the resignation of Charles F. Russell, Jr. and authorizing payment of unused vacation time-Councilman Borowski stated that he was very sad to hear this news. Mr. Russell was a trained EMT so he always was a big help with our calls when he was on duty. He will be truly missed. Council President Zalom stated that she too is going to miss Charlie. He is going to be a NJ Transit Police Officer and we all wish him the best.

authorizing transfers between budget appropriations accounts-Mr. Parlow stated that there was a need for some transfers between accounts before the end of the year. We needed to move some monies to legal advertising for the codification of our ordinances. The Animal Control line needed some money because we had to purchase some additional traps, more goose patrol tags and the doggie bags for the stations along Bay Boulevard. Engineering needed some additional funds due to extra money needed for the dune walkover grant project. The project was funded by grant monies but the preliminary costs for specification preparation are not funded through the grant. There was also some additional work required for the surveying of the dunes associated with the dune maintenance permit and the tax maps for Bay Beach Way.

authorizing Mayor Walter LaCicero to sign and execute Policy Endorsements for Bollinger Insurance Employee Prescription Plans, Fort Dearborn Life Insurance, Sun Life Financial Short Term Disability and the Horizon Dental Plan for the year 2011

opposing Senate Bill 818 and Assembly Bill 2095-Council President Zalom thanked Councilman Borowski for being on top of this bill. Councilman Borowski stated that he will also be attending the League Session on this bill down at the conference next week.

authorizing the Electric Collector to remove an existing electric account at 22 Trenton Avenue due to a two family dwelling becoming a one family dwelling

authorizing the Electric Collector to remove an existing electric account at 16 Jersey City Avenue due to the two family dwelling becoming a one family dwelling

authorizing the Electric Collector to remove an existing electric account at 108 Pennsylvania Avenue due to a demolition

recognizing the month of November 2010 as National Family Caregivers Month

authorizing the Treasurer to refund a tax credit balance in the amount of $1,110.73 to John and Barbara Chiesa

authorizing the Administrator to go out to bid for Professional Services for the Borough Attorney, Borough Auditor and Municipal Prosecutor for the year 2011-Mr. Parlow stated that the CFO had one change in the specs for Auditor, she requested
that they provide us with a searchable PDF format of the audit. The Court Administrator also had a change with the specs for Prosecutor she requested that there is three court sessions in August due to the abundance of tickets they have been writing in the summer months.

2010-273 supporting arbitration reform with award caps-Councilman Lamb questioned when this was going to become law? Mr. Parlow stated that because of the amount of controversy they have removed the bill for now and let the League review and make suggestions.

A Motion was made by Councilman Horan to approve the Consent Agenda. The Motion was Seconded by Council President Zalom. The Mayor opened the floor for public comment and asked if anyone wished to comment on the Consent Agenda or the Bills List. No one wished to comment at this time. The Mayor closed the floor to comment and asked for a vote on the Consent Agenda. Vote: Council Members Borowski, Filippone, Zalom, Horan and Lamb voted Yes. The Motion Passed.

RESOLUTIONS OFF-CONSENT

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:

2010-274 Bills List in the amount of $3,779,040.32

A Motion to Approve the Bills List was made by Councilman Horan. The Motion was Seconded by Council President Zalom. Vote: Council Members Borowski, Filippone, Zalom, Horan and Lamb voted Yes. The Motion Passed.

ORDINANCES ON FOR FIRST READING/INTRODUCTION

ORDINANCE NO. 2010-17 (1089) ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF LAVALLETTE IN THE COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING CHAPTER 90 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF LAVALLETTE ENTITLED “ZONING”

Mr. Parlow stated that the Planning Board has worked on a number of changes to the Zoning Ordinance. Mr. Parlow read out loud the different changes in the zoning code that Planning Board had requested.

A Motion to Introduce Ordinance 2010-17 (1089) was made by Councilwoman Filippone. The Motion was Seconded by Councilman Horan. Vote: Council Members Borowski, Filippone, Zalom, Horan and Lamb voted Yes. The Motion Passed.

Public Hearing and Final Adoption will be held on December 20, 2010

COMMUNICATIONS:

Legal:
a) Eric M. Bernstein & Assoc/Philip George, Esq/Appeal of Civil Administrative Penalty Assessment/Received October 22, 2010
b) Eric M. Bernstein & Assoc/Michele Donato, Esq/Bossert v. Borough of Lavallette/Received November 3, 2010
c) Eric M. Bernstein & Assoc/Philip George, Esq/ Bossert v. Borough of Lavallette/Received November 3, 2010
d) Eric M. Bernstein & Assoc/Philip George, Esq/Bossert v. Borough of Lavallette and Richard Remy/Zoning Issue/Received November 4, 2010

Engineering:

a) O’Donnell, Stanton & Assoc./Michael O’Donnell/Dune Walkover Structure Handicap Ramps/Received October 4, 2010-Mr. Parlow stated that this project will start the middle of next week.  Also, as far as the project on New Brunswick Avenue there was a slight delay in the project due to a conduit that was from Verizon that wasn’t on the map. It has been straightened out but the contractor is going to be charging us for that extra work so we might have a change order.  His suggestion will be to seek restitution from Verizon because this caused a significant delay in this project.
b) O’Donnell, Stanton & Assoc./Michael O’Donnell/Preconstruction Conference Minutes/Grand Central Avenue Sidewalk Beautification Project/Received October 5, 2010
c) O’Donnell, Stanton & Assoc/Michael O’Donnell/Dune Walkover Structure Handicap Ramps/Jersey City & Brown Avenues/Preconstruction Conference/Received October 13, 2010
d) O’Donnell, Stanton & Assoc/Michael O’Donnell/Grand Central Avenue Sidewalk Beautification Project/Change Order #1/Received October 18, 2010
e) O’Donnell, Stanton & Assoc/Michael O’Donnell/Sanitary Sewer Replacement Route 35 NB/Bond Avenue to Guyer Avenue/Change Order No. 1-Final Quantities/Received October 19, 2010
f) O’Donnell, Stanton & Assoc/Michael O’Donnell/Dune Walkover Structure Handicap Ramps/Preconstruction Conference Minutes/Received October 28, 2010
g) O’Donnell, Stanton & Assoc/Michael O’Donnell/NJDOT Application for Utility Opening Route 35 Northbound/Received November 1, 2010
h) O’Donnell, Stanton & Assoc/Michael O’Donnell/Grand Central Avenue Sidewalk Beautification Project/Pay Estimate No. 1/Received November 3, 2010
i) O’Donnell, Stanton & Assoc/Michael O’Donnell/Sanitary Sewer Replacement Route 35 North/Bond Avenue to Guyer Avenue/Received November 5, 2010

New Jersey League of Municipalities:

a) 13th Annual Elected Officials Hall of Fame/Received October 2010
b) League of Municipalities’ Survey Measures Impact of Declining Property Values on Local Budgets/Received October 1, 2010
c) Recap of Thursday’s Senate and Assembly Voting Session/Received October 1, 2010
d) Federal Update for the Period Ending October 1, 2010
e) Funding Available to Municipalities for Hepatitis Inoculation of Public Safety Responders/Received October 4, 2010
f) Federal Early Retirement Reinsurance Program Accepting Applications/Received October 5, 2010
g) Court Strikes Down COAH 3rd Round Regulations/Received October 8, 2010
h) Recent Changes to the DLGS Website/Received October 12, 2010
i) Trenton Press Conference/Senate Committee Hearing Highlight Arbitration Reform Efforts/Received October 14, 2010
j) “Red Tape Review” Takes the Next Step/Received October 14, 2010
k) New Jersey Chamber of Commerce to Host 4th Annual Everything Jersey Business Conference and Expo/Received October 14, 2010
l) Bill to Limit Sick Leave Pay/Vacation Carry-Forward Management Reform Advances/Received October 19, 2010
m) Arbitration Reform Impasse Develops/Received October 20, 2010
n) Arbitration Reform/Received October 21, 2010
o) Arbitration Reform/Correction to Bill Number/Received October 21, 2010
p) Assembly Introduces Affordable Housing Legislation/Received October 22, 2010
q) A-3393-Arbitration Reform Proposal Advanced to Second Reading/Received October 22, 2010
r) Mayoral Invitation to Attend Intercultural Trip to Turkey, December 28, 2010 and January 6, 2011/Received October 25, 2010
s) Speaker Delays Vote on A-3393 League Opposed Proposal to Reform Binding Arbitration/Received October 25, 2010
t) League Seeks Appeal to State Supreme Court/Received October 26, 2010
u) New Content on DLGS Website/Received October 26, 2010
v) Sick Leave Pay-out Limits Advances to Governor/Sample Resolution Supporting Arbitration Reform with Award Caps/Received October 26, 2010
w) League Magazine Wins Top Honors/Received October 27, 2010
x) Constitutional Amendment Ballot Question/Received November 3, 2010
y) Lieutenant Governor Kim Guadagno to Address the Women in Government Breakfast “New Jersey-The Woman State”/Received November 3, 2010
z) Holiday Displays/Received November 3, 2010

General With No Action:

a) New Jersey Senate/Senator Bob Smith/Predatory Bird Sounding Device/Lavallette Yacht Club/Received October 7, 2010-The Mayor asked Mr. Parlow to send all the information that we already received on this project.
b) James G. Borowski/Councilman/letter to Freeholder Lacey and Assemblyman Holzapfel requesting they stand in opposition to S-818/A-2095/Received October 7, 2010
c) Resource Control Consultants, LLC/Melanie Pyle, Project Manager/Receptor Evaluation Form/Sunoco Service Station/Received October 12, 2010
d) Cablevision/Adam E. Falk, Vice President/Notice of Potential Programming Change/WNYW-NY(Fox 5), WWOR-NY (My 9), WTXF (Philadelphia), Fox Business Network, Fox Deportes, Nat Geo Wild/Received October 13, 2010
General With Action:

a) Jersey Shore Multisport/Christopher Wilcox, Managing Member/requesting to hold a Swimapoolooza on June 5, 2011/Received October 6, 2010-Councilman Lamb questioned if this was the same as the Triathlon. Mr. Parlow stated that this was a different event that was held two years in a row. Councilman Borowski stated that he recalls them cleaning everything up and strictly using the bay with nothing else being disrupted but the swim clinics he was not familiar with. A Motion to Approve the Swimapoolooza and the Swim Clinics was made by Council President Zalom. The Motion was Seconded by Councilman Horan. All of Council was
in Favor with the exception of Councilman Borowski who was not in favor. The Mayor
requested that Mr. Parlow send him the same letter that was sent for the Triathlon.

b) Jersey Shore Multisport/Christopher Wilcox, Managing Member/requesting to hold
Swim Clinics on May 7th, May 14th and May 21st 2011/Received October 6, 2010

c) Patricia Towle/507 Grand Central Avenue/application requesting the Re-Numbering of
Property Address/Received October 6, 2010-Mr. Parlow stated that there is a store front
at 507 Grand Central with three stores and then a two story dwelling that is in the rear
with the front facing President Avenue. They are calling that 25 President up and down.
The tenant who utilizes the whole rear structure would like to change the address legally
to 25 President. Mr. George stated that unfortunately the front and rear building have
only one block and lot and one tax bill; therefore, they will need to subdivide the lot in
order to change the rear address. This would also cause a problem with the 911 service.

d) Lavallette Voters & Taxpayers Association/Joseph Marcianti, President/requesting the
third Friday of each month at 7:30 pm for their 2011 monthly meetings in Council
Chambers/Received October 25, 2010-Mayor stated this was okay.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Councilwoman Filippone stated that the Beautification Committee has given the Mayor and Council
a copy of the streetscape plan with updates and they have asked that we review it and make
suggestions if necessary.

Mr. Parlow stated that he gave a copy of this plan to the Planning Board because they should review
it also.

NEW BUSINESS:

Council President Zalom stated that she has been in contact with the Point Pleasant Masonic Lodge
and they are sponsoring an event called “Wreaths Across America” which is a national event being
held to place wreaths on all gravesites for the holidays. They are going to be at our Memorial Field
on Bay Boulevard on December 11th to place wreaths there. She is asking Council to chip in $3.00
each for these wreaths so we have seven down there. We should make sure that some of us are
there on December 11th to greet them.

Mr. Parlow reported that regarding the underground storage tanks the property owner hired a
contractor to remove the tanks and in the middle of the process they realized that the tanks were
located in the State’s right-of-way and the work was stopped. The Department of Transportation
initially stated that they would take on the responsibility of completed the removal of the tanks, but
after a review of maps from the 1930’s reversed their position and stated that they would not
complete the project because they do not own the right-of-way. They just maintain jurisdiction. Mr.
Parlow reported that the tanks have been removed from the ground but currently remain on the site.
The contents of the tanks have also been removed but remain on the site as well. The sidewalk
project in that area will be put on hold until this issue is resolved.

Mayor LaCicero stated that the DEP is always overseeing these projects so how is this possible that
they can just vacate the situation.
Mr. George stated that he too is very perplexed with this situation. The DEP always takes care of these situations so why not now. The main concern is getting this problem cleaned up as soon as possible to prevent further problems for the town as far as environmental issues.

Mr. Parlow stated that if the DOT does not own this highway why are we always paying them for permits fees for any work performed on the highway and the right-of-way. The Borough has to pay for road openings permit, for holiday decorations, for the placement of benches. The Borough also has to seek permission to do any parking changes. There is going to be a meeting with the Board of Health on Wednesday with all the players to discuss further action. My discussion will be how a contractor can remove tanks without any permits and then just walk off the job and leave them there. He should be held accountable for something and be ordered to finish what he started.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Clem Boyers, 20 Kerr Avenue questioned how much we paid out for this transformer situation?

Mr. Parlow stated that we are responsible for our deductible of $1,500.00.

Joe Palinsky, 122 Washington Avenue stated that he is a member of the First Aid Squad and he too is going to miss Charlie Russell. Also, are these wreaths that are going to be purchased having multi or white lights?

Councilwoman Filippone stated that they come in either but we are still going to look into what is sufficient for that area.

Mr. Palinsky stated that everything seems to be all white lights and thinks we need some multi colored somewhere in town to show some Christmas cheer. He questioned the cancellation of the public officials insurance and questioned what is going to be done.

Mr. Parlow stated that the letter is a requirement but the JIF has gone out to bid this year for the service so it is not being cancelled they are just going with a 3rd party instead of in house this year.

Mr. Palinsky questioned if the CAD Bid was advertised and why we only received one bid?

Councilman Lamb stated that there are only so many companies that can offer what we need.

Mayor LaCicero stated that these specific specs are limited because of Lavallette needing to piggy back with Toms River Township. They would need to be compatible with Toms River Township.

Mr. Parlow stated that the purpose of us piggybacking with Toms River is so the Police can share data. We are required by law to go out to bid for these services whether one or 10 bids come in.

COMMENTS OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS:
Councilman Horan thanked Matt Burk for heading the Dune Grass planting on Saturday. There was not a big turnout but thank you.

Mr. Parlow stated it was a very cold and windy day but there is still grass available to plant if anyone is still interested. They are on the street ends or at Public Works.

Council President Zalom thanked Dunkin Donuts once again for their donations of the food and coffee for the Beach Sweeps and the Dune Grass Planting.

Mr. Parlow stated that at the next meeting he will have an Ordinance on for certain fees that need to be updated and changed so we can do this before the end of the year. In order to keep pace with the 2% cap levy the revenue side of the budget needs to be addressed as well. Also, there is going to be an emergency electric appropriation in order to pay for the increase in bulk energy cost due to the hot dry summer. The utility purchased over 2 million kW more than the previous year. The revenues are also up.

Also, the Animal Control Officer has informed that he can not continue the job after December 31st and the Electric Subcode Official has also informed that he will stay until we find a replacement but he can no longer continue the job. We have already advertised for the Electric Subcode and have received one application and there is someone down at Public Works who has expressed an interest in the Animal Control Officer so he will keep you informed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mr. George stated that there exists a need to go into Executive Session for some discussion on current contract negotiations with the PBA and beginning of negotiations with Public Works. He will also be giving updates on the Bossert Zoning issue with litigation information and Mr. Parlow has some information regarding the Underground Storage Tank situation. There will be no action taken tonight.

A Motion was made by Council President Zalom to adjourn the Caucus/Regular Meeting to go into Executive Session. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Horan. Vote: All of Council was in Favor. The Motion Passed.

The Caucus/Regular Meeting was adjourned to go into Executive Session at 8:48 pm.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Filippone to reconvene the Caucus/Regular Meeting. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Horan. Vote: All of Council was in Favor. The Motion Passed.

The Caucus/Regular Meeting was reconvened at 9:50 pm.

Mr. George stated that while in Executive Session he updated Council on the Bossert litigation on the pergola issue and we will move forward with it. Also, Mr. Parlow and I gave an update on the underground storage tank situation and there will be a meeting with the parties this week. Mr. Parlow gave updates on the two contracts with the PBA and the Public Works. Mayor LaCicero
and Councilman Lamb both were excused before the discussion with the PBA contract due to conflicts. There was no action taken on any of these issues.

ADJOURNMENT:

A Motion was made by Councilman Horan to adjourn the Caucus/Regular Meeting. The Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Filippone. Vote: All of Council was in Favor. The Motion Passed.

The Caucus/Regular Meeting was adjourned at 9:52 pm.

CERTIFICATION

I, Christopher F. Parlow, Municipal Clerk of the Borough of Lavallette, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, do hereby attest these to be a true copy of the Minutes of the Caucus/Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council held on the 8th day of November 2010

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Christopher F. Parlow
Municipal Clerk