

BOROUGH OF LAVALLETTE(minutes)
CAUCUS/REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
LAVALLETTE MUNICIPAL BUILDING
Monday, September 23, 2019-7:00 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 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 our troops that were killed overseas.

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 if anyone had any comments to make on any items that were not on the agenda or could not stay for the remainder of the meeting they could do so now.

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

Ron Crocker, Jersey Central Power & Light introduced himself as the new liaison to Lavallette.

The Mayor welcomed him and thanked him for introducing himself. They all look forward to doing business with him.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes of Caucus/Regular Meeting of September 9, 2019

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:

- 2019-241 approving an off premise raffle license to the Lavallette PTO to be drawn on December 10, 2019 at 7pm in conjunction with the Lavallette School Christmas Show
- 2019-242 approving a facilities use application to Jersey Shore Rettlers to hold baseball games on Chandler Field on Sundays, October 6th, 20th, 27th, and Saturday, November 2nd 2019 from 9:30am to 12:30pm-Councilman Borowski requested this resolution be put off consent.
- 2019-243 authorizing the refund of a 2019 tax overpayment in the amount of \$961.42
- 2019-244 requesting approval of items of revenue and appropriations per N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 in the amount of \$55,697.28-Mr. Brice stated that this is due to the recalculated emergency response bill through FEMA. We have the money we just needed to update the figures.
- 2019-245 proclaiming the month of October 2019 as “Breast Cancer Awareness Month”

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 to the public and asked Council for a vote on the consent agenda minus Resolution 2019-242.

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

RESOLUTIONS - OFF CONSENT:

- 2019-242 approving a facilities use application to Jersey Shore Rettlers to hold baseball games on Chandler Field on Sundays, October 6th, 20th, 27th, and Saturday, November 2nd 2019 from 9:30am to 12:30pm.

Councilman Borowski stated that there are no Lavallette kids on his roster so he would rather leave the field open for our town kids to be able to use if they choose to.

Councilwoman Filippone stated that we really need to discuss charging a onetime fee for all the groups who want to use the field like we do for the gazebo. It doesn't seem to be working the way we have it now.

Mr. George stated that the fees can be charged to maintain the field.

There were no motions to approve this resolution. It failed.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:

2019-246 Bills List in the amount of \$584,340.90

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, Stogdill, Finter and Lamb voted Yes. The Motion Passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Council President Zalom stated that the Board of Elections is in desperate need for poll workers. If anyone knows someone who is interested have them call the Board of Elections. We will be having our Halloween Hoedown on October 25th with a bunch of great events and the Beach Sweeps is Sunday, October 26th. We were approved for the CDBG grant to put benches up on each walkover and we have also requested additional monies to hopefully purchase that matrax for the handicap to get down to the water. She would like a commitment from Council that they will help her in striving towards the goal of getting a least one matrax to put on one of the handicap accessible ramps down to the water to see how that works out.

Councilman Lamb stated that he is not in favor of this until he sees a lot more towns utilizing them and they are actually working. He doesn't think it's the ultimate way to go for that kind of money.

Councilman Finter stated that it is mostly for the handicap persons that are confined to their chairs all day because it is very difficult to lift these people out of their chairs to our beach wheels. We also have to think about the liability of that as well.

Councilman Lamb stated that Council hasn't even discussed any other options that might be out there for this purpose. Maybe we should consider that before we commit to something that we are not 100% sure it will work for everyone.

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

Mary Chyb, 1106 Ocean Front stated that she is not necessarily against the idea because she thinks it is necessary to help the handicap and physically challenged but she also agrees with Councilman Lamb that more options should be visited before a decision is made to go ahead with this.

Council President Zalom stated that she still would like to make a motion:

A Motion that we make it our objective to follow through with the goal of getting this matrax on one street for the handicap. The Motion was Seconded by Councilman Finter. Vote: Council Members Borowski, Filippone, Zalom, Stogdill and Finter voted Yes. Councilman Lamb voted No. The Motion Passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Clem Boyers, 20 Kerr Avenue stated that he agrees with charging the groups who wish to use our ballfield but we should charge them the actual cost we pay to maintain it and charge them that price.

COMMENTS OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Councilman Lamb stated that he doesn't think that this hard surface matrax being limited to one street is going to help all the handicap people who are in need of it. We need to come up with an idea for all the walkovers to accommodate all the handicap people on all the streets.

Councilman Finter stated that December 11th and 14th will be the NYC bus trips and the Soups of the Shore will be this Sunday.

Councilman Borowski stated that the NJPPA has secured a 50% block of power for 2023 and 2024 and it is the lowest price we have seen.

Mr. Brice stated that one bench has been ordered already as a test bench to see how we like it. He stated that October 16th at 6pm the reval company Professional Property Appraisers will be in Council Chambers to discuss the reval process and answer any questions that the residents may have.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mr. George stated that there is a need to go into executive session to discuss some pending litigation and potential settlements. Some action may be taken.

A Motion to adjourn the Council Meeting to go into executive session was made by Councilwoman Filippone. The Motion was Seconded by Councilman Stogdill. Vote: All of Council was in favor. The Motion Passed.

The Council Meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm to go into executive session.

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

The Council Meeting was reconvened at 7:53pm.

Mr. George stated that while in executive session there was discussion regarding the Vallata Gardens litigation and mediation. There was no action taken. A resolution will be on for the next meeting for approval of settlement agreement reached through mediation.


ADJOURNMENT:

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

The Council Meeting was adjourned at 7:54pm.

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 7th day of **October 2019**


Donnelly Amico
Municipal Clerk