CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Walter G. LaCicero, presiding

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

Mayor LaCicero stated that Councilman Lamb requested that Council allow him an excused absence.

A Motion was made by Councilman Stogdill to excuse Councilman Lamb’s absence. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Horan. Vote: Council Members Borowski, Filippone, Zalom, Stogdill and Horan voted Yes. The Motion Passed.

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 was published in the Ocean Star on January 6, 2012. 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 long time resident Maureen Schroeder who passed away over the weekend and for all our troops overseas.

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

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.

Pat Marrone, Friends of Lavallette Beautification - stated that they would like to give the Borough a gift for the 125th Anniversary. They would like to purchase a sign for outside Borough Hall. There is a copy of the sign and what it looks like on the dais. She asked if the governing body would look it over and see that the wording is sufficient and they we can make the purchase.
A Motion was made by Councilman Stogdill to accept the gift of a sign for Borough Hall from the Beautification Committee. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Horan. Vote: Council Members Borowski, Filippone, Zalom, Stogdill and Horan voted Yes. The Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF CLERK’S MINUTES

Regular Meeting of June 25, 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 and Horan voted Yes. The Motion Passed.

REPORTS:

a) Police Overtime Report for June-Councilwoman Filippone-read report
b) Municipal Court Report for May & June-Councilwoman Filippone-she only has the May Report-read report
c) Animal Control Report for June-Councilwoman Filippone-read report
d) Zoning Report for June-Councilwoman Filippone-read report
e) Construction Report for June-Councilwoman Filippone-read report
f) Public Affairs Report for June-Council President Zalom-She reported that Bobbi Steele, the head of the Ocean County Tourism Department is retiring. She thanked Matt Burk for sending pictures to all magazines that ask for them. Our fireworks were on the front page of the Star last week. She spoke to the Fireworks Company about the problem with our fireworks and they were very apologetic and suggested that they do the fireworks for our 125th anniversary for free. We have a new First Aid rig and it looks beautiful. She stated that she received her notification that the power was out and would not be back on for eight hours and was very appreciative as well as many other people for that message. The Breast Cancer Walk will be on August 5th and it starts at Music Man.

g) Public Works - Councilman Borowski thanked Public Works for being so prompt in taking care of the problem at the triangle on Jersey City Avenue. They did a great job in a timely manner. He stated that he also received a call from someone complaining about the garbage receptacles on the boardwalk overflowing. Public Works will be putting some additional wire receptacles on the beach. Mayor LaCicero stated that Councilman Lamb will be asking the lifeguards to help out with that like last year. Councilman Horan stated that the lifeguards saved a young man on New York Avenue in the rip tides. They were very professional and did a great job.

h) Beach Badge Report for June-Mayor LaCicero-read report

i) Utilities - Councilman Horan stated that it was a very interesting weekend. We had a lightning strike to our electric switchgear and our power went out around 11:15 pm. Jersey Central Power & Light’s metering system appeared to short out the switchgear. He did put in a call to Maria Sessa from JCP & L and she had someone there within an hour. We managed to replace a dozen transformer switches along with some transformers themselves. He stated that our guys were working from Saturday night right through to Sunday afternoon non stop. The fire department was also called in due to a gas main break. All in all our guys kept everything going in a professional manner and did a fantastic job.
Mr. Parlow stated that the damage to the switchgear should be covered under our insurance.

Councilman Borowski stated that our electric department sent a crew down to the City of Vineland to help them with their electric issues from a storm that hit two weeks prior. He reported that some parts of Vineland were without power for almost a complete week.

Councilman Horan reported that the Borough purchased another block of power at a great rate for the period covering 2016-2017. The price was lower than what we are currently paying.

Councilwoman Filippone stated that our costs go down about 10% every year with this managed contract.

Mr. Parlow stated that our utility crew was sent to the City of Vineland to help with their recovery. They had loss about 85% of their distribution system from a thunderstorm that produces wind of eighty five miles per hour. The Supervisor of our Electric Utility stated that it looked like a war zone, it was such a disaster. We should be grateful that the power was knocked out for the 14 hours.

Councilwoman Filippone stated that there seems to be a misunderstanding about the purchase of generators in town. We have no obligations to purchase anything and this issue is still in the investigative stage.

h) Revenue Transaction Report for May - Chief Financial Officer
   i) Tax Account Report for June - Tax Collector

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

ON CONSENT AGENDA/OFF CONSENT AGENDA, AND VOUCHERS:

RESOLUTIONS – ON CONSENT:

2012-200 appointing three Class I Officers for the Lavallette Police Department commencing June 23, 2012
2012-201 appointing two badge checkers for the 2012 summer season at an hourly rate of $8.00 commencing June 26, 2012
2012-202 authorizing the renewal of membership in the Ocean Municipal Joint Insurance Fund
2012-203 accepting the resignation of Christine Sierfeld and authorizing payment of unused sick and vacation time
2012-204 appointing Tyler Kurywczak as a lifeguard for the 2012 summer season at an hourly rate of $9.00
2012-205 authorizing the Treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $82,549.93 payable to U.S. Bank-Cust/SASS Muni V dtr, for the redemption of Tax Sale Certificate #09-00001

2012-206 opposing ACR-37 and SCR-59 which would determine that the proposed rule is inconsistent with legislative intent-Mr. Parlow stated that this is in reference to the resolution that Council requested opposing the recent legislation on the DEP waiver rule

2012-207 appointing Lauren Grogan to the position of part-time Cashier/Clerk Typist at an hourly rate of $17.00-Council President Zalom stated that she is very excited about these new hires along with Joyce Deutsch. They both have worked here before so they know the town.

2012-208 appointing Joyce Deutsch to the position of part-time Planning Board Secretary at an hourly rate of $19.50-Councilwoman Filippone stated that she too is very excited about the new hires also. Joyce is a homeowner in town and worked for us before and Lauren covered one of the positions during a maternity leave. They both are already trained and qualified.

2012-209 accepting the resignation of Rosemary Robertson and authorizing payment of sick and vacation time

2012-209A requesting that the Department of Transportation adopt the required regulation establishing fifteen-minute parking spaces on Route NJ 35 Northbound-Council President Zalom stated that she was already in contact with the DOT and this was already approved we just needed to revise one of the locations.

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

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

RESOLUTION OFF CONSENT

There were no resolutions off consent.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:

2012-210 Bills List in the amount of $1,185,940.54
A Motion was made by Councilwoman Filippone to approve the bills list. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Stogdill. Vote: Council Members Borowski, Filippone, Zalom, Stogdill and Horan voted Yes. The Motion Passed.

ORDINANCES ON FOR ADOPTION/SECOND READING

ORDINANCE 2012-10 (1109) 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 this ordinance pertains to Residential A and C. He stated that last year we modified the setback requirement for oceanfront property consistent with the provision contained in Chapter 44. There was a section in Chapter 90 that permits the construction of porches within the front yard setback in Residential A and Residential C. This provision conflicts with the 30 foot setback requirements for ocean front properties. This modification will not permit these porches to be construction within the 30 foot setback on the ocean front.

A Motion was made by Councilman Horan to adopt Ordinance 2012-10 (1109). The Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Filippone. The Mayor opened the public hearing and asked if anyone wished to comment on this Ordinance. No one wished to comment on this ordinance. The Mayor closed the public hearing and asked Council for a vote on Ordinance 2012-10 (1109).

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

ORDINANCE 2012-11 (1110) ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF LAVALLETTE, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 46 OF THE BOROUGH CODE, ENTITLED “PEACE AND GOOD ORDER”

Mr. Parlow stated that this ordinance is repealing the section that talks about public intoxication.

Mr. George stated that Council has already corrected this and this part of the ordinance was ruled unconstitutional.

A Motion was made by Councilman Horan to adopt Ordinance 2012-11 (1110). The Motion was seconded by Councilman Stogdill. Vote: The Mayor opened the public hearing and asked if anyone wished to comment on this ordinance. No one wished to comment on this ordinance. The Mayor closed the public hearing and asked Council for a vote on Ordinance 2012-11 (1110).

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

Legal:

a) Eric M. Bernstein & Assoc/Philip George, Esq/Donald Oriolo/Zoning and Construction Permits/Received June 12, 2012
b) Eric M. Bernstein & Assoc/Philip George, Esq/Mark Cutalo v. Borough of Lavallette/Received June 14, 2012
c) Eric M. Bernstein & Assoc/Philip George, Esq/Stanley Rizzolo v. Borough of Lavallette/Received June 27, 2012
d) Eric M. Bernstein & Assoc/Philip George, Esq/Joseph & Jennifer Lauritano v. Borough of Lavallette/Block 4, Lot 14/Tax Appeal/Received June 27, 2012
e) Eric M. Bernstein & Assoc/Philip George, Esq/Mark Cutalo v. Borough of Lavallette/Received June 27, 2012
f) Eric M. Bernstein & Assoc/Philip George, Esq/Beach Access and Fees for Fishermen on Public Beaches/Received July 2, 2012-Mayor LaCicero stated that a fisherman tried to go fishing on our beach and was told that he needed a beach badge to get on the beach. He was not happy about that and called the NJDEP who in turn called us and we advised the DEP that everyone needs a beach badge to go on our beaches. Mr. George stated that the law is that we have to allow people to be able to enjoy our beaches and can not make them private but we can charge a reasonable fee to get on them.
g) Eric M. Bernstein & Assoc/Philip George, Esq/Mark Cutalo v. Borough of Lavallette/Received July 5, 2012
h) Eric M. Bernstein & Assoc/Philip George, Esq/Thomas Loredo & Lori Gatfield-Loredo v. Borough of Lavallette/Received July 5, 2012

Engineering:

a) O’Donnell, Stanton & Associates/Michael O’Donnell/Proposed T-Mobile Equipment Installation/Water Storage Tank/Received June 18, 2012

League of Municipalities:

a) Replacement Membership Plaque/Received June, 2012
b) Two Legislative Issue/COAH Extension Advances in Both Houses/MLUL Exemptions for Private Colleges Advances/Received June 8, 2012
c) Upcoming Brownfields and Baseball Roundtable/Received June 12, 2012
d) Affordable Housing Trust Funds Court Denies Administration Stay/Received June 12, 2012
e) Clarification Regarding the State’s Statutory Obligations for Energy Tax and CMPTRA Funding/Received June 12, 2012
f) 15th Annual Elected Officials Hall of Fame/Received June 13, 2012
g) Amendments to the Open Public Records and Open Public Meetings Act/Received June 14, 2012
h) S-2011 & A-2950, COAH /Trust Fund Extension/Received June 15, 2012
i) 2012 Summer Blood Drive Campaign/Received June 15, 2012
j) Update Ethics Resources from the League/Received June 18, 2012
k) Urgent Alert for Local Action: Legislators Again Seeking to Divert Municipal Energy Funds for State Budget/Received June 18, 2012
l) S-2011 & A-2950, COAH Trust Fund Extension/S-1650, EMS Bill/Received June 19, 2012
m) Committee to Consider A-2921, Property Tax Relief Funding Restoration May Advance/Received June 19, 2012
n) League Opposes A-2405/S-1651, Removing The Statute of Limitations on Civil Actions for Sexual Abuse/Received June 19, 2012
o) Federal Farm Bill Up in Senate/Look to Senators Menendez and Lautenberg for Support/Received June 20, 2012
p) Senate Committee to Consider S-1900, Attention to Property Tax Relief Funding Restoration Growing/Received June 20, 2012
q) Municipal Property Tax Relief Funding Bills Advance/Received June 21, 2012
r) Mentors Needed for Tuesday’s Children/Received June 22, 2012
s) Urgent Action Needed/Please Contact Your Legislators Immediately and Urge Them to approve S-1900/A-2921/Received June 22, 2012
t) S-1925 & A-2966/Solar Renewable Energy Credits (SREC)/Received June 25, 2012
u) Urgent Alert-Affordable Housing Trust Funds/Received June 26, 2012
v) Assembly Approves A-2921, Property Tax Relief Restoration Fight Moves to Senate Vote Scheduled for this Thursday/Received June 26, 2012
w) APA-NJ Opens Nominations for “Great Places in New Jersey”/Received June 27, 2012
x) Housing Trust Funds Court Issues Temporary Injunction Prohibiting Forfeiture of Marlboro’s Municipal Housing Trust Funds/Received June 28, 2012
y) Senate Approves A-2921/Municipal Property Tax Relief Restoration Goes to Governor/Received June 29, 2012
z) Housing Trust Fund Extension Heads to the Governor/Received June 29, 2012
bb) Property Tax Relief Restoration Next Steps/Contact Undecided Legislators/Received July 2, 2012
cc) Transportation Reauthorization Compromise Passes Both Houses/"MAP-21” Funding Linked to Student Loan Interest and Flood Insurance Extensions/Received July 3, 2012
dd) Appellate Division to Consider Issue of Housing Trust Funds/Failure of Council on Affordable Housing to Adopt Trust Fund Commitment Regulations/Received July 3, 2012
ee) New Content on DLGS Web Site/Received July 3, 2012/Received July 3, 2012
ff) Recreation and Park Month/Received July 6, 2012

General With No Action:

a) Cablevision/R. Thurman Barnes, Area Director/Product Offerings for Business and Business Entertainment Customers/Received June 21, 2012
b) Board of Chosen Freeholders/Packet of Information regarding the wash up of syringes
and medical waste along the coastline and the creation of a storm water authority and taxing our residents for storm water impacts/Received June 22, 2012-Council President Zalom stated that we need to follow the Freeholders in opposition. Mayor LaCicero asked Mr. Parlow if we could put a link on our website. Mr. Parlow stated that we already did a resolution months ago in opposition. We could do another resolution and we can put a link on our website.

c) Dan Pollera/401 Bay Blvd./thanking Mayor and Council for the trimming of the bushes on Bay Blvd/Received June 27, 2012-Mayor LaCicero stated that this is in reference to the trimming of the bushes on the bay front. Councilwoman Filippone stated that she was informed that these bushes were planted many years ago and maintained by the residents until a few years ago. Mayor LaCicero stated that our gardener has some ideas for that area that he is looking to do in the fall

d) Congress of the United States/Jon Runyan, Member/Housing Expo and Symposium to Help Families understand their options/Received July 5, 2012

e) Patricia Hoffman/116 Brown Avenue/letter of thanks and appreciation for two employees from Public Works/Received July 6, 2012-Councilman Horan stated that Mrs. Hoffman stated that our guys were prompt, efficient and very courteous. Councilman Borowski read the letter aloud.

General With Action:

a) American Public Works Association/New Jersey Chapter/Janet Leli, Chapter Administrator/requesting the Mayor’s nomination of a deserving Public Works Employee/Received June 27, 2012-Mayor LaCicero asked if Council Members Borowski and Horan could get together to pick an employee for this award. Councilman Borowski stated that he did have one last year but missed the time line. He will make sure he takes care of it right away.

b) Clean Ocean Action/Tavia Danch, Education Director/inviting the Borough Officials to address the crowd in August/Received July 5, 2012-Mayor LaCicero stated that Council President Zalom is always in charge of this.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Review of draft letter for marching in the 125th Anniversary Parade

Council President Zalom stated that she and Mr. Parlow worked on this draft letter. She asked that everyone take a look at it and make sure everyone is OK with it.

Mayor LaCicero stated that the letters looks good to him.

Council President Zalom stated that this letter will go out to all municipalities, fire departments, schools and all different organizations as well as the LBA.

Mayor LaCicero questioned if we should approve this letter tonight with a motion and vote.
Councilwoman Filippone stated that she thinks it needs some cosmetics and tweaks but overall it is a good letter. She does not think we need to vote on it just ok it for now.

Council President Zalom stated that she thought that Council waived any ticketing in the parking lots during the concerts and movies.

Mr. Parlow stated that he does not believe so.

Mr. George stated that the only way a waiver can be done is to open the ordinance. Otherwise, there is no other way to do it.

Council President Zalom stated that she lives across the street from two houses that have their own parking spaces and people who are looking for parking do not realize until they pull in that it is not a real space. When they start to pull out they almost get in accidents. She stated she asked the Chief to paint yellow lines on the spaces with an X across the middle so there will be no mistakes.

Councilwoman Filippone stated that should be done to all the spaces however many there are.

Mayor LaCicero stated that the dredging has been completed and we budgeted roughly $22,000 and the invoice for services was approximately $12,000 which will be contributed to surplus. He stated that he would like to see the extra funds go towards some type of maintenance program for next year.

Mayor LaCicero stated that he was in contact with Mark Speaker the President of the LBA numerous times during the outage over the weekend. They were concerned about how long the power was going to be out due to some perishable items. He stated he advised him to stick with it and try to keep them in coolers but not to move anything off site and it all worked out.

Mayor LaCicero stated that he received a phone call from a police officer over the weekend about a wedding on Saturday morning that left the area of the gazebo a horrible mess.

Mr. Parlow stated that those people did come in to the office and we very apologetic about the mess and left the Borough a $100.00 donation towards the cleanup.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Councilwoman Filippone stated that there has been some talk about an ordinance in reference to ocean front properties being granted permission to have open porches in their front yard setbacks. There is no ordinance at this time. The Ordinance Committee will be discussing it soon but it will take some time to draft it, introduce and adopt so we will not be seeing anything for probably six months or so.

Mayor LaCicero stated that this has been a topic of conversation at his “Meet the Mayor” meetings. He thinks it is a good idea and looks forward to the Committee presenting it soon.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:**
Mayor LaCicero opened the floor to public comment.

Clem Boyers, 20 Kerr Avenue stated that if they are going to paint the yellow lines and an X on those parking spaces they should make sure they do that to all of them.

Council President Zalom stated that that the plan is to paint all of the spaces.

Jon Corney, 1 Newark Avenue questioned what type of communication process is in place when there is an immediate emergency for safety issues.

Mayor LaCicero stated that we have our new Emergency Notification System that was used during the storm. Prior to that, we had the police going up and down the streets with a bull horn ordering people to evacuate.

Mr. Corney stated that he received a call about reducing the power from 3-7 pm on Thursday or Friday but never received a call about the power being out or how long it was going to be out at all. His power went out around 7:30 that night until 2 pm the next day with no notifications whatsoever.

Mr. Parlow stated that an emergency message went out about 5:35 am notifying the residents that power would be out for at least 8 hours. We also sent another message after the power was restored advising anyone who still did not have power to contact the Lavallette Police Department.

Mr. Corney stated he received no phone calls at all and his land line was functioning. He asked what is the proper chain of command within the Borough. His power, as well as, three others on his street went out on Friday afternoon and he called, as well as his neighbors, the police department to advise them that we were without power and it looked like the transformer tripped and it took a long time for someone to come and fix it. There is some type of break in communication that really needs to be addressed.

Mayor LaCicero stated that he did not here that there were any problems with any residents not receiving the notifications about the power on Sunday and will look into why he did not receive a call.

Joe Palinsky, Washington Avenue stated that during the storm the Police did a fantastic job with traffic control and assisting the First Aid calls. He stated that all the supervisory personnel including Mr. Parlow, the Mayor, the Chief and the Superintendent of Public Works were on hand all night and day. He asked Mr. George if he was able to take a look at that letter from the County regarding those pedestrian signs.

Mr. Parlow stated that the Chief has been in contact with the County Engineer will be setting up a plan for a pedestrian crosswalk at those locations.

Mayor LaCicero stated that wherever the Chief decides they should go is where they will go.

There were no additional comments from the public.
Mayor LaCicero closed the floor to public comment.

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

Councilman Stogdill stated that he would like to thank the Public Works Department for making a makeshift mound for the baseball league. They did a great job. He also received a couple calls from some residents on Brown Avenue about the bicycles going the wrong way. The Chief needs to get the guys to start writing the tickets again or give them warnings.

Council President Zalom stated that the Municipal Alliance received a sizeable donation from a resident and will use it towards the bus transportation to the concerts in Point Pleasant Beach. The West Point Island Civic Association will have their Golf fundraiser on August 15th.

Mr. Parlow stated that we have had a tough run these past couple weeks. We had two lightning strikes at Public Works previous to this recent storm. The automated system that controls the water tower and wells sustained damage. The utility personnel had to manually start the wells. The first time it hit we had a consultant come in and put the backup system online until the primary system was repaired and then the backup system took a lightning strike as well.

Mr. Parlow stated that we received our credit rating from Standard & Poors and we were given a AA rating with a stable outlook regarding our financial stability.

Mr. Parlow read portions of the report issued by Standard and Poor’s aloud.

Mayor LaCicero stated that he thought that was a pretty accurate description of our financial approach.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Mr. George stated that there exists a need for an executive session to discuss one matter regarding personnel. There will be no action taken on this matter tonight.

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

The Caucus/Regular Meeting was adjourned to go into Executive Session at 8:30 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 9:11 pm.

Mr. George stated that during executive session he was not present due to a conflict but the Borough Attorney Eric Bernstein was included on a conference call with Council. There was
discussion about a potential appointment of a hearing officer for a personnel matter. The Chief of Police was also present. All thought that a hearing officer was a good idea and there will be a resolution on for the next meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

The Caucus/Regular Meeting was Adjourned at 9:14 pm.

**CERTIFICATION**

I, Christopher F. Parlow, 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 Caucus/Regular Meeting held on the 9th day of July 2012

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Christopher F. Parlow
Municipal Clerk