

**BOROUGH OF LAVALLETTE(minutes)
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
LAVALLETTE MUNICIPAL BUILDING
Monday, June 21, 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: 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 a former longtime resident Dorothy Childs and former longtime resident Judy Mrozek who both passed away recently.

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

MAYOR'S WELCOMING STATEMENT: The Mayor welcomed everyone to the 2nd actual meeting of humans. He stated that the Friday before the next meeting he will be starting his "Meet the Mayor" hours again.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Caucus/Regular Meeting of May 17, 2021
Executive Session Meeting of May 17, 2021

A Motion to approve the minutes 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:

2021-167 approving the renewal of the liquor license for Cornerstone Wines & Liquors for license year 2021-2022

2021-168 authorizing the refund of unused off duty escrow in the amount of \$101.48

- 2021-169 approving a facilities use application submitted by Re/Max Real Estate to hold an outdoor community celebration with a DJ, tents, photo booth, tables and chairs outside of their establishment on Saturday, July 3, 2021 from 2pm to 5pm
- 2021-170 hiring Kelly Dorman for the beach badge office effective June 14, 2021 at an hourly rate of \$12.00
- 2021-171 approving a facilities use application to This Is Yoga NJ to hold two paddle board yoga excursions launching from Jacobsen park on Sunday, July 11, 2021 and 9am and Saturday, July 24, 2021 at 6pm
- 2021-172 authorizing the execution of an interconnection agreement with Jersey Central Power & Light Company
- 2021-173 authorizing the execution of an intergovernmental transfer agreement providing for the transfer of lineman Robert Baker from the Borough of Lavallette Electric Utility Department to the Borough of Seaside Heights
- 2021-174 hiring 3 individuals as seasonal sanitation laborers at an hourly rate of \$14.00-The Mayor stated that we needed to increase the hourly rate in order to be able to get more summer garbage men because we can't seem to keep them because other towns are paying more.
- 2021-174A reappointing Arnaldo V. Maestrey, Esq., as the Municipal Court Judge for another three-year term commencing June 30, 2021 and ending June 30, 2024
- 2021-174B approving a facilities use application to Sunshine Holistic Health & Wellness, LLC to hold meditation classes on the Ortlely Avenue ocean beach, 7 days a week, June 28th through September 6th 2021 from 8:15am to 9:45am

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:

2021-175 authorizing the Mayor to sign for approval an application for a blue light permit for Joseph D'Angelo who is a volunteer EMT for the Lavallette First Aid Squad

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

2021-176 approving the renewal of a club liquor license held by the Lavallette Yacht Club, Inc. for the license year 2021-2022

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. The Motion Passed.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:

2021-177 Bills List in the amount of \$385,393.29

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Discussion on the Boat Ramp Revised Sand Barrier and Oyster Reef Project

Councilman Borowski stated that we previously authorized Dr. Farrell to the start process of the sand barrier and oyster reef project down by the boat ramp and WPI Bridge. Dr. Farrell has partnered up with the American Littoral Society which he says the is the key to have this project more successful with completing more tasks. Dr. Farrell will still be the person we will be dealing with and all documentation and invoices will be to him. Since he has partnered with the American Littoral Society and they have added some changes for a more successful project there is a potential increase in the previously approved proposal by roughly \$1,100 but the proposal did not have "not to exceed" so we shouldn't have to do another resolution to increase the amount.

Mayor LaCicero stated that he hit the bottom under the bridge with his boat again so it's still not good over there.

Council President Zalom stated that the summer events are in full swing. The first summer concert will be June 27th and the first Movies on the Bay will be July 6th. The LBA will be doing the Food Truck Festival on June 26th and they have roughly 11 trucks coming and the fireworks are July 11th.

NEW BUSINESS:

Kim Atno, 109 New Brunswick Avenue, requesting permission to hang a memorial plaque inside the New Brunswick Avenue pavilion on the boardwalk in honor of her son Eric Caposele who passed away 10 years ago

Council President Zalom stated that this is a long time year round resident whose son passed away at the age of 17 years old. She would like just a small plaque to place in the New Brunswick Avenue boardwalk pavilion and she will purchase it.

Mayor LaCicero stated that this topic seems to keep coming up with people wanting to memorialize loved ones with plaques all around town. Didn't we already discuss the fact that we didn't want any more plaques being put anywhere until we figured out another program to run. The last program was the benches we did with the CDBG grant and that worked out nicely.

Councilwoman Filippone stated that she has been looking into maybe doing another program with the benches at the gazebo. The Heritage Committee paid for all the concrete benches down there many, many years ago and people were able to put plaques on those benches. It seems now that there are a lot of those benches that are in such disrepair to even sit on and some of the plaques are even in disrepair or removed. She has been trying to get some more information regarding the program to see who paid for the benches, the plaques and when this all took effect. The benches towards the back of the gazebo seem to be in the worst shape so no matter what we do regarding a program we are still going to have to do something about having these benches repaired or get new ones.

Mayor LaCicero stated that every year we get a numerous amount of these requests. Didn't we create a committee to start discussing this issue and try and figure something out. We need some type of policy with certain terms and regulations or to figure out some programs we can run each year to make everything orderly and not scattered all over.

Donnelly Amico, Municipal Clerk stated that there was a Memorial Committee that was created with Councilwoman Filippone, Councilman Lamb and Council President Zalom to discuss these issues.

Mayor LaCicero stated that they should now start getting together to discuss coming up with some type of policy and programs.

Councilman Stogdill stated that we definitely need to come up with certain criteria regarding these contributions.

Councilwoman Filippone stated that Pat Marrone, President of the Beautification Committee has done a lot of research regarding the history of Hankins Park and she would like to get Council's approval to put her history of Hankins Park on a message board or something like what is up on the boardwalk in those plexiglas cases so people can read about it and the Beautification will pay for whatever needs to be done.

A Motion to approve contingent upon review of the documents the Beautification to purchase an enclosure to hold documents on the history of Hankins Park for people to enjoy was made by Councilwoman Filippone. The Motion was Seconded by Councilman Borowski. Vote: Council Members Borowski, Filippone, Zalom, Stogdill, Finter and Lamb voted Yes. The Motion Passed.

Councilwoman Filippone stated that the pickleball courts look beautiful. Now the tennis court people would like the tennis courts to get upgraded and repaired. People are complaining about the cracks in the in the surface and all the weeds that are growing inside the cracks. Maybe we can see if Public Works can seal the cracks and clean up the weeds for now to make it through this year at least. Then maybe we can see if the tennis courts could be done like the pickle ball courts for next year.

Councilwoman Filippone stated that she received a call about a man going around town and measuring around the telephone poles in some areas. He was approached and said he was hired by Verizon to do this in order to bring FIOS over here. We contacted Verizon and apparently they will be offering FIOS to Lavallette residents.

Mayor LaCicero stated that during the 5G negotiations we asked for FIOS to be offered and they refused and now suddenly it seems to not be such an issue. Amazing!

Councilman Lamb stated that well #3 rehab is done and they will be testing the water and if all is running good it will be back in service on Saturday.

Councilman Stogdill stated that 2021 summer badge sales thru today is \$865,567 which is already \$131,000 above last year.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Vicki Guy, 16 Sterling Avenue stated that Founder's Day will be Saturday, September 11th from 11am to 5pm this year. All of our vendors will be back again this year as well as some new ones.

Kathy Grandstand, 1 Camden Avenue thanked Mayor and Council and Bob Brice for the beautiful new pickle ball courts. She also thanked Teddy and Vinny from Public Works for all their help.

Joanne Marino, 1501 Bay Blvd. stated that there are sink holes on Trenton and Newark by the boardwalk that need to be taken care of for safety purposes.

Susan Kotch, 119 Camden Avenue stated that there should be some bike racks put down on the bay front in different areas instead of just one.

Ed Stark, 8 Sterling stated that while the pickle ball courts were being renovated we used the courts over in Ortleigh Beach and Brick and they were both super accommodating and accepting of our group and worked with us with our times and days. Maybe Mayor and Council could send them a letter of thanks for being so accommodating to the Lavallette pickle ballers.

Mayor LaCicero stated that the Mayors of the barrier island meet once a month so he will make sure he thanks them for this.

COMMENTS OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Councilman Borowski stated that 2 Fridays ago the 200 Club of Ocean County honored Richard Molnar, Sr. for being a member of the Fire Company for over 50 years. He stated that our Municipal Clerk did a proclamation for him and he presented it to him at the dinner.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

There was no executive session.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

The Council Meeting was adjourned at 8:08pm.

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 21st day of **June 2021**.

Donnelly Amico
Municipal Clerk