

**BOROUGH OF LAVALLETTE (minutes)
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
LAVALLETTE FIRST AID BUILDING
Monday, December 16, 2013-7:00 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
Mollie Hartman, 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 published in the Ocean Star on May 31, 2013. Notice was also posted on our municipal website.

MOMENT OF SILENCE: The Mayor asked for a moment of silence for the troops overseas.

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

MAYOR'S WELCOMING STATEMENT: The Mayor thanked everyone for coming to the last meeting of 2013. He stated that someone reminded him that today is the one year anniversary of Lavallette's repopulation. He stated he spoke to one of the staff members today at the Governor's office and he was advised that the RREM and Resettlement grants monies were approved for the second round and will be flowing again very soon. The business monies set aside for the businesses were unfortunately undersubscribed so that will not be happening.

Councilman Lamb questioned if you could still apply for these grants?

Mayor LaCicero stated that you could not. The residents who already have applications in and were waitlisted will be receiving their monies shortly.

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

The Mayor opened the floor for public comment and 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.

The Mayor closed the floor to public comment.

APPROVAL OF CLERK’S MINUTES:

Caucus/Regular Meeting of December 2, 2013

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.

RESOLUTIONS-ON CONSENT:

- 2013-359 acknowledging the Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse fiscal grant extension from January 1, 2014 to June 30, 2014

- 2013-360 authorizing the acceptance of the bid of New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC (AT&T) for entering into a lease for the placement of wireless telecommunications antennas and ancillary ground equipment at the municipal water tank facility-Mayor LaCicero stated that we will be receiving \$41,000 for this lease. This will be replacing the classic radio station. Councilman Lamb stated that there are built in rent increases also. Mr. Parlow stated that the Public Works will be getting a new generator and the cell companies on the water tower will be piggy backing off of that generator and we will be increases the rents when that time comes. The old Public Works generator will be going to the municipal complex and the police department’s old one will be going to the fire department.

- 2013-361 approving a Chapter 159 amendment for 2013 Body Armor in the amount of \$1,984.15

- 2013-362 authorizing accumulation of unused leave time due to super storm sandy and the Route 35 Reconstruction Project

- 2013-363 authorizing three applicants to attend the Ocean County Police Academy Class II training from December 17, 2013 through May 22, 2014 at minimum wage

- 2013-364 budget transfers-Mr. Parlow stated that there were a couple of line transfers that needed to be done with the water department some of the allocations needed to be adjusted and there were some rounded issues with the bond calculations. There was some overtime that needed to be increased for the salaries due to the Route 35 Project, Code Enforcement and there was a miscalculation with Animal Control. Basically these are just some end of year cleanups.

A Motion was made by Councilman Horan to approve the consent agenda. The Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Filippone.

The Mayor opened the floor to the public and asked if anyone wished to comment on the consent agenda. No one wished to comment on the consent agenda. The Mayor closed the floor to public comment 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:

There were no resolutions off consent.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:

2013-365 Bills list in the amount of \$353,103.72

A Motion was made by Councilman Stogdill to approve the bills list. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Horan. Vote: Council Members Borowski, Filippone, Zalom, Stogdill and Lamb voted Yes. Councilman Horan abstained on PO#13-011273 and yes to all others. The Motion Passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Council President Zalom stated that she went with Mr. Parlow to Long Beach Island to a flood insurance meeting and they honored the Borough and Mr. Parlow with an award for our participation in the Community Rating System. Due to all of the work, Lavallette is in the top rating for discounts on Flood Insurance. There are 2,156 flood policy holders in Lavallette which comes to approximately \$260 savings per policy holder. She gave kudos to Mr. Parlow.

NEW BUSINESS:

Council President Zalom stated that the County called and were able to get the Borough another 28,000 dune grass plants which have already been picked up and will be planted on Saturday by Surf Rider volunteers and anyone else who would like to help out.

Mayor LaCicero stated that quite possibly on Saturday the Municipal Building will begin demolition.

Council President Zalom stated that we received another Cultural Grant for our concerts in the amount of \$2,500 for 2014. She also reminded all that December 21st is the Lavallette Birthday Party.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Mark Speaker, LBA President thanked Mayor and Council again for getting the residents back into their homes so quickly last year on this anniversary of the repopulation. The LBA Christmas Walk on Friday night was great.

Susan Koch, 119 Camden Avenue asked for an update on the Route 35 Project.

Mayor LaCicero stated that he was told that Harms Construction had to take over the southern part of the highway because that contractor could not catch up. He was told that the northern extension by the end of this year and the southern extension by Memorial Day. During the summer months the entire highway will be free of construction with just some work being done on the side streets but they will work with us as much as they can.

Clem Boyers, 20 Kerr Avenue stated that he spoke to the head guy with Harms and he advised him that during the summer months the entire highway will be free of construction with just some work being done on the side streets but they will work with us as much as they can.

Herb Hascher, 1301 Bay Boulevard stated that the contractor is drilling holes in the street and someone should check out the holes because of sinking. He also questioned what will happen to the clock out side of Borough Hall during the demolition and construction.

Council President Zalom stated that the clock will be shipped to the factory and be restored and kept there until our new building is finished and the Heritage Committee will be paying for that.

There were no additional comments from the public.

The Mayor closed the floor to public comment.

COMMENTS OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Councilman Horan stated that Harms has some sub contractors out there as well. He was told that Creamer is one of their sub contractors.

Mayor LaCicero stated that Creamer is a contractor for Verizon.

Councilman Lamb stated that the water meters are in the process of being changed. You will need to make an appointment with the company if your meter is inside. Every homeowner should have received a letter by now with the company information and the phone number to call.

Councilwoman Filippone stated that she sees all the decorations up but we are missing the big red bows that we put on the poles. She stated she knows at some point they were ordered but nobody seems to know what she is talking about.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Ms. Hartman stated we needed to go into executive session to discuss contract negotiations.

A Motion was made by Councilman Horan to adjourn the 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 Regular Meeting was adjourned to go into Executive Session at 7:30pm.

A Motion was made by Council President Zalom to reconvene the Regular Meeting. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Horan. Vote: All of Council was in favor. The Motion Passed.

The Regular Meeting was reconvened at 8:04pm.

Ms. Hartman stated that while in executive session there were some discussions on contract negotiations for union contracts and Cablevision and a potential settlement with an ongoing personnel issue. Action will be taken.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Filippone to allow the Council President to execute and the Municipal Clerk to attest to a possible settlement agreement with the personnel matter involving Sergeant Jon Andrews. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Horan. Vote: Council Members Borowski, Filippone, Zalom, Stogdill, Horan and Lamb voted Yes. The Motion Passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

A Motion was made by Councilman Stogdill to adjourn the regular meeting. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Horan. Vote: All of Council was in favor. The Motion Passed.

The regular meeting was adjourned at 8:06pm.

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 meeting held on the 16th day of **December 2013**



Christopher F. Parlow
Municipal Clerk