

**BOROUGH OF LAVALLETTE
REORGANIZATION MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL
LAVALLETTE MUNICIPAL BUILDING
Monday, January 5, 2026**

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Walter G. LaCicero, Presiding

MEETING NOTICE STATEMENT:

Notice of this meeting complies with the Open Public Meetings Act. Notice was published in the Ocean Star on January 10, 2025. Notice was posted on the Municipal Bulletin Board and the Municipal Website.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG:

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE:

Michael Stogdill as Councilman will take his Oath of Office which will be administered by Mayor Walter G. LaCicero. The bible will be held by his wife Lori and son Craig. Three (3) year term of office from January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2028.

George Shenewolf as Councilman will take his Oath of Office which will be administered by Mayor Walter G. LaCicero. The bible will be held by his wife Kristen. Three (3) year term of office from January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2028.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Walter G. LaCicero, Presiding

ROLL CALL:
Councilwoman Anita F. Zalom
Councilwoman Joanne Filippone
Councilman James G. Borowski
Councilman Michael Stogdill
Councilman David Finter
Councilman George Shenewolf

Also Present: Donnelly Amico, Municipal Clerk
William Burns, Esq.
John Bennett, Borough Administrator

MAYOR'S ANNUAL MESSAGE:

ELECTION OF BOROUGH COUNCIL PRESIDENT FOR 2026: (requiring Council approval)

Motion: Second: Discussion: Vote:

2026 BOROUGH APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR: (not requiring Council approval)
Planning Board / Board of Adjustment

<u>Term</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Appointee</u>
1 Year	Class I Member/Mayor's Designee	Mark Speaker
1 Year	Class II Member	John Bennett
4 Year	Class IV Member	Jennifer Hartman-Sica
4 Year	Class IV Member	Alex Barletta
2 Year	Alternate Member #1	Mary Chyb

2026 BOROUGH APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR: (requiring Council approval)

1 Year	Class III Member	Joanne Filippone
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Motion: Second: Discussion: Vote:

2026 COUNCIL COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS:

Committee Assignments of Borough Council

By Borough Council (Resolution 2026-01: Motion: Second: Discussion: Vote)

2026 BOROUGH APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR: – (requiring advice and consent of Council)

Borough Attorney- Hartman/Duff-William Burns, Esq.

By Borough Council (Resolution 2026-02: Motion: Second: Discussion: Vote)

Borough Auditor- Oliwa & Company

By Borough Council (Resolution 2026-03: Motion: Second: Discussion: Vote)

Consulting Engineer- Morgan Municipal Engineering Services
Remington & Vernick Engineers
ACT Engineers
Colliers Engineering & Design
Keystone Engineering Group, Inc.

By Borough Council (Resolution 2026-04: Motion: Second: Discussion: Vote)

Various Professional Appointments -

Bond Counsel-Dilworth, Paxson, LLP
Bonnie Peterson, Esq.-Borough Prosecutor
Alternate Prosecutor-David Casadonte, Esq.
Special Prosecutor- Steven Zabarsky, Esq.
Public Defender - Margarie Herlihy, Esq.
Conflict/Alternate Public Defender-John Nolan, Esq.
Special Counsel-Jean Cipriani, Esq.

By Borough Council (Resolution 2026-05: Motion: Second: Discussion: Vote)

Various Advisory Committees-

Mayor Advisory Committee:

Al DeBenedictis, Chairman

CDBG / Tourism / Grants Committee:

Anita Zalom, Liaison	Joseph Palinsky
Elaine Schardien	Patricia Hoffman

Municipal Utility Advisory Committee:

James Borowski, Liaison	Dave Finter, Liaison
Al DeBenedictis	Joseph Palinsky
Glen Mazzarano	Mark Speaker
Ken Meiser	

Ordinance Committee:

Joanne Filippone, Liaison	David Finter, Liaison
Sheila Sharkey	Landon Hoberman
Martin Morales	Audrey Zylinski
Nicholas Zaccaria	Mark Speaker
Adele Ronchetti	Barbara Susinno

Recreation Advisory Committee:

Anita Zalom, Liaison	Michael Stogdill, Liaison
Patricia Hoffman	Dr. Jim Enright
Bart Coleman	Judith Josephs
Chief Christian LaCicero	Sgt. Adam LaCicero
Theresa Coleman	Harriet Sheridan
Joyce Hornung	Bruno Hornung

Audrey Zylinski

Beautification Committee:

Anita Zalom, Liaison
Vicki Guy, President
Theresa Coleman
Joyce Hornung
Adele Ronchetti
Kaitlyn Hajisafari

Joanne Filippone, Liaison
Susan Kotch, Vice President
Bruno Hornung
Anne Schneider
Rich Traverso
Arlene Maglionico

Environmental Protection Advisory Committee:

Anita Zalom, Liaison
Mark Speaker, Chairman
Patricia Hoffman
Jennifer O'Reilly

Dave Finter, Liaison
Donna Franzoso
Barbara Susinno

Goose Patrol Committee:

Joanne LaCicero, President
Susan Kotch

Glenn Mazzarano
Sandra Mazzarano

Memorabilia Advisory Committee:

Joanne Filippone, Chairperson
Harry Dews

Council President Anita Zalom
Mary Jo Austin

Business & Tourism Committee

Mark Speaker, Chairman

By Borough Council (Resolution 2026-06; Motion: Second: Discussion: Vote:)

RESOLUTIONS – ON CONSENT:

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| 2026-07 | Authorizing execution of Schedule “C” Agreement with the County of Ocean for year 2026 |
| 2026-08 | Increasing minimum wage hourly rates to \$15.92 effective January 1, 2026 |
| 2026-09 | appointing Charles Farrah as the Clean Communities Coordinator |
| 2026-10 | Authorizing the appointment of Phoenix Advisors for the continuing disclosure agent services and independent registered municipal advisor for the year 2026 |

2026-11	Designating Official Newspapers
2026-12	Authorizing officials to sign checks, disbursement funds, checks and drafts
2026-13	Establishing 2026 Petty Cash Funds
2026-14	Designating Official Depositories
2026-15	Establishing calendar of 2026 Council Meetings
2026-16	Adoption of Rules for the Mayor and Council
2026-17	Fixing rate of interest to be charged on delinquent taxes or assessments
2026-18	Authorizing the Chief Financial Officer to make certain timely payments for specific monetary obligations
2026-19	Establishing the allocation of salaries of certain employees within the Borough
2026-20	Reaffirming Cash Management Plan
2026-21	Temporary Budget
2026-22	Adopting federal guidelines for mileage reimbursement for Public Officials
2026-23	Authorizing participation in the State of NJ Cooperative Purchasing Program
2026-24	Approving appointment of John Bennett as Ocean County JIF/MEL Fund-Fund Commissioner
2026-25	Establishing the allocation of the funds received from the State drunk driving enforcement fund and authorizing Mayor Walter LaCicero to sign the quarterly DWI reports
2026-26	Establishing Change Funds
2026-27	Endorsing submission of year 2026 Recycling Tonnage Grant Application
2026-28	Authorizing Software Contract – Edmunds & Associates \$13,878.13
2026-29	authorization to approve seasonal appointments prior to meeting confirmation
2026-30	Designating Public Agency Compliance Officer in accordance with N.J.A.C. 17:27-3.5 – Borough Administrator

- 2026-31 Authorizing the Tax Assessor to act as agent for Lavallette and File Appeals for tax year 2026
- 2026-32 Appointing Sergeant Michael Monica as Internal Affairs Officer for the Lavallette Police Department
- 2026-33 Approving contract for Licenses-Charles Farrah
- 2026-34 Approving appointment of Public Power Association of New Jersey Representatives: Councilman James G. Borowski – Representative / Dave Finter - Alternate
- 2026-35 Approving appointment of Emergency Management Team for 2026
- 2026-36 Approving appointment of members to the Lavallette Emergency Planning Committee
- 2026-37 Approving appointments within the Lavallette Police Department for 2026: Special Police, Class I & II, Crossing Guards, Part-time Dispatchers, and Matrons
- 2026-38 Approving appointments of ADA Coordinator – Councilmember Anita F. Zalom, Deputy ADA Coordinator – Elaine Schardien, and members to the Lavallette Community Partners for People with Disabilities for 2026
- 2026-39 Approving appointment of Charles Farrah as Lavallette Safety Coordinator
- 2026-40 Appointing Meridian Occupational Health, P.C. as Municipal Physician Practice for the Borough of Lavallette
- 2026-41 Authorizing Mayor Walter G. LaCicero to execute an agreement with Commerce Risk Control Services and Dynamic Testing Services to provide services relating to an Alcohol and substance program for CDL drivers
- 2026-42 certifying to the Local Finance Board that all members of the Governing Body have reviewed, at a minimum, the sections of the 2024 audit entitled, “Comments and Recommendations”
- 2026-43 awarding a contract to Seacoast Construction, Inc. for the Newark Avenue Phase 2 Road Improvement Project in the amount of \$327,014.72
- 2026-44 appointing Peter Kane as Acting Superintendent for a period of three months commencing January 1, 2026 through March 31, 2026
- 2026-45 appointing Laura Wicki as the part-time Municipal Court Administrator at an hourly rate of \$35.00 effective January 5, 2026
- 2026-46 adopting and establishing a “Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual” for years 2026/2027

Motion: Second: Public Comment: Vote:

RESOLUTIONS OFF-CONSENT:

2026-47 Establishing non-contractual employee annual salaries for 2026

Motion: Second: Public Comment: Vote:

2026-48 Appointing Lori Stogdill as the 2026 Right to Know Coordinator

Motion: Second: Public Comment: Vote:

2025 BILLS LIST:

2026-49 Bills List in the amount of \$309,588.97

Motion: Second: Public Comment: Vote:

2026 BILLS LIST:

2026-50 Bills List in the amount of \$1,982,964.88

Motion: Second: Public Comment: Vote:

CITIZENS COMMENTS:

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

ADJOURNMENT