

**BOROUGH OF LAVELLETTE  
REORGANIZATION MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
LAVELLETTE 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:**

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**