

**BOROUGH OF LAVALLETTE(minutes)
CAUCUS/REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
LAVALLETTE MUNICIPAL BUILDING
Monday, October 15, 2018-7:00 pm**

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Walter G. LaCicero, presiding

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

Also present: Robert Brice, Borough Administrator
Eric Bernstein, Borough Attorney
Donnelly Amico, Municipal Clerk

READING OF THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT STATEMENT: Notice of this meeting was published in the Ocean Star on January 12, 2018. Notice was also posted on our municipal website and bulletin board.

MOMENT OF SILENCE: The Mayor asked for a moment of silence for Shirley Cram, longtime resident of Bryn Mawr Avenue.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Councilwoman Filippone led us in the Salute to the Flag.

MAYOR'S WELCOMING STATEMENT: The Mayor stated that we have a presentation tonight as well as June Schneider from the Library to talk about events and also to receive their proclamation.

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

No one wished to comment.

PRESENTATION: Presentation of WW1 Borough of Lavallette Flag by the County of Ocean

Freeholder Ginny Haines presented Lavallette with a WW1 Centennial Flag to honor Lavallette residents that served and passed. Six of those residents came home and sadly 1 did not make it home. There were a total of 2400 citizens of Ocean County who served in WW1. Freeholder John Bartlett was the one who made this possible and worked hard at it. He researched and read books to find out how many County residents served in each town. Freeholder Bartlett is unfortunately battling an illness right now so let's all keep him in our prayers.

Mayor and Council along with Freeholder Haines took pictures with the Flag.

PROCLAMATION FOR NATIONAL FRIENDS OF LIBRARY WEEK

June Schneider, Director of the Upper Shores Library thanked Mayor and Council for the Proclamation. She stated that Dagmar Finkle who is President of the Friends of the Library is here and would like to say a few words.

Ms. Finkle thanked Mayor and Council for having her tonight. The Friends of the Library has 245 members. We have a new members program for anyone who wishes to join our group. You also get a free reading light. We have 45 volunteers that help with all the programs and advocating. If anyone wishes to take advantage of this program, they can contact June and she will help them.

June Schneider stated that the Friends of the Library do such a fantastic job of setting up events and programs for the library. The Upper Shores Library opened in 1995 and it serves Seaside Park to Mantoloking. Tom and Joy Grosko were the advocators for the library to come to Lavallette and we will always be grateful and miss them. The library has a number of events and programs that take place each week. There are flyers that you can pick up to see what they are each week. Some of the events taking place the next few months will be salsa dancing and a speaker to talk about a WW2 Jeep. We also have a fundraiser going on called the Cheesecake Challenge where we will be voting for King and Queen. You can find out about all of these at the library.

Ms. Schneider thanked Mayor and Council again for the Proclamation.

Council President Zalom stated that the land that the library is on was Green Acres so the Borough had to give up another area in town for Green Acres in order for the library to be approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes of Caucus/Regular Meeting of October 1, 2018
Minutes of Executive Session Meeting of October 1, 2018

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

ON CONSENT AGENDA/OFF CONSENT AGENDA, AND VOUCHERS:

RESOLUTIONS – ON CONSENT:

- 2018-279 awarding a contract to Earle Asphalt Company for the project known as Bryn Mawr and Sterling Avenues road improvements in the amount of \$134,413.13
- 2018-280 approving a raffle license to the Lavallette PTO to hold a 50/50 off premise raffle to be drawn on December 7, 2018 at the Lavallette Elementary School
- 2018-281 proclaiming October 24th 2018 as United Nations Day

- 2018-282 authorizing a curfew from 9pm to 6am for the dates of October 28th through October 31st 2018 for minors under the age of 18 unless accompanied by an adult over the age of 25 years old
- 2018-283 authorizing approval to the Lavallette Recreation Department to hold a bonfire on October 26, 2018 at 6pm on the Washington Avenue bay beach in conjunction with the Halloween Harvest Hoedown
- 2018-284 recognizing the month of November 2018 as National Family Caregiver Month
- 2018-285 refunding the unused balance of planning board escrow in the amount of \$463.50 to 2 Philly, LLC
- 2018-286 accepting the retirement of Gary Schlosser and authorizing payment of unused sick and vacation time-Councilman Lamb stated that Gary retired as of October 1st and he was employed by the Borough for 42 years. We wish him well and hopes he enjoys his retirement.
- 2018-287 proclaiming the month of October 2018 as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month
- 2018-288 authorizing the Municipal Clerk to advertise and receive RFP's for professional services of Borough Attorney, Borough Auditor, Borough Prosecutor and Consulting Engineer for 2019
- 2018-289 authorizing the Mayor to sign and execute the policy endorsements for the Horizon prescription plan and dental option plan for the year 2019
- 2018-290 approving a stipend to Charles Farrah for his duties and his licenses for Water Treatment Operator (T-2) and Water Distribution Operator (W-2) prorated for the year 2018 from October 1st through December 31st in the amount of \$1,935.00

A Motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Councilman Finter. 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. The Mayor closed the floor to the public and asked Council for a vote on the consent agenda.

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

RESOLUTIONS - OFF CONSENT:

There were no resolutions off consent.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:

2018-291 Bills List in the amount of \$3,267,116.50

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Proposal from Dr. Stewart Farrell from Stockton University regarding the dredging under the WPI Bridge

Councilman Borowski stated that Dr. Farrell has submitted his proposal and it is significantly lower than the other proposal we received from another company and the services are identical.

Mayor LaCicero stated that has refused to do the dredging on more than one occasion. We had the County do it one time under Schedule C. The State is planning on dredging out further in the channel so they have approached us with a deal to the dredging for us if we help them with some sand issues they are having and they will not charge us for the dredging. We have these options and are weighing them. We have time to figure it out.

Mr. Brice stated that we will need to make a decision by the next meeting to get it started.

Mayor LaCicero stated that the bulkhead by the boat ramp is in bad shape is needs to be replaced. We are trying to see if we can get a grant or whether it can be done through the County Schedule C.

Council President Zalom stated that the highway sign wasn't available to advertise the Roast Pork Dinner and the Food Trucks because it was put away for the season. We should discuss not putting it away until the end of the year until all our events are over. The light on Elizabeth Avenue is now a blinking light which is wonderful. The Beach Sweeps is on October 20th and the NY bus trip on Wednesday is sold out and only 6 seats left for Saturday.

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilman Finter stated that the flu shots will be given at the First Aid on October 25th and tomorrow is the last day to register to vote for the General Election.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Chris Chamberlain, 26 Bond Avenue stated that he read an article about the worldwide shortage of sand. He thinks that the sand would be worth more to us to keep it on our beaches than in our bay.

Mayor LaCicero stated that we haven't made a decision yet so we will be weighing our options. Joe Palinsky, 122 Washington Avenue stated that there is a no turn on red sign on President and Route 35 S and since there is a blinking light there the sign should be removed.

Mr. Palinsky stated that he has not heard back from the Chief regarding the 4 way stop on Bay Blvd. Do they have any updates?

Mr. Brice stated that the Chief has reached out to the County and discussed it. The County will look into but it will depend on their funding. In the meantime, they did install a camera to keep track of the traffic in that area to see if it would be necessary.

John Corney, 1 Newark Avenue questioned how many more years is the optimum contract?

Council President Zalom stated that it is a ten-year contract that was done in 2014 so it will end in 2024.

Mayor LaCicero stated that there is some new technology coming over this way so we might have some competition by then.

Mr. Brice stated that Verizon has the nodes that they are still interested in doing. He was told by Verizon that FIOS is already old technology. Now the newest technology is 5G mesh network that will provide all in one. They are in process of scouting towns for infrastructure.

Mr. Corney stated that the Borough needs to implement C of O's for rentals in town. We have a lot of homeowners that rent their homes and with C of O's required for each one the Borough could making a lot of revenue. The Sales and Use Act is in the process of requiring each town to have them.

Mayor LaCicero stated that he believes it was put on hold right now.

COMMENTS OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Councilman Borowski stated that the flu clinic is on October 25th from 10 to 12 noon at the First Aid Bldg.

Councilwoman Filippone stated that the reception for all the resident artists that donated their artwork was yesterday and it went very well. Public Works built a wooden pedestal to put the 2nd ship bell on and it is really nice looking so thank you to them.

She stated that the Ptl. Ryan Greenhalgh received a letter of accommodation from one of our residents on Brooklyn Avenue who had a ring stolen from her residence that they surmised was the cleaning company she was using. Ptl. Greenhalgh searched the pawn shop database for all surrounding pawn shops in town every day to see if the ring came up and finally got a hit. The woman wrote a letter praising Ptl. Greenhalgh for going above and beyond to get her ring back.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

There is no executive session.

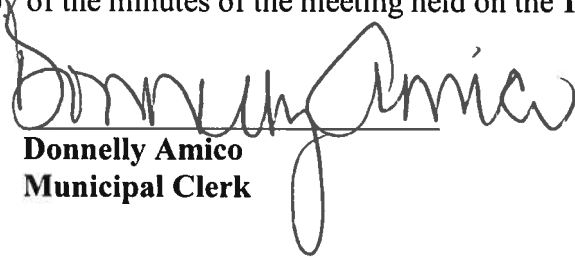
ADJOURNMENT:

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

The Regular Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 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 19th day of November 2018



Donnelly Amico
Municipal Clerk