

BOROUGH OF LAVALLETTE (minutes)
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
LAVALLETTE MUNICIPAL BUILDING – COUNCIL CHAMBERS
Monday, August 22, 2011-7:03 pm

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Walter G. LaCicero, presiding

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

Also present: Christopher F. Parlow, Borough Administrator/Municipal Clerk
Philip George, Borough Attorney
Donnelly Amico, Deputy Municipal Clerk

READING OF THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT STATEMENT: Notice of this meeting complies with the Open Public Meetings Act. Public Notice was given to the Asbury Park Press and was published in the Ocean Star on January 7, 2011. Notice was also posted on the municipal bulletin board and the municipal website.

Mr. Parlow stated that Councilman Stogdill is away this week so he will need to be excused for this meeting.

A Motion was made by Councilman Borowski to excuse Councilman Stogdill's absence. The Motion was Seconded by Councilman Horan. Vote: Council Members Borowski, Filippone, Zalom, Horan and Lamb voted Yes. The Motion Passed.

Councilman Stogdill's absence was excused.

MOMENT OF SILENCE: The Mayor asked for a moment of silence for all our troops that we have lost overseas.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Councilwoman Filippone led us in the Salute to the Flag.

MAYOR'S WELCOMING STATEMENT: Mayor LaCicero thanked everyone for coming out to tonight's meeting.

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

The Mayor asked if anyone wished to comment on any items that were not listed on the agenda and that they did not wish to stay for the remainder of the meeting they could do so now.

Pat Marrone, Beautification Committee stated that she had a letter along with a check in the amount of \$450.00 from the residents of Jersey City Avenue towards the plantings for the triangle that was recently upgraded by the County for us.

Mrs. Marrone read the letter in full and gave Mr. Parlow the letter and the check for \$450.00.

Mayor LaCicero thanked the residents of Jersey City Avenue for their donation.

APPROVAL OF CLERK'S MINUTES:

Caucus/Regular Meeting of August 8, 2011

A Motion was made by Councilman Horan to approve the Minutes. The Motion was seconded by Council President Zalom. Vote: Council Members Borowski, Filippone, Zalom, Horan and Lamb voted Yes. The Motion Passed.

RESOLUTIONS-ON CONSENT:

- 2011-201 certifying to the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey that all members of the governing body have reviewed, at a minimum, the sections of the annual audit entitled "Comments and Recommendations"
- 2011-202 appointing Michael Quigley to the permanent position of Plumbing Inspector/Plumbing Sub code Official effective August 22, 2011-Councilwoman Filippone stated that Mr. Quigley has been in this position provisionally pending the civil service test that he has now passed and is now permanent.
- 2011-203 appointing three lifeguards for the end of the 2011 summer season at an hourly rate of \$8.50-Councilman Lamb stated that we are getting hit with a big problem towards the end of the summer when the kids start to go back to college and start their sports practices. This is becoming a bigger problem each year. My suggestion is that maybe we could send a letter to our local colleges and schools asking them to think about moving the start date for school back a week or so. Mr. Parlow stated that he would draft a resolution and send it to other municipalities and schools for support
- 2011-204 in support of raising fines for unmuffled engine braking to \$500 and encourage the State Police to more aggressively enforce the noise and muffler laws for trucks in New Jersey
- 2011-205 authorizing the execution of an addendum to the contract with JOGI Construction, Inc. for the Grand Central Avenue Sidewalk Beautification Project-Mr. Parlow stated that this change order is the final order and it is a decrease in the Contract in the amount of \$3,341.75.
- 2011-206 appointing James Egleston as a summer seasonal for the Department of Public Works effective August 18, 2011 at an hourly rate of \$7.50-Council President Zalom stated that Public Works has been very busy this summer and they need all the help they can get.

- 2011-207 authorizing the approval of two Class I Officers to attend the Ocean County Police Academy for Class II Officer training at an hourly rate of \$7.25 commencing August 29, 2011 through May 24, 2012
- 2011-208 authorizing the electric collector to correct the electric bill at 108 Bond Avenue from \$746.49 to \$97.54 due to an incorrect billing
- 2011-209 appointing Geraldine Adams as a temporary clerk typist for the Lavallette Construction Office commencing August 22, 2011 at an hourly rate of \$12.00- Councilwoman Filippone stated that the Planning Board Secretary who is also the Construction Office Secretary needed some additional time off due to an illness and the person covering her as of now can not do all the hours that are required for these additional weeks so we needed to hire another person to cover those hours.

A Motion was made by Councilman Horan to approve the Consent Agenda. The Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Filippone. The Mayor opened the floor to the public and asked if anyone wished to comment on the consent agenda or the bills list. No one wished to comment at this time. The Mayor closed the floor and asked Council for a vote on the Consent Agenda. Vote: Council Members Borowski, Filippone, Zalom, Horan and Lamb voted Yes. The Motion Passed.

RESOLUTIONS-OFF CONSENT

There was no resolutions off-consent.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:

2011-210 Bills List in the amount \$2,578,074.45

A Motion was made by Councilman Horan to approve the Bills List. The Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Filippone. Vote: Council Members Borowski, Filippone, Zalom, Horan and Lamb voted Yes. The Motion Passed.

ORDINANCES OF FOR SECOND READING/FINAL ADOPTION

ORDINANCE NO. 2011-05 (1095) ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF LAVALLETTE, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 90 OF THE BOROUGH CODE ENTITLED “ZONING”

Mr. Parlow stated that this Ordinance was forwarded to the Mayor and Council by the Planning Board. The Mayor and Council are also in receipt of a letter from the Planning Board which recommends the approval of this ordinance. There were some areas in our zoning ordinance that needed to be updated. The ordinance provides updates to the definition of half-story, it provides an update to permitted sheds, and also requires that access-ways to detached garages be maintained.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Filippone to Adopt Ordinance 2011-105 (10950). The Motion was seconded by Councilman Horan. The Mayor opened the Public Hearing and asked if anyone wished to comment on Ordinance 2011-05. No one wished to comment. The Mayor closed the Public Hearing and asked Council for a vote on the Ordinance. Vote: Council Members Borowski, Filippone, Zalom, Horan and Lamb voted Yes. The Motion Passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Lavallette Heritage Committee-requesting approval to place signs advertising for Heritage Day 2011

Mrs. Grosko, President of Lavallette Heritage Committee stated that this was unfortunate that this step had to be taken. It takes a lot of effort for her Committee to put on all our good shows. Part of having a big crowd for the events is advertising with our signs. Unfortunately, due to the timeline we did not have time to replace the signs and put them back up before our event. We have been advertising like this with these signs for as long as she can remember and have never been questioned.

Mayor LaCicero stated that we did remove all the signs but now have decided to allow the not for profit organizations to request permission to put the signs out. The Mayor asked Council if they wish to grant permission to the Heritage Committee to place advertising signs for Heritage Day.

A Motion was made by Councilman Horan to grant permission to the Heritage Committee to place signs advertising Heritage Day. The Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Filippone. Vote: Council Members Borowski, Filippone, Zalom, Horan and Lamb voted Yes. The Motion Passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion-Best Practices Worksheet CY 2012

Mr. Parlow stated that all municipalities in the State are required to complete the Best Practices Worksheet in order to receive a 100% share of state revenue entitlement. Also, they requested that this Worksheet 2012 be listed and discussed at one of our public meetings. Based upon the response to the questionnaire the Borough will receive 100% of the revenue.

Mayor LaCicero stated that this also was the reason for the modification regarding our absentee policy for Council.

Mr. Parlow stated that was correct.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Mayor LaCicero opened the floor to public comments.

Joy Grosko, Lavallette Heritage Committee stated that on both of the forms used for Heritage Day and the Arts & Crafts Show it states that all exhibitors are responsible for their trash removal and keeping their area free of garbage when they leave. She stated that her organization has nothing to do with the flea markets.

Councilman Lamb stated that he spoke to Mrs. Lane after the Arts & Crafts Show and she came down to see the mess that was left. There needs to be some other type of system put in place. This garbage should not be left for the next day. The flea markets are the real problem and needs to be addressed.

There were no additional comments from the public.

Mayor LaCicero closed the floor to public comment.

COMMENTS OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Councilman Lamb stated that beach revenues are at record pace. The Borough has already exceeded last year's numbers and we still have two weeks to go. The badge office has collected more than \$850,000, last year's total was \$824,000. We raised the price of the daily badge but left the other badge prices alone. The amount of season badges sold has increased drastically.

Mayor LaCicero stated that the salaries in that department are down as well.

Council President Zalom stated that raising the fee for daily badges has increased the sale of season badges.

Councilman Lamb stated that we need to talk about increasing the lifeguard salaries next year if we want more qualified lifeguards. A number of the smaller private beaches have been raising their salaries so it has become more difficult to hire qualified lifeguards.

Council President Zalom thanked the Heritage Committee for all that they do. She stated that Council would like to do something for 9/11 at Heritage Day. We should do it during the Patriotic Band playing so what time do they go on.

Mrs. Grosko stated that they usually go on around 2:30 pm to 3pm but let her check first and get back to her.

Council President Zalom stated that Joanne LaCicero is running the Donations of Love for the Animal Shelters so you can get your shopping pass for Macy's. Willie DeKamp from Save Barnegat Bay thanked us all for our generous donation. She asked all not to forget about the Firemen's Barbeque scheduled for August 27, 2011. Beautification Committee is holding their fundraiser at Meg's Grill. She stated that she received a complaint that the ground lights at the gazebo were not working. That happened from the storm last week but they are fixed now.

Councilman Horan stated that we are going to be applying for the annual Excellence Awards again this year.

ADJOURNMENT:

A Motion made by Councilwoman Filippone to adjourn the Regular Meeting was. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Horan. Vote: All of Council was in favor. The Motion Passed.

The Regular Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

CERTIFICATION

I, Christopher F. Parlow, Municipal Clerk of the Borough of Lavallette, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey does hereby attest these to be a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of held on the **22nd** day of **August 2011**.

Christopher F. Parlow
Municipal Clerk