

BOROUGH OF LAVALLETTE(minutes)
CAUCUS/REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
LAVALLETTE MUNICIPAL BUILDING
Monday, April 22, 2019-7:00 pm

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Walter G. LaCicero, presiding

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

A Motion to excuse Councilman Borowski was made by Councilman Finter. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Stogdill. Vote: All of Council was in favor. The Motion Passed.

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 4, 2019. Notice was also posted on our municipal website and bulletin board.

MOMENT OF SILENCE: The Mayor asked for a moment of silence for Mrs. Cerami who owned the Lamplight Motel and also resided on the ocean front. Also, for the victims of the Syria bombing.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Council President Zalom led us in the Salute to the Flag

MAYOR'S WELCOMING STATEMENT: The Mayor welcomed everyone to tonight's meeting. He stated that the weather is getting better and warmer. All of our projects are winding down to completion. We are anticipating a great summer this year.

He stated that 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 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 April 8, 2019

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

ON CONSENT AGENDA/OFF CONSENT AGENDA, AND VOUCHERS:

RESOLUTIONS – ON CONSENT:

- 2019-128 approving a facilities use application to Bugbee Surf Adventures to hold surf lessons from June 15th through September 15th, Monday through Sunday on Trenton and Haddonfield Avenues at various times between 6am and 8pm and President & Magee Avenues before and after the lifeguards are on duty-The Mayor stated that this is an annual request and we have had no issues in prior years.
- 2019-129 proclaiming the month of May 2019 as “Older Americans Month” in the Borough of Lavallette
- 2019-130 approving a facilities use application to reserve 2 or 3 basketball half courts on Saturdays from 9am to 10am from June 29th through August 24th 2019-Mayor LaCicero stated that this is a first request for the basketball courts.
- 2019-131 approving a facilities use application to Bob Astorino from 2 Elizabeth Avenue to reserve the bocce ball courts for games on Tuesdays, 6pm to 8pm from May 7th through September 24th 2019
- 2019-132 refunding an electric meter installation that was overpaid in the amount of \$250.00
- 2019-133 authorizing the acceptance of a 2019 Chevy Colorado 4 x 4 loaned to the Borough by Lester Glenn Chevrolet for the Lavallette Beach Patrol for the 2019 summer season at no cost to the Borough
- 2019-134 appointing Pam Caucino as the Supervisor for the badge checkers for the 2019 summer season at a weekly rate of \$581.00 for 14 weeks
- 2019-135 appointing lifeguard officers for the 2019 summer season

A Motion to approve the consent agenda 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 and asked Council for a vote on the consent agenda.

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

RESOLUTIONS - OFF CONSENT:

2019-136 approving a facilities use application to the Jersey Shore Rettlers to hold a baseball game on Sundays, May 12th and May 19th 2019 from 9am to 11am

The Mayor stated that there seems to be a numerous amount of requests for the field this year.

Councilwoman Filippone stated that it looks like the field is being utilized every weekend through the summer. What about the kids and families in Lavallette who might want to have a game? It seems unfair to the residents to not be able to utilize the field on the weekends.

Councilman Lamb stated that it looks like this one is only asking for two Sundays and only two hours so I don't have any issues with that request.

A Motion to approve this resolution 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 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 Filippone, Zalom, Stogdill, Finter and Lamb voted Yes. The Motion Passed.

2019-137 approving a facilities use application to Louis Castellano from USABL to hold baseball games on Sundays, June 2nd through August 25th from 9am to 2:30pm

The Mayor stated that these type of requests to use the field for three or four months every weekend just seems to be becoming a habit. They only pay \$25.00 to use it and we don't get much of the profits that we ask for. Also, the roster doesn't seem to have one kid on it from Lavallette. Why are we allowing all these leagues to use our field if there are no Lavallette kids even on the teams?

Councilwoman Filippone stated that she thinks maybe we need to revise the application and charge a larger fee for the use. This might deter a lot of the teams from wanting to use it.

Vicki Guy, who was a resident was in the audience and wished to give some insight to this issue.

Vicki Guy, Sterling Avenue, stated that this league is definitely for profit so they should be giving Lavallette the 10% of profits. They only pay an application fee of \$25.00 so maybe that also is incentive for them if other towns charge a larger fee. She stated that she will try and get more information on this for them.

The Mayor stated that maybe we should carry this over to the next meeting and try and get more information. My thoughts are if there are no Lavallette kids on the teams why should we approve these leagues to use our field when we can just leave it open for our kids. This resolution will be carried over to the next meeting of May 6, 2019.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:

2019-138 Bills List in the amount of \$380,108.22

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

ORDINANCE ON FOR PUBLIC HEARING/FINAL ADOPTION:

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-05 (1195) ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK

The Mayor stated that this ordinance is always in conjunction with our budgets every year as a safety net if needed.

A Motion to approve this ordinance was made by Councilman Lamb. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Stogdill.

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

John Corney, 1 Newark Avenue stated that even if you spend 1% more than previous you would have to use the bank and aren't two hearings necessary for this?

Mayor LaCicero stated that we would only need to use it if we exceeded the budget appropriations for this year. If we did we would be using the 3% and we would be required to have two hearings. If we don't use it, which we never do, there are no hearings required.

Mr. Corney stated that he sees that we received \$33,000 so far on our investments and he is really happy about that.

The Mayor closed the public hearing and asked Council for a vote on this ordinance.

Vote: Council Members Filippone, Zalom, Stogdill, Finter and Lamb voted yes. The Motion passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mr. Brice stated that we received a quote for the bucket truck that is under state contract and there was some equipment that was missing on it. We now received the revised quote and it went from \$110,000 to 110,526. We will be doing a lease/purchase finance and we received two different

options. We can do a 60-month finance which will be \$19,842.00 each year or a 72-month finance which would be 16,991.88 each year. We will also be trading in our current truck and will be receiving \$25,000 towards the purchase. There is a problem with the engine and the boom with our truck or we probably could have received more for it. The new truck will also be regular gasoline power which is better than the diesel truck we have now. This has already been built into our budget so I would like to get approval tonight to go ahead with the finance.

All of Council was in favor of doing a 60-month finance for the bucket truck.

A Motion to approve the purchase of the bucket truck 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 this.

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

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

Mr. Brice also stated that the County has issued the estimated costs to replace the bulkhead down by the boat ramp through "Schedule C" including the materials, labor and equipment in the amount of \$155,531.08. They will be using aluminum for the project and not vinyl. If they used vinyl it would increase to \$160,165.00. Our Engineer reviewed the proposal and says it looks good and is a fair price. If we had to go out to bid for this project, he estimates that it would cost us roughly \$270,000 with a private contractor. As far as applying for the CAFRA permit we are hoping that we will be able to get approval expedited since it has become an emergent situation. We cannot include the ramp in this project because the ramp is technically not an emergent situation.

Mayor stated that we will need to do a short term bond for this project. The dredging has been put on hold. We also have some erosion between Camden & Brown so we will need to replace some sand there.

Mr. Brice stated that there have been some questions on when the houses that were affected by the fire be taken care of. There seemed to be some kind of hold up with the insurance companies and has now been released. He stated that he has informed them that the issue needs to be expedited as soon as possible.

Mr. Corney from the audience asked if he could ask a question about the bulkhead project.

Mayor LaCicero agreed to this.

Jon Corney, 1 Newark Avenue questioned what the footage will be of the bulkhead?

Mayor LaCicero stated that it is 300 feet.

Mr. Corney stated that he wasn't aware that aluminum could be used for replacing the bulkhead but is happy that it will be less money.

Mr. Brice stated that he has spoken to the Municipal Clerk regarding our shared services for our court room. They were looking into adding to the shared services to also rent out the court office as well but have decided against it. They will continue to lease our court room for their monthly court sessions which is only 1 day a month. They have agreed to a two-year agreement with a monthly payment of \$640 for 2019 and \$700 for 2020. If this is suitable to Council, I would like a vote tonight so we can get that moving.

A Motion to approve the shared services agreement for 2019-2020 was made by Councilman Lamb. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Stogdill. Vote: Council Members Filippone, Zalom, Stogdill, Finter and Lamb voted Yes. The Motion passed.

He also stated that he had a discussion with Kathy Grandstrand regarding the Pickleball courts and she would like Council to think about doing an annual badge for Pickleball.

Mayor LaCicero stated that we have had discussions on doing an annual badge for all our recreation facilities. I am not sure doing one just for Pickleball is feasible.

Councilwoman Filippone stated that she is not in favor of doing a badge just for Pickleball. That gives all those players the freedom to give their badge to anyone so they don't have to pay for it. Besides, what makes them any better than all our other facilities like tennis, bocce and the basketball courts. If we are going to do an annual badge it should be for all of our facilities and not just Pickleball.

All of Council was in agreement that they were not in favor of this.

Mr. Brice stated that he received an estimate on repairing and resurfacing the tennis courts in the amount of \$155,000.

Council President Zalom stated that the south courts are being used only for tennis.

Councilwoman Filippone stated that the tape that was put on the court for tennis should be removed. It is not fair to the tennis players.

Mr. Brice stated that Public Works tried to remove by pulling up a small portion but it is taking the surface paint along with it so if we do it, it will ruin the courts.

Council President Zalom stated that she is afraid that people who go down there to play Pickleball will see the tape and think those courts are also for Pickleball.

NEW BUSINESS:

Joanne LaCicero-requesting Mayor and Council allocate \$2,500 towards a dinner for Lavallette couples married 50 years or more

Council President Zalom stated that she thinks this is a wonderful idea. She knows that other towns do this and thinks it's a great thing for our residents.

Councilwoman Filippone stated that she would like to get some information on this before she votes.

Mayor LaCicero stated that Vicki Guy is here and is part of the event so she can answer any questions.

Vicki Guy, Sterling Avenue stated that right now there are 57 couples. They will be having the event at Ohana Grill unless we have more couples that respond then we will have to maybe go to the firehouse. This is the first time we are doing this and would like to continue it annually.

Councilwoman Filippone stated that \$2,500 is a substantial amount of money to allocate for an event especially if you are going to want it allocated every year. Also, if it continues on annual basis, will it be for new couples or will it be for the current ones this year and each year the additional ones?

Ms. Guy stated that right now we are just trying to see how it works for this year. We haven't even thought about that issue right now. Once we get through this one and see how it went then we will start making a plan for the next year.

Council President Zalom stated that we can vote on it for this year's event and then if everything went well then they can put in the request again for next year or if we know ahead of time we can put it in the budget for next year somehow.

Councilwoman Filippone stated that the problem is we didn't put it in the budget for this year so where are we taking it from?

Council President Zalom stated that we can take it out of recreation or celebration of public events or split it if we need to. She will talk to the CFO and see what can be done.

A Motion to approve \$2,500 to go towards the 50th anniversary dinner for residents was made by Council President Zalom. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Finter. Vote: Council Members Filippone, Zalom, Stogdill, Finter and Lamb voted Yes. The Motion passed.

Council President Zalom stated that there are so many spring events going on in town the next few months and will be more starting the summer season. Don't forget to get your flyers for all these events in the Administration Office downstairs. Thank you to Barbara Susinno for her pictures that went in the calendar. The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Fire Department is having their flower sale, the Taste of the Barrier Island will be this weekend at the firehouse, the town-wide garage sale will be the first weekend in June and the Doo Wop that the Church is having is already sold out.

Councilman Finter stated that the NYC bus trip will be May 4th and there are still tickets left. Also, he has been looking into robo cans for the town. It will help with preventing any back injuries from lifting the heavy cans. The trucks will have to be retrofitted to be able to dump the cans.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Mary Logios, 4 Sterling Avenue, stated that Bryn Mawr Avenue does not have a boardwalk or any handicap accessibility. Is there anything that can be done?

Mr. Brice stated that the only issue regarding handicap accessibility will be if a wheelchair is involved because the regular pedestrian walkovers are not wide enough for them. The Army Corps. only scheduled us for three that was included in the project for the three wide streets and we added another one on Trenton which is also a wide street. As of now, we have no plans to add any other handicap ramps. Any handicap people with a wheelchair will have to enter on the four wide streets.

Joe Palinsky, 122 Washington Avenue, questioned if a surcharge can be included in the regular beach badge for our recreation facilities as well.

Mayor LaCicero stated that we have discussed doing a recreational facilities badge for the season but need to discuss it further to get some options. We can discuss that option as well.

Clem Boyers, 20 Kerr Avenue questioned if we will still be using employees for the garbage if we change to the robo cans?

Councilman Finter stated that the trucks will be retrofitted with a back tipper but it won't be on the side of the truck and won't be able to pick up the can automatically. We will still need our guys to attach the can to the attachment.

COMMENTS OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS:

None of Council had any comments.

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 8:15pm.

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 **22nd** day of **April 2019**


Donnelly Amico
Municipal Clerk