BOROUGH OF LAVALLETTE (minutes)
CAUCUS/REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
LAVALLETTE MUNICIPAL BUILDING
Monday, July 1, 2019-7:00 pm

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Walter G. LaCicero, presiding

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

A Motion was made by Councilman Borowski to excuse Councilman Finter. The Motion was Seconded by Councilman Stogdill. Vote: All of Council was in favor. The Motion Passed.

Also present: Phil George, Borough Attorney
Donnelly Amico, Municipal Clerk
Robert Brice, Borough Administrator

READING OF THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT STATEMENT: Notice of this meeting was published in the Ocean Star on January 4, 2019. Notice was also posted on our municipal bulletin board and municipal website.

MOMENT OF SILENCE: The Mayor asked for a moment of silence for our military.

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

MAYOR’S WELCOMING STATEMENT: The Mayor welcomed everyone to tonight’s meeting. There seems to be an issue with the flies up at the beach but the weather has been great. The fireworks will be next Sunday so we are all looking forward to that. He 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)

Chris Marino, 22 Lavallette Avenue thanked Council for the approval of the Triathlon last month. We had a number of first time racers and a lot of community support. We had some WPI residents and some Lavallette School kids volunteering so that was a big help. We are looking into doing more than one for next year during the less busy time of the year. We reached out to the Chief for any input. The residents we have spoken to were very positive. We are also going to talk to the LBA on if they want to get involved with off season events.

Councilman Lamb stated that he had a lot of complaints about the bicyclists yelling at the police that they weren’t keeping the cars away. It was a big safety issue and when you have bikes and cars riding on the same street together it becomes difficult to keep everyone safe.
Councilwoman Filippone stated that there was a lot of traffic issues. Maybe if there is breaks in traffic on WPI it would run smoother. Maybe block exit on WPI Bridge and have them take Lavallette Avenue.

Mr. Marino stated that we went over the routes with the Chief and gave him the map but Artie was the one who was going to be in charge that day and he wasn’t given the map. We rectified it but he wasn’t able to review it ahead of time so that might have been the issue as well.

Mayor LaCicero stated that we will discuss this closer to the time that you will be submitting the requests.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes of Regular Meeting of June 17, 2019

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

REPORTS:

a) Lavallette Construction Report for June 2019-Councilwoman Filippone-read report
b) Lavallette Zoning Report for June 2019-Councilwoman Filippone-read report
c) Municipal Court Report for June 2019-Councilwoman Filippone-no report
d) Police Overtime Report for April, May & June 2019-Councilwoman Filippone-no report
f) Beach Badge Report for June 2019-Councilman Stogdill-no report
g) Public Works Report for June 2019-Councilman Lamb-read report
h) Public Affairs Report-Council President Zalom-the concert was great on Sunday. We have so many different events and so many different yoga classes this summer. There is also shuffleboard teams and bocce teams. The Marino/Shohfi families donated monies for the swings as well as Dunkin Donuts and a number of residents so we will be ordering them and they will hopefully be installed before the end of summer. Don’t forget about the Cancer Walk on August 6th as well.
j) Revenue Transaction Report for May 2019-Chief Financial Officer

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

ON CONSENT AGENDA/OFF CONSENT AGENDA, AND VOUCHERS:

RESOLUTIONS - ON CONSENT:
2019-189 hiring six beach badge checkers for the 2019 summer season at an hourly rate of $8.85

2019-190 authorizing the refund of a zoning application fee in the amount of $25.00

2019-191 authorizing the disposal of surplus property through GovDeals

2019-192 hiring Shane Flood as the Borough’s new mechanic for the Department of Public Works at an annual starting salary of $63,282.00 effective July 1, 2019-Mayor stated that Shane was hired last year during the time our mechanic was out on leave. Since we already knew last year that our mechanic would be retiring this year we decided to keep him on at an hourly rate to get familiar with the system. He is doing a great job and has already made some great changes.

2019-193 hiring a summer seasonal for the Department of Public Works at an hourly rate of $8.85 effective July 1, 2019

2019-194 awarding a contract to Central Jersey Equipment for the purchase of a John Deere XUV590E in the amount of $10,668.50 for the beach department

2019-194A hiring 9 lifeguards for the 2019 summer season

A Motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Councilman Lamb. The Motion was Seconded by Councilman Stogdill.

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 and asked Council for a vote on the consent agenda.

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

RESOLUTIONS: OFF CONSENT:

2019-195 authorizing the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to execute an agreement between the Borough of Lavallette and the Lavallette First Aid Squad for emergency response services for the year 2019 not to exceed $28,000

Councilman Borowski thanked Council and the residents for all their support.

A Motion to approve this resolution was made by Councilman Lamb. The Motion was Seconded by Councilwoman Filippone.
The Mayor opened the floor to the public and asked if anyone wished to comment on this resolution.

No one wished to comment. The Mayor closed the floor and asked Council for a vote on this resolution.

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

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:

2019-196    Bills List in the amount of $1,137,747.68

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

COMMUNICATIONS:

Legal:

a) Eric M. Bernstein & Associates, LLC/Phil George, Esq/Junior Fireman’s Auxiliary/Lavallette Volunteer Fire Company #1/Received June 20, 2019

Councilman Lamb made a Motion to authorize Mr. George to move forward with creating a draft ordinance and a set of rules and regulations for review. The Motion was Seconded by Council President Zalom. Vote: Council Members Borowski, Filippone, Zalom, Stogdill and Lamb voted Yes. The Motion Passed.

Councilman Borowski stated that we should also check with the JIF regarding child labor laws just to be on safe side.

Engineering:

a) O’Donnell, Stanton & Associates/Michael O’Donnell, Engineer/PV Solar Panel System/101A Reese Avenue/Received June 19, 2019

League:

a) State & Federal Issues/June 7, 2019
b) Census “New Construction” Deadline Looms/Info Resource Released/Received June 10, 2019
c) Bill Will Prevent Endless Litigation and Provide Residential Property Tax Relief/Received June 11, 2019
d) First Responder’s Workers’ Comp Rewrite Advances in Assembly/Received June 12, 2019
e) State & Federal Issues/Received June 14, 2019
f) Legislative Alert/Received June 18, 2019

g) Voting Session for State Senate & General Assembly Scheduled for June 20th/Received June 19, 2019

h) State & Federal Issues/Received June 21, 2019

General with No Action:

a) DEP News Release/DEP Encourages Residents to take Steps to Improve New Jersey Air Quality/Received May 31, 2019

b) New Jersey Food Council/Lindy Doherty, President/in opposition of towns passing ordinances banning plastic bag use/Received June 3, 2019

c) Ocean County Planning Board/Mark Villinger, Planner/2019 Dune Fencing/Received June 6, 2019

c) Richard Stanton/Public Works/Mechanic/Retirement Letter/Received June 18, 2019

d) Ocean County Health Department/Saranda Ceka, Coordinator/Municipal Alliance Upcoming Deadlines/Received June 17, 2019

e) State of New Jersey/Department of Transportation/Laine Rankin, Director/denial of grant funding for the Grand Central Avenue Sidewalk Beautification Project Phase II/Received June 21, 2019-Mayor stated that we didn’t get approval for the second time for our Beautification Project Phase 2 but we will keep trying every year.

f) DEP News Release/DEP Commissioner Catherine McCabe’s Statement on Trump Administration “Affordable Clean Energy Rule”/Received June 21, 2019

General With Action:

a) Ron Deramo/206 Haddonfield Avenue/requesting the Governing Body put the 200 block of Haddonfield Avenue on the top of the list for repaving/Received June 17, 2019-Mr. Brice stated that he did go over and take a look at that street. New York Avenue and Bryn Mawr are definitely in worse shape and in need of repair first before we move on to Haddonfield.

b) Ocean County Planning Board/Steven Simone, Planner/requesting a statement of consent in the form of a resolution in support of proposed amendment to the Ocean County Water Quality Management Plan and Ocean County Wastewater Management Plan for additional nitrate dilution analysis, strategies to address potential capacity deficiencies and Septic Maintenance Program Plan WMP Components/Received June 27, 2019-Mayor stated that we will do a resolution for the next meeting

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Council President Zalom stated that she spoke to the NJDOT regarding the pedestrian crosswalks on Route 35 and they informed me that they have to put curb cuts in for these walkways so that is holding it up. She also spoke to the County regarding the President Avenue outfall and that project will be started after the summer.

NEW BUSINESS:

Council President Zalom stated that the lights are out by the dock so they might need to be replaced.
Councilwoman Filippone stated that signs are going to have to be put up keeping people from smoking on the boardwalk.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

There was no executive session.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

The Council Meetings was adjourned at 8:15pm.

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 1st day of July 2019

Donnelly Amico
Municipal Clerk