

**BOROUGH OF LAVALLETTE(minutes)
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
LAVALLETTE MUNICIPAL BUILDING
Monday, December 20, 2021-7:00 pm**

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Walter G. LaCicero, presiding

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

Also present: Robert Brice, Borough Administrator
Phil George, 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 8, 2021. Notice was also posted on our municipal website and bulletin board.

MOMENT OF SILENCE: The Mayor asked for a moment of silence for long-time residents Marilyn Howard and Victor Ronchetti, both of WPI who passed away recently.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Council President Zalom led us in the Salute to the Flag.

MAYOR'S WELCOMING STATEMENT: The Mayor welcomed everyone to tonight's meeting. He stated that Mayor and Council accomplished a lot of projects this year and they are proud of what they have done to better the town for the residents but they still have more they would like to review and see what could be done to make it better. Some of the issues and items that we would like to accomplish for this year are to review some of our current ordinances such as our facilities use application and our residential parking permits to make some changes and updates to them. To take a look into creating ordinances for some restrictions on fire pit use, vacant property ordinance that will have penalties attached and a short term rental ordinance to prevent the air bnb's from over running the town. We also will be purchasing a new playground down at the bay front for this year as well. He stated that if anyone in the audience 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)

Pat Marrone, 11 Elizabeth Avenue, Beautification Committee, gave all the accomplishments that the Beautification Committee has done for the town in the last 17 years and thanked Mayor and Council for allowing them to be a part of beautifying Lavallette for all these years.

ON CONSENT AGENDA/OFF CONSENT AGENDA, AND VOUCHERS:

RESOLUTIONS – ON CONSENT:

- 2021-270 authorizing year 2020 vacation time to be carried over to year 2022
- 2021-271 authorizing the refund of an officiant fee in the amount of \$100.00
- 2021-272 authorizing the cancellation of sewer and electric fund accounts payable totaling \$8,179.30
- 2021-273 authorizing the refund of a tax overpayment in the amount of \$882.94
- 2021-274 authorizing the cancellation of 2021 sewer operating fund appropriation balances in the amount of \$98,928.34
- 2021-275 authorizing the cancellation of 2021 water operating fund appropriation balances
- 2021-276 authorizing the cancellation of 2021 current fund appropriation balances in the amount of \$406,400.00
- 2021-277 urging Governor Murphy to reconsider the increase in tolls on the Garden State Parkway, the New Jersey Turnpike Authority and the South Jersey Turnpike Authority
- 2021-278 authorizing the transfer of funds within the current fund in the amount of \$11,000
- 2021-279 awarding a contract to High Energy Electrical Testing, Inc. in the amount of \$15,325.00 for the replacement and upgrade of 4 electric protection relays to 4 SEL 751 protection relays
- 2021-280 approving a raffle license to St. Pio to hold a 50/50 off premise raffle to be drawn on September 23, 2022
- 2021-281 awarding a contract as a proprietary purchase to Schweitzer Engineering Labs for the purchase of 4 SEL 751 electric protection relays and mount bezels in the amount of \$11,688.00
- 2021-282 awarding a contract to Diamond M Lumber Co. for the purchase of lumber in the amount not to exceed \$44,000 for the repairs to the boardwalk-Councilman Lamb stated that this lumber is to repair some areas of the boardwalk and will cover roughly 4 to 5 streets. Councilwoman Filippone stated that she would like to make sure that if any of the boards with inscriptions on them are in this area and need to be replaced to try and save those boards for the people who purchased them.
- 2021-282A rejecting all bids for the position of Borough Auditor for year 2022-Mayor LaCicero stated that there was a bit of a conflict with the RFPs. The specs needed to be reviewed and some changes needed to be done for clarification and a new date to receive them will go out in January. We will still have our current Auditor to take care of what needs to be done until then.

A Motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Councilwoman Filippone. The Motion was Seconded by Councilman Borowski.

The Mayor opened the floor to the public and asked if anyone wished to comment on the consent agenda.

Joe Palinsky, 1106 Ocean Front questioned if there is delivery costs on top of the quote price for the lumber?

Mayor LaCicero stated that those costs are included in the quote.

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 and Lamb voted Yes. The Motion Passed.

RESOLUTIONS - OFF CONSENT:

There were no resolutions off consent.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:

2021-283 Bills List in the amount of \$325,281.86

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 was Seconded.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Council President Zalom stated that we received a \$2,500 grant from the OC Cultural & Heritage Commission to go towards our summer concerts.

Mr. Brice stated that the Engineer is still trying to get some clarifications from the State regarding the replacement of Well #3. There seems to be some issues with where it should be placed and the amount of feet it should be underground. There doesn't seem to be any clarified guidelines.

Councilman Borowski stated that once this project begins they should notify the residents surrounding the area.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Mark Speaker, 111 Brown Avenue stated that the LBA thanks Mayor and Council for all the help with the events they had this year. He stated that he would also like them to consider implementing the “adopt a spot” program in town so residents can pick an area to help clean up. The bay beach area really needs some extra love. He also agrees with creating the short term rental ordinance since this is mostly a family oriented town.

COMMENTS OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Mayor and Council wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Mayor LaCicero stated that the Re-org meeting will be on Tuesday, January 4, 2022.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mr. George stated that there is a need to go into executive session to discuss some personnel matters. There will no action taken tonight.

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

The Council Meeting was adjourned to go into executive session at 7:53pm.

A Motion to reconvene 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 Meeting reconvened at 8:24pm.

Mr. George stated that while in executive session there was some discussion regarding personnel matters in the Police Department. There was no action taken at this time.

ADJOURNMENT:

A Motion to adjourn the Council Meeting was made by Councilman Stogdill. The Motion was Seconded by Council President Zalom. 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 20th day of **December 2021**.

Donnelly Amico
Municipal Clerk