

**BOROUGH OF LAVALLETTE(minutes)**  
**CAUCUS/REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL**  
**LAVALLETTE MUNICIPAL BUILDING**  
**Monday, December 17, 2018-7:00 pm**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Walter G. LaCicero, presiding

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

Also present: Robert Brice, Borough Administrator  
Phil George, Borough Attorney  
Donnelly Amico, Municipal Clerk

**READING OF THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT STATEMENT:** Notice of this meeting was published in the Ocean Star on January 12, 2018. Notice was also posted on our municipal website and bulletin board.

**MOMENT OF SILENCE:** The Mayor asked for a moment of silence for resident Joe Orsini from Elizabeth Avenue who passed away recently, Kevin Turner from Baltimore Avenue who was a member of the Lavallette Fire Department. His father Randolph who was a longtime resident passed away a few weeks ago as well. Also, long time Freeholder John Bartlett passed away last week from a long battle of cancer. Let's keep them all in our thoughts.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Councilman Lamb 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 Bryn Mawr and Sterling roads have finally been paved. There are some issues with the roll curbing and the curb cuts but we will address those accordingly. He stated that if anyone in the audience 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 so now.

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

No one wished to comment.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Minutes of Caucus/Regular Meeting of December 3, 2018  
Minutes of Executive Session Meeting of December 3, 2018  
Request for Proposals Minutes for Borough Attorney of December 3, 2018  
Request for Proposals Minutes for Borough Auditor of December 3, 2018  
Request for Proposals Minutes for Borough Prosecutor of December 3, 2018  
Request for Proposals Minutes for Borough Engineer of December 3, 2018  
Request for Proposals Minutes for Consulting Engineer of December 3, 2018

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

**ON CONSENT AGENDA/OFF CONSENT AGENDA, AND VOUCHERS:**

**RESOLUTIONS – ON CONSENT:**

- 2018-311 authorizing the transfer of funds within the electric fund in the amount of \$45,000- Mayor LaCicero stated that all cancellations become surplus for 2019. This transfer has to do with the Public Power settlement. Our bill has increased due to the Association needing to supplement their substantial payout for this lawsuit.
- 2018-312 approving a stipend in the amount of \$700.00 to the Municipal Clerk for work associated with the general election which was outside regular business hours and on a designated Borough holiday which is a scheduled day off for all employees
- 2018-313 approving the hiring of a seasonal laborer at the hourly rate of \$10.00 for the Department of Public Works effective December 14, 2018
- 2018-314 approving 5 additional vacation days (40 hours) for 2018 to the Construction Official
- 2018-315 authorizing the Mayor to sign an execute an extension addendum to the contract with Benefit Express Services, LLC to continue providing benefit administration software and services to the Borough
- 2018-316 approving one Class I Officer to attend the Ocean County Police Academy’s SLEO II Training effective December 21, 2018
- 2018-317 approving a stipend in the amount of \$1,500 to the Tax Assessor for work performed in excess of normal business hours in conjunction with revaluation and added assessments during 2018
- 2018-318 accepting a donation in the amount of \$1,250 from the Lavallette pickle ball group and Lavallette Liquors
- 2018-319 approving a raffle license to St. Pio to hold a 50/50 off premise draw raffle on September 8, 2018 at 5pm at the Parish Center
- 2018-320 approving the Chief Financial Officer to carry over six days of vacation time for year 2018 to year 2019
- 2018-321 authorizing the deletion of removed items from the 2018 fixed asset inventory list

- 2018-322 authorizing the cancellation of 2018 current fund appropriation balances in the amount of \$420,818.02
- 2018-323 authorizing the cancellation of current fund accounts payable in the amount of \$27,800.00
- 2018-324 authorizing the cancellation of water utility fund accounts payable in the amount of \$3,900.00
- 2018-325 authorizing the cancellation of 2018 sewer operating fund appropriation balances in the amount of \$61,145.74
- 2018-326 authorizing the cancellation of 2018 water operating fund appropriation balances in the amount of \$33,162.69
- 2018-327 authorizing the cancellation of prior year federal and state grants receivable and reserves in the amount of \$8,723.08

A Motion to approve the bills list was made by Councilman Lamb. The Motion was Seconded by Councilman Stogdill.

The Mayor opened the floor to the public and asked if anyone wished to comment on the consent agenda.

No one wished to comment. The Mayor closed the floor to the public 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:**

- 2018-328 approving the annual certifications submitted to the Borough by the Lavallette Volunteer Fire Company of all volunteer members who have qualified for credit under the LOSAP program for 2017

Councilwoman Filippone questioned why next to one name there is no amount?

Councilman Borowski stated that when a volunteer has employment such as a police officer they do not get any credit.

A Motion to approve this resolution was made by Council President Zalom. The Motion was Seconded by Councilman Lamb.

The Mayor opened the floor to the public and asked if anyone wished to comment on this resolution.

No one wished to comment. The Mayor closed the floor to the public and asked Council for a vote on this resolution.

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

**APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:**

2018-329 Bills List in the amount of \$323,771.63

A Motion to approve the bills list was made by Councilman Stogdill. The Motion was Seconded by Councilman Finter. Vote: Council Members Borowski, Filippone, Zalom and Lamb voted Yes. Councilman Stogdill abstained on PO#18-09873 and yes to all others. Councilman Finter abstained on PO#18-01031 and yes to all others. The Motion Passed.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Councilman Finter stated the bus was a few hours late last week picking up for New York City trip. He stated that he contacted the bus company to let them know we were not happy. We might want to think about using a different bus company next time.

Council President Zalom stated that the CDBG application for the CDBG grant for year 2019 is due in February. We are looking into getting benches for each viewing area that will be connected to the walkovers so people can just sit and relax. We will have two public hearings in January to discuss and get any feedback from our residents. Also, don't forget we are going to Hunter Mountain on January 26<sup>th</sup> so get your tickets.

Mr. Brice stated that there is a drainage problem on Sterling that is being taken care of. There will be no dredging on Wednesday as planned due to the contractor needed out of state for some emergency dredges.

Mayor LaCicero stated that he and Mr. Brice will be attending the meeting tomorrow at 10am to get some answers.

Mr. Brice stated that we have a shared service with Toms River Township for our CAD system at the police department. The Borough the shared services with Toms River Township for our CAD system at the Police Department and we pay Toms River Township an annual fee of \$5,000. They want to increase this fee by \$1,200 starting in 2019. He stated that he has spoken with the Township Administrator and has negotiated an increase during a three-year period. For year 2019 the fee will be \$5,400, for 2020 the fee will be \$8,800 and 2021 the fee will be \$6,200. Also, O'Donnell will be taking care of the application for the electric charging station. One of the requirements is for this station to be close to our electric supply but far away from any water. There were a lot of questions on the application regarding electric that he could not answer so he thought it best to have the Engineer take care of it.

Councilwoman Filippone stated that this charging station looks like a gas tank. Who is going to want to look at this in any places of resort.

Councilman Lamb stated that he thinks the best place for this is by the ballfield.

Councilwoman Filippone stated that if we are going to do this, we should be charging a fee.

Mr. Brice stated that we are allowed to charge a fee if we decide that is what we want to do.

Council President Zalom stated that she thinks the station is a good idea and by the ballfield is a good place. If we need to charge a fee than we should do it.

Councilman Borowski stated that he thought they all agreed on the Mr. Brice taking care of it. Why would we have the Engineer do it when we have an electric department that could have answered these questions.

Mr. Brice stated that Verizon is still trying to get in touch with us regarding the nodes. They are proposing having a public forum on a weekend to be able to discuss with the residents and explain the process. They are looking to schedule it sometime in January. Once we get a definite date, time and place he will make sure we put it on our website and let everyone know at our reorg meeting.

Mayor LaCicero stated that once they have their public forum, we will also have a public hearing at some point, for more discussion on this. Also, he received a call from a Bryn Mawr resident who would prefer that no parking spaces are painted on the ocean block. He stated that the painting of the spaces are already part of the contract so it has to be done.

The Mayor stated that he received a call from a resident on Dover Avenue questioning if there was any information on the Capriccio's liquor license issue. As far as he knows, the license holder did not respond to the ABC by the deadline so the revocation will stand.

Mr. George stated that once the State files the revocation, the license will revert back to the Borough and it will be up to the Mayor and Council on what will be done with it.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Mr. Brice stated that T-Mobile reached out to him regarding their lease agreement for their antennas. They are in the process of merging with Sprint and are looking to renegotiate their lease agreement. Their current lease has expired. They offered a 60-month lease with a monthly payment of \$3,100. He counter offered at a 60-month lease at \$3,250 or a 108-month lease at \$2,900. They shot down the 108-month lease right away but have not got back to me on the 60 month as of yet.

Mayor LaCicero stated that we have another resident on the ocean front that needs to donate money to the town as per his Cafra permit regulations. To do this, the Borough needs to determine where this money will go as far as a certain project. He would like to make the next project the bulkhead replacement and upgrade of the boat ramp for the contribution.

Councilman Lamb questioned if there were any updates regarding the dredging over there?

Councilman Borowski stated that we authorized the payment to Dr. Farrell and right now he is still working on it.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

Clem Boyers, 20 Kerr Avenue stated that when making the plans with Verizon, we need to make sure that they are sending representatives that know more than the last guy that came here.

Bob Astorino, 2 Elizabeth Avenue, questioned if there was any update on whether or not the lifeguard stations were going to be increased due to the State requiring them to be closer together.

Mayor LaCicero stated that has been withdrawn by the State.

Jon Corney, 1 Newark Avenue, questioned if the iWork reports regarding the work orders at Public Works in with the reports on which ones were completed each month?

Councilman Lamb stated that he does not think it is necessary to do this. All work orders are done accordingly. Some of them depending on the department and what the order entails take longer to complete than others but they are all completed in a timely manner.

Mr. Corney thanked the Mayor for replacing the street light on Newark Avenue so quickly. He stated that the cancellations of a half million dollars is definitely a good number but he still has issues with it going into surplus.

**COMMENTS OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

Council President Zalom stated that the President Avenue outfall pipe project that the County will be doing has been put on hold due to the fact that the NJDEP requested a full plan on this project that they will review before they can proceed. She will update everyone when she hears anything.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

There was no executive session.

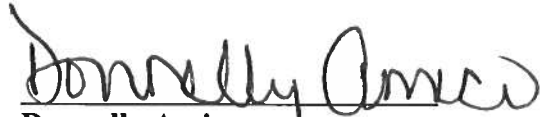
**ADJOURNMENT:**

A Motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting was made by Councilman Finter. The Motion was Seconded by Councilman Lamb. Vote: All of Council was in favor.

The Regular Meeting was adjourned at 7:46 pm.

**CERTIFICATION**

I, Donnelly Amico, 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 17<sup>th</sup> day of **December 2018**

  
**Donnelly Amico**  
**Municipal Clerk**