

BOROUGH OF LAVALLETTE (minutes)
CAUCUS/REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
LAVALLETTTE FIRST AID BUILDING
July 7, 2014-7:00 pm

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Walter LaCicero, presiding

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

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 was published in the Ocean Star on June 13, 2014. Notice was also posted on our municipal bulletin board and municipal website.

MOMENT OF SILENCE: The Mayor asked for a moment of silence for Brendan Tevlin, the grandson of long time resident Tom Tevlin on President Avenue and for all our troops overseas.

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

MAYOR'S WELCOMING STATEMENT: The Mayor thanked everyone for coming to tonight's meeting. He stated that the fireworks were absolutely fantastic last night. Probably the best he has ever seen so far. The business owners have expressed to me that business is booming this summer so that is also fantastic.

Council President Zalom stated that it was a perfect weekend all around for everyone. It rained on Friday so everyone went shopping and then the next two days were beautiful so they went to the beach.

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 speak now.

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

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Ron Deramo, 206 Haddonfield Avenue stated that he sees a lot of pedestrian signs crosswalks and stanchions on Route 35 North but he does not see any on Route 35 South.

Mayor LaCicero stated that he thought we were scheduled to get pedestrian signs on the Route 35 southbound highway. He thinks we need around six or eight of them.

Mr. Parlow stated that the final pavement has not been put down.

Mayor LaCicero stated that he will look into it and see what can be done.

Mr. Deramo also stated that he would like to see email addresses for Mayor and Council on the website in the future.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Regular Meeting of June 23, 2014

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

REPORTS:

- a) Construction Report for June 2014-Councilwoman Filippone-read report
- b) Zoning Report for June 2014-Councilwoman Filippone-read report
- c) Beach Badge Report for June 2014-Councilman Stogdill-read report-Mayor LaCicero stated that it looks like we are very high with the daily badges and still a little low with the seasonal badges. Councilman Borowski stated that he spoke to the Badge Checker Supervisor and there was a lot of drama up there over the weekend with people not following rules. She stated that the daily badges sold just over the weekend were in the thousands.
- d) Revenue Transaction Report for May-Chief Financial Officer.
- e) Tax Account Report for June 2014-Tax Collector.
- f) Public Affairs for June-Council President Zalom-The tennis courts this weekend took in over \$500 which is a lot of money for them. She asked all not to forget to get your calendars because there is so much going on. There was a scavenger hunt tonight on the beach and there were so many people up there with their kids. All our events so far have been well attended. We had two concerts so far and they were great and tomorrow will be our 2nd movie this summer and it going to be Frozen. Our new bulletin board is up at Philadelphia Avenue and the Ocean on the boardwalk. The bike parade on Saturday was a blast. The Union Church had a pancake breakfast this weekend and actually ran out of dough they were so busy. The fireworks display was outstanding last night and she called them to tell them how great they were. Someone mentioned that we should have fireworks when our new municipal building is completed so we will have to see about that. We hope to have the wording done for the dedication of the gazebo to the Grosko's so we can do it at Founder's Day. Also, the 911 Plaque is up on Philadelphia Avenue.

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

ON CONSENT AGENDA/OFF CONSENT AGENDA, AND VOUCHERS:

RESOLUTIONS – ON CONSENT:

- 2014-195 appointing a Alexander Adamek as a lifeguard for the 2014 summer season
- 2014-196 proclaiming July 19, 2014 as “Choose Your Cover Day” in the Borough of Lavallette
- 2014-197 opposing S-2171 which would permit the governing bodies of a fifth and sixth class county to assume control and responsibility for the operation and maintenance of all beach on the Atlantic Ocean within the County-Councilman Lamb questioned why they keep promoting this. It is very clear that we do not want this to happen so why keep doing it.
- 2014-198 awarding a contract to Garden State Fireworks for a fireworks display on September 6, 2014 with no rain date during our Founder’s Day in the amount of \$7,000-Mayor LaCicero requested that we carry this resolution over to the next meeting so Anita can discuss the issue about if it rains that day with them.
- 2014-199 appointing Robert W. Baker as a full time electric lineman for the Department of Public Works effective July 7, 2014-Council President Zalom stated that in reading his information he has a very good background with being a lineman.
- 2014-199A appointing Mary Sullivan as beach badge office staff for the 2014 summer season
- 2014-199B appointing Allison Krebs as a beach badge checker for the 2014 summer season

A Motion was made by Councilman Lamb 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.

Al Jones, 113 Reese Avenue stated that regarding Resolution 2014-197 Ocean County has already stated that they will opt out of this but there are other Counties that are involved that might agree to this so let’s think about them as well.

Mayor LaCicero stated that Lavallette has never been in favor of this and Council will vote according to how they feel about it.

No one else wished to comment.

The Mayor closed the floor to the public and asked Council for a vote on the consent agenda minus Resolution 2014-198.

Vote: Council Members Borowski, Filippone, Zalom, Stogdill, Horan and Lamb voted Yes. The Motion Passed.

RESOLUTION - OFF CONSENT:

There were no resolutions off consent.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:

2014-200 Bills List in the amount of \$1,425,477.80

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

COMMUNICATIONS:

Legal:

- a) Eric M. Bernstein & Associates/Eric M. Bernstein, Esq/Lenny's Pizzeria Restaurant v. Borough of Lavallette/Received June 24, 2014

Engineering:

- a) O'Donnell, Stanton & Associates/Michael O'Donnell, Engineer/Magee Avenue Pier Tee-Dock Reconstruction/Received June 11, 2014-Mayor LaCicero questioned when this work was going to start? Mr. Parlow stated that he has a call into the Engineer about that.
- b) O'Donnell, Stanton & Associates/John Berens, Engineer/Route 35 Restoration/Inspection Services Water and Sewer Payment Vouchers/Received June 12, 2014
- c) O'Donnell, Stanton & Associates/Michael O'Donnell, Engineer/Reconstruction of Boardwalk Pavilions/Pay Estimate #2/Received June 12, 2014-Mayor LaCicero stated that the pavilions are moving forward and 99% complete so far.
- d) O'Donnell, Stanton & Associates/Michael O'Donnell, Engineer/Repair of Southern Ocean Block Streets/Received June 16, 2014
- e) O'Donnell, Stanton & Associates/Michael O'Donnell, Engineer/Reconstruction of Boardwalk Pavilions//Pay Estimate #3/Received July 1, 2014
- e) O'Donnell, Stanton & Associates/Michael O'Donnell, Engineer/Construction of New Municipal Building/Pay Estimate No. 2/Received July 3, 2014

New Jersey League of Municipalities:

- a) New Jersey 350th Birthday Celebration/Received June 11, 2014
- b) Information about Upcoming Sustainable Jersey Events Which May Be of Interest to Your Municipality/Received June 12, 2014
- c) Buy America/Received June 12, 2014
- d) Red Cross Adds Spanish Apps to Suite of Free Mobile Apps Aimed to Help Keep Families Safe/Received June 16, 2014

- e) Administrator or Manager Recruitment and Selection Advisory Service/Received June 17, 2014
- f) Deadline Extended-Innovations in American Government Awards/Received June 18, 2014
- g) Legislative Update/Interest Arbitration Cap Set for Senate Vote on Thursday/Status of
- h) Other Legislation of Interest/Received June 18, 2014
- i) Legislative Alert-Senate Passes Extension of Interest Arbitration Cap/Received June 19, 2014
- j) Reminder-Filing Deadline for Financial Disclosure Statements/Received June 23, 2014
- k) Governor Signs Extension of Interest Arbitration Cap/Received June 24, 2014
- l) State Budget Poised for Approval and Status of Other Legislation/Received June 25, 2014
- m) Important Decision on Police Search of Cell Phones/Received June 25, 2014
- n) Receive the Recognition Your Town Deserves/Received June 26, 2014
- o) State Pension Payment/Budget Update-Two Court Cases/State Pension Payments/COLA's for Retirees/Received June 26, 2014
- p) Hurricane Season Has Begun. Are Your Residents Ready/Received June 27, 2014
- q) State Budget Goes to Governor & Legislative Recap for June 26/Received June 27, 2014
- r) Weekly Summer Legislative Update/Received July 1, 2014
- s) New License Fees Books Available/Received July 1, 2014
- t) Woodbridge Township Will Host the New Jersey Senior Olympic Games/Received July 2, 2014
- u) Increase in Prevailing Wage Threshold/Received July 2, 2014

General With No Action:

- a) New Jersey Economic Development Authority/Michele Brown, CEO/NJ Stronger Business Grant/Beach Authority/Received June 11, 2014
- b) Ocean County Utilities Authority/Financial Statements/2012 and 2013/Received June 11, 2014
- c) FEMA/David Miller, Associate Administrator/Increase to a Class 6 in the National Flood Insurance Program/Received June 16, 2014-Mayor LaCicero thanked Mr. Parlow for this and stated that Class 6 is the highest rank so we are very privileged. Mr. Parlow stated that it is a 20% savings for each homeowner and \$700,000 savings collectively for the town.
- d) New Jersey Economic Development Authority/Michele Brown, CEO/NJ Stronger Business Grant/The Music Man/Received June 16, 2014
- e) Richard Murray/76 Grand Central Avenue/Extended Bike Hours on the Boardwalk/Received June 16, 2014
- f) State of New Jersey/Department of Transportation/Michael Russo, Director/the Borough will Receive \$160,890.00 for the Vance Avenue Road Improvements through the Local Aid Infrastructure Fund Program/Received June 17, 2014-Mayor LaCicero stated that thanks to Anita we received this grant. She has a phone and is not afraid to use it.
- g) New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection/DEP Resumes Education and Compliance Sweeps on Barnegat Bay This Summer/Received June 19, 2014

- h) North American Hygiene, Inc./Charles Stone, Regional Sales/Sani Seats Toilet System/Received June 24, 2014
- i) New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection/Christie Administration Seeks 2015 Americorps Watershed Ambassadors/Received June 25, 2014
- j) State of New Jersey/Department of Community Affairs/Thomas Neff, Director/ 2014 Essential Services Grant Application Denial/Received July 2, 2014

General With Action:

- a) Clean Ocean Action/Heather Schleiffer/Coordinator/requesting to set up a COAST table on your beach for four hours each day on Saturday August 16th and Sunday August 17th with to educate citizens on how to keep our beach clean/Received June 12, 2014-Mayor LaCicero stated that this is an annual request and is OK.
- b) WatchTower Bible and Tract Society of New York, Inc./Ronald Slater, Assoc. General Counsel/Jehovah's Witness/requesting no further obstruction of their public ministry of Jehovah's Witness/Received June 16, 2014-Mr. Bernstein stated that this requires no action and has been addressed already.
- c) Township of Woodbridge/John McCormac, Mayor/requesting the Mayor sponsor a Senior Athlete for the New Jersey Senior Olympic Games in September/Received June 27, 2014-Mayor LaCicero stated that he will talk to the Bill Bogdan, the Seniors President, and see if he has anybody that wishes to participate.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Council President Zalom stated that she would like Mayor and Council, Mr. Parlow and whoever else to meet at the Municipal Building with hard hats on July 28th at 6:30 pm before the Council Meeting and take another picture so everyone can see the progress of the building.

Councilman Lamb stated that we are almost finished with the rope protecting the dunes. We staggered some of our public works employees to help with picking up the garbage in the trash receptacles on the boardwalk and beach between the hours of 4pm and 6pm and it seems to be working as far as the overloading of trash.

Mayor LaCicero stated that the staggering of the employees helps us with no extra costs.

NEW BUSINESS:

Council President Zalom stated that our Memorial Day Services was filmed by FIOS and some of us were interviewed. The reporter mailed me a copy of the CD so if anyone wants to watch it she has a copy.

Councilman Borowski stated that there are new Lavallette flags on sale for \$25.00 if any one is interested. They are available in Trailer #1. There was a homeowner on Baltimore Avenue who had some troubles with trying to get his curbing and apron repaired due to all the road work being done with the State and NJNG. Councilman Borowski stated that both had numerous conversations and emails with the State and NJNG which were to no avail. They decided to get the media

involved so they called the Asbury Park Press “Press on Your Side”. They came out and did a story on it and finally NJNG reached out and agreed to repair his apron and curbing. They are not taking responsibility for it but are agreeing to take care of it.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Clem Boyers, 20 Kerr Avenue stated that he is appreciative about picking up the garbage on the weekends but he still thinks that putting lids on the receptacles would alleviate the over loading of the garbage.

Councilman Lamb stated that they looked into the lids and they decided against it because the larger pieces of trash would block the lids and a lot of the garbage would end up overflowing onto the beach.

Mr. Boyers stated that they would look cleaner with a lid and maybe it would be less of an overflow. The badge checkers should help out with changing the bags out too.

Mayor LaCicero questioned if we should maybe just try a few lids here and there and see what the difference brings.

Councilman Lamb stated that he will look into it and see what can be done.

Mark Speaker, LBA President stated that they awarded some college scholarships at the high school. The bike parade was a big hit. We will be having our Christmas in July Barbeque at the ballfield on July 26th. He has already spoken with the Chief and Councilman Stogdill about all the details so there should be no issues. There will be 50/50 raffles at this event thanks to the Heritage Committee. The realtors tell us that rentals are at an all time high this year. The posterboard and bulletin board looks great by the shark tower. We will have new banners to put up to replace the ones already there on the highways. He also thanked the Mayor and Council and all of the employees for their help.

Al Jones, 113 Reese Avenue stated that the fireworks display was very impressive for a small town. He stated that the handicap ramps on Route 35 South that were installed by the State are a trip hazard. They are not safe and definitely not for the handicap.

Mayor LaCicero stated that he does agree with that but unfortunately they are a federal design and we can not do anything about it. He will put in a call to the State DOT to see if anything can be done for safety reasons.

COMMENTS OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Councilman Lamb stated that he has seen people trip on the ramps. Maybe we can paint some type of bright paint on them so people watch their steps.

Mayor LaCicero stated that they are an absolute mess and he is very disappointed about it.

Mr. Parlow stated that even employees of the NJ DOT do not like the new ramp design.

Council President Zalom reminded everyone about July 28th at 6:30 pm at the Municipal Building.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

There is no executive session.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

The Caucus/Regular Meeting was adjourned at 7:49 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 7th day of **July 2014**



Christopher F. Parlow
Municipal Clerk