

**BOROUGH OF LAVALLETTE(minutes)**  
**CAUCUS/REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL**  
**LAVALLETTE MUNICIPAL BUILDING**  
**Monday, October 4, 2021-7:00 pm**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Walter G. LaCicero, presiding

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

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 8, 2021 Notice was also posted on our municipal bulletin board and municipal website.

**MOMENT OF SILENCE:** The Mayor asked for a moment of silence for long-time WPI resident James Friezo who passed away recently.

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

**MAYOR'S WELCOMING STATEMENT:** The Mayor welcomed everyone to tonight's meeting. He stated the Borough has a CERT Team, which is considered part of our Emergency Management Team and they also help out with our bigger events during the year with traffic and crowd control. Council President Zalom requested that each member be given Certificates of Appreciation for all the time they put in and all the help they give her especially during the larger summer season events.

Council President Zalom stated these members play such a big part with our summer events by keeping the traffic under control and the crowds aren't crazy. They help with getting all the vehicles parked. Al DeBenedictis is our CERT. Coordinator and he does a fantastic job along with the members. Our events run smoother with their help.

Mayor LaCicero called up each member and presented them their Certificates.

Councilman Borowski stated that it is important to know that these are strictly volunteers who offer their services.

Mayor LaCicero stated that he commends them as well and they take a lot of the pressure off of the Police Department as well.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Minutes of Caucus/Regular Meeting of September 7, 2021

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

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

- a) Construction Report for September 2021-Councilwoman Filippone-read report
- b) Zoning Report for September 2021-Councilwoman Filippone-no report
- c) Municipal Court Report for September 2021-Councilwoman Filippone-read report
- d) Police Overtime Report for August & September 2021-Councilwoman Filippone-read reports
- e) Public Works Report for September 2021-Councilman Lamb-read report
- f) Public Affairs Report for September 2021-Council President Zalom-The Bocce Tournament was great. Clean Ocean Action’s beach cleanup is on October 23<sup>rd</sup> and our own volunteer Environmental Cleanup crew will be doing their monthly cleanups as well. The Halloween Hoedown will be on October 29, 2021. The bus trips and ski trip are cancelled.
- g) Tax Account Report for September 2021-Tax Collector
- h) Revenue Account Status for August 2021-Chief Financial Officer

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

**ON CONSENT AGENDA/OFF CONSENT AGENDA, AND VOUCHERS:**

**RESOLUTIONS – ON CONSENT:**

- 2021-223 authorizing partial waiver of fees and escrows for development permit appeals under Chapter 31-16 of the Borough Code-Mayor LaCicero stated anyone that was on the list of the damaged properties who had to go to Planning Board and were found that they could be removed from the list because they were under the percentage of damage were given this waiver.
- 2021-224 approving two Class I Officers to attend the OC Police Academy SLEO II Training commencing October 15, 2021
- 2021-225 appointing Kristen Rocco as the part-time Flood Plain Manager and CRS Coordinator and Doug Erb as the part-time Assistant Flood Plain Manager and Assistant CRS Coordinator effective October 15, 2021
- 2021-226 proclaiming October 2021 as “National Breast Cancer Awareness Month”

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 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:**

2021-227 authorizing the execution of the annual agreement between the Borough of Lavallette and the Lavallette First Aid Squad, Inc.

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

**APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:**

2021-228 Bills List in the amount of \$534,856.22

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, Finter and Lamb voted Yes. The Motion Passed.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

General with No Action:

- a) Barrett Family/Elizabeth Avenue/thanking the lifeguards for many years of always helping with getting their disabled son back into his wheelchair after he enjoys some time sitting in the sand at the waters age/Received September 8, 2021
- b) Marine Science Camp/Sherri Paris/thanking Mayor and Council for their continued support/Received September 8, 2021
- c) Patricia Esler/Westfield, NJ/urging Mayor and Council to re-evaluate their policies and practices regarding lifeguard employment after Labor Day and showing visible flags and indicators regarding rip currents/Received September 13, 2021-Councilman Stogdill stated that we had our lifeguard response team that were on site as soon as they received the call. We had lifeguards as well as one of our police officers that went into the water to save both the husband and the son. They were able to get the son to safety but by the time they got the father out it was unfortunately too late. It was a very tragic moment for all that were involved. We do have signs up. Mr. Brice stated that people need to understand that the ocean has a mind of its own. Rip currents are part of the ocean. They happen as quick as they leave. Even when lifeguards are on duty, beachgoers need

to be vigilant in making decisions on whether they feel confident in going in. The ocean has also taken the lives of lifeguards as well.

- d) Meg & David Geer/ 104 Brown Avenue/letter following up with their comments regarding fire pits at the September 7<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting/Received September 14, 2021
- e) Ocean County Administrator/Carl Block, Administrator/County Changeover from 500 MHz to 700 MHz regarding the Radio System used by the Lavallette Fire Department/Received September 24, 2021

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Residential Parking Permit for 104 President Avenue

Council President Zalom stated that the curb cut and the driveway is only used by the neighbor at 104A President Ave.

Mr. Brice stated that the owners of 104A President Avenue had a Planning Board case and part of that approval was that they needed to have off street parking so that driveway and apron belong to 104A President Avenue.

Mayor LaCicero stated that the resolution will be on for the next meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Residential Parking Permit for 100 Virginia Avenue

Mr. Brice stated that this one will still need to be put off.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

There were no comments from the public.

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

There were no comments from Mayor and Council.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

There was no executive session.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

The Council Meeting was adjourned at 8:25pm.

**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 Council meeting held on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of **October 2021**.

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**Donnelly Amico**  
**Municipal Clerk**