

BOROUGH OF LAVALLETTE (minutes)
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
LAVALLETTE FIRST AID BUILDING
Monday, October 20, 2014-7:00 pm

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Walter G. LaCicero, presiding

ROLL CALL: Council Members Borowski, Zalom, Filippone, Lamb, Finter and Stogdill

Also present: Christopher F. Parlow, Borough Administrator/Municipal Clerk
Eric Bernstein, 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 published in the Ocean Star on January 10, 2014. Notice was also posted on our municipal website.

MOMENT OF SILENCE: The Mayor asked for a moment of silence for Nick Chomuk from Westmont Avenue and Thea Lecin who were long time residents. Also, for the Mayor of Seaside Heights, Bill Akers whose son passed away tragically last week.

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

MAYOR'S WELCOMING STATEMENT: The Mayor welcomed everyone to tonight's meeting. He stated that this was a very thin agenda so he wanted to get started.

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 on the agenda or if they could not stay for the remainder of the meeting they could do so now.

No one wished to comment at this time.

The Mayor closed the floor to public comments.

APPROVAL OF CLERK'S MINUTES:

Caucus/Regular Meeting of October 6, 2014

Councilman Finter stated that on page 8 of the minutes the word applied for should be entered in front of choice district school.

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

RESOLUTIONS-ON CONSENT:

- 2014-267 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”
- 2014-268 authorizing the Chief Financial Officer to refund planning board escrows in the amount of \$984.00 to Michael and Teresa Marano
- 2014-269 approving the corrective action plan regarding the 2013 audit report-Mr. Parlow stated that these were the first audit comments in several years. There were a number of personnel changes in 2013 plus the added work related to Sandy. The new CFO has already corrected the issues reported in the audit.

A Motion was made by Councilman Stogdill to approve the consent agenda. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Finter. The Mayor opened the floor to public comment and asked if anyone wished to comment on the consent agenda. No one wished to comment. The Mayor closed the floor 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:

There were no resolutions off consent.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:

- 2014-270 Bills List in the amount of \$3,003,076.72

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Update: Federal Beachfill Project

Mr. Parlow stated that he received an email from the Army Corps and it appears they have rejected the Borough’s request for the 4th ADA handicap ramp on Trenton Avenue. They have only agreed to install three handicap accessible ramps on the three wide streets. The Army Corps states that you only need one every 600 feet so three should be sufficient. They did give the Borough the option to include another ADA ramp in the specifications as an alternate to be paid by the Borough. Mr. Parlow recommended that the Borough request that the specifications include the alternate and see how much it would cost the Borough. It might cost us less to do it

ourselves. He stated he was on Long Beach Island last week and he took pictures of their crossovers and dunes and the ADA crossovers have a different pitch than the regular walkovers so he does not know if anyone would like the ADA access ramps.

Mayor LaCicero questioned if the elevation of dune in the picture at LBI is in comparison to what we will be getting.

Mr. Parlow stated that they will be the same.

Council President Zalom stated that there must a difference in price with the ADA handicap ramp compared to the regular walkover.

Mr. Parlow stated that the Army Corps is saying to go with them it will be \$150,000 but he was not sure of other prices yet.

Councilman Borowski questioned if we could just stick with the three they are giving us and evaluate them before we think about putting another in. We might not even like the look or the dimensions.

Mayor LaCicero stated that once the contractor is done with Lavallette it's done so we should let them bid it with the alternate just to see what we are looking at.

Mr. Parlow stated that the contractor can not submit his pay estimate to the state until he is done with a section.

Councilman Borowski stated that he just thought that we should wait a year and evaluate the walkovers to see how they are before paying for another one right away. Also, he questioned if the sub surface was the same for both the ADA and standard walkovers.

Mr. Parlow stated that they were both the same.

Mayor LaCicero stated that he was told that the maintenance is not difficult with this sub surface.

Councilman Lamb questioned if maybe we should take a ride over to LBI and check it out to see what it will look like.

Councilwoman Filippone stated that they should see what the ADA walkover looks like ahead of time.

Mr. Parlow stated that in the meantime he will have the State bid it out with an alternate.

Mr. Parlow stated that another town opted out of having the crossovers constructed utilizing the stone and have requested the use of mobi mats. The mats would be installed over the sand with any sub-base. Mr. Parlow did not recommend that the Borough opt for this alternative because of the amount of maintenance would be required year round on all twenty-six streetends.

Councilman Borowski stated that the County did some resurfacing of Bay Boulevard from Princeton Avenue in Lavallette to Seaside Heights Terminus. He stated that he noticed that the resurfacing only went to Elizabeth Avenue. He spoke to the County about it and there answer was that the title was from Princeton Avenue to Seaside Heights but it was only going to be to Elizabeth Avenue. The Princeton Avenue was only used as the title because they deferred the traffic to Princeton Avenue. He stated that it did not make sense to him but that's the way it was.

NEW BUSINESS:

Team Mobile requesting approval of consent to update certain equipment that supports its wireless telecommunications network site at 120 Washington Avenue, Lavallette.

Mr. Parlow stated we received a proposal from T-Mobile to upgrade their cell equipment on the water tower. The upgrades are similar to what Verizon did recently. The T-Mobile proposal was submitted to the engineer for a cost estimate to review and inspect the improvements to the tower.

Mayor LaCicero questioned if they have signed onto our power supply program as of yet.

Mr. Parlow stated that we are still in negotiations.

Councilman Finter stated that the upgrades look pretty basic. They are just removing what they have and upgrading it with better.

Councilman Borowski stated that he appreciates Mr. Parlow's effort in having our Engineer review the upgrades before we sign off. He stated that one of the flutes on the tower looks like it has rusted. If these cell providers are going to be doing these upgrades we should definitely have the integrity of the tower looked at.

Engineer's proposal to prepare flood elevation certificates for Borough Buildings.

Mr. Parlow stated that he had asked the Engineer to provide a proposal for flood elevation certificates for some of our buildings that we will need to purchase flood insurance. This is the proposal and prices for these certificates.

Mayor LaCicero stated that they look in line with other Engineers.

Councilwoman Filippone questioned if the Municipal Complex will be separate from these.

Mr. Parlow stated that it would be.

A Motion was made by Councilman Borowski to accept the proposal from the Engineer to provide the Borough with Elevation Certificates for Borough Buildings. The Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Filippone. Vote: Council Members Borowski, Filippone, Zalom, Stogdill, Finter and Lamb voted Yes. The Motion Passed.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Joe Palinsky, 122 Washington Avenue stated that the rusting is from the existing brackets that are holding up the equipment now. They base metal needs to be reprimed. That is caused from not prepping the brackets properly.

Mayor LaCicero stated that if it is their fault they will have to fix the problem.

Jon Corney, 1 Newark Avenue stated that there is a long time resident in a wheel chair that would need to use the ADA handicap ramp on Trenton Avenue.

Mayor LaCicero stated that there will be three other ADA handicap ramps on the other three wide streets, New York, Philadelphia and President. He will speak to the family about it and see how they feel.

Mr. Corney stated that Council accommodated the kids who could not carry surfboards two blocks down so he would hope Council could surely accommodate for a handicap man.

Bob Astorino, 2 Elizabeth Avenue questioned if the new beach replenishment project will affect our flood insurance rates.

Mayor LaCicero stated that flood insurance rates are based on your flood elevation of your home.

COMMENTS OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Council President Zalom stated that at the last meeting we discussed the school and who would be responsible for the special education kids coming from another district. She stated that the sending district would be responsible for those costs. There was a wonderful letter about our Chief in our mailboxes about how he saved someone's life from choking while out to dinner on a weekend. The Halloween Hoedown is October 24th and the Beach Sweeps is October 25th. The LBA is having a Halloween Walk for candy from 1 to 4 pm on Saturday. Our dune grass planting is November 8th and the New Jersey Devils will be here on November 5th. Donations of Love is holding a free rabies clinic on November 12th from 6 to 7pm at the First Aid Bays. The Friends of Library dinner and Friends of Beautification luncheon are both sold out.

Councilman Finter stated that flu shots will be given on October 21st from 10 to 12 noon at the First Aid Building.

Councilman Lamb stated that the winter garbage schedule started today October 20th.

Councilwoman Filippone stated that we will be having an Ordinance Committee Meeting on Wednesday, October 22, 2014 and some of the items we will be discussing are credit card fees on beach badges, the alignment of parking permits with the start of the bathing season instead of Memorial Day Weekend and a planning board/land use issue regarding undersized lots located on the eastside of Route 35 South.

Mayor LaCicero stated that makes sense since they are given the variance regardless.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

There was no executive session.

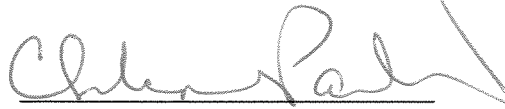
ADJOURNMENT:

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Filippone to adjourn the regular meeting. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Finter. Vote: All of Council was in favor. The Motion Passed.

The regular meeting was adjourned at 7:34 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 copy of the minutes of the meeting held on the **20th** day of **October 2014**

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Chris Parlow', is written over a horizontal line.

Christopher F. Parlow
Municipal Clerk