

**BOROUGH OF LAVALLETTE(minutes)  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
LAVALLETTE MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
Monday, October 19, 2020-7:00 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:** Due to the coronavirus pandemic, this meeting has been closed to the public physically and is being livestreamed via Zoom. Any comments from the public that are received via email no later than 4pm by the Municipal Clerk will be read and discussed by Mayor and Council at the Council Meeting during public comment period. Notice of this remote meeting was posted on our website with instructions on how the public can connect to livestream this Council Meeting.

**MOMENT OF SILENCE:** The Mayor asked for a moment of silence.

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

**MAYOR'S WELCOMING STATEMENT:** The Mayor welcomed everyone to our first Zoom Council Meeting. If the public wishes to comment on any items they should click the raise hand button and wait to be called upon. We will not accept any comments from anyone who is anonymous.

We will be having a short presentation from Brian Vayda to discuss some electric power matters.

Councilman Borowski stated that the Borough is a member of the Public Power Association of New Jersey along with 9 other municipalities and we have our own electric utility. We had our monthly meetings this past Thursday and discussed a number of topics one of which was the budget for 2021 for the PPA NJ. Brian services this organization so easily that we wanted him to speak on some of the electric utility issues.

**VIA ZOOM: DISCUSSION FROM BRIAN VAYDA ON PUBLIC POWER MATTERS**

Brian Vayda thanked Councilman Borowski for introducing and Mayor and Council for inviting him to speak tonight.

He stated that the PJM electric grid includes 13 states and the wholesale bill is made up of 4 different categories which are energy, transmission, capacity and other. JCP & L owns the energy lines. The energy part of the bill is down by 11% and contains the fixed commodity costs, the capacity is up 24% and is the obligation and deals with the peak demand, the transmission is up

11% and any the other is billed at a flat rate. The bill is based on 50% transmission and capacity and 41% of energy. This year's electric usage for Lavallette as a whole has increased as where other towns have decreased. JCP&L will be increasing their base transmission rates for 2021-2023.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Caucus/Regular Minutes of October 5, 2020

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**

- 2020-235      authorizing the refund of a zoning application fee in the amount of \$100.00 that was paid in duplicate
- 2020-236      refunding the unused balance of planning board escrow fees in the amount of \$336.00
- 2020-237      authorizing the Lavallette School PTO to amend their previous approved raffle draw from October 18, 2020 to October 30, 2020
- 2020-238      establishing a curfew during the Halloween season from October 29<sup>th</sup> through October 31<sup>st</sup> 2020 from 9pm to 6am for minors under the age of 18 years old unless accompanied by an adult over the age of 25 years old
- 2020-239      approving two raffle licenses from the Lavallette School PTO to hold a 50/50 off premise gift raffle on November 27, 2020 and a 50/50 off premise draw raffle on December 18, 2020
- 2020-240      certifying to the NJ Local Finance Board that all Governing Body Members have reviewed, at the minimum, the sections of the annual audit entitled “Comments and Recommendations”

A Motion to approve the consent agenda 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.

**RESOLUTIONS - OFF CONSENT:**

**APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:**

- 2020-241      Bills List in the amount of \$3,550,120.16

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Councilman Finter stated that everyone make sure they get out and vote on November 3, 2020.

Council President Zalom stated that the Beach Sweeps will be on October 24<sup>th</sup> and anyone who participates will receive a \$5 gift certificate for Dunkin Donuts. Also, the NY City bus trips, ski trip and the Lavallette Birthday Party have all been cancelled.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Councilman Lamb stated that the motor and casings for well #3 has to be pulled and repaired.

Mr. Brice stated that A.C. Schultes is supposed to be coming to do an inspection to see what the problem is.

Councilman Borowski questioned which well is on Washington Avenue?

Mayor LaCicero stated that was well #4 and that one was all repaired and completed already.

Councilman Borowski questioned if an inspection was done on the water tower rust?

Mr. Brice stated that it has been determined that the rusting was caused by the grinding that was done after the paint was done and the thickness of the paint where the well points are. The company did have a 10-year performance bond so they will have to take care of the damage. Also, there was no issues with the inside of the tower so the quality of water was not affected.

Mr. Brice stated that the outdoor seating for restaurants has expires as of November 30<sup>th</sup> but the Governor extended it to March 31<sup>st</sup>.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

Kathy Grandstrand, 100 Brown Avenue questioned when the repairs are going to be done to the pickleball courts. The courts are in really bad shape and she is concerned that someone is going to get hurt.

The Mayor stated that these repairs have been put on a wish list for right now but we will take another look at our budget for next year to see if we can fit something in. We have to take care of emergent issues before we start looking at the wish list. We have already looked into different options for these repairs but have not made any definite decisions.

Councilman Lamb stated that he thinks that the tennis courts really need to be repaired before the pickleball courts but we will look into this for next year.

Laura Dec, 102 Trenton Avenue stated that she is trying to get some information on how to switch to solar and how the Borough deals with it.

The Mayor stated that we have 8 solar installations in town as of right now. She needs to reach out to Matt in our Electric Department downstairs and he will walk her through it. There is also information on our website at lavallette.org.

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

There were no comments.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

There was no executive session.

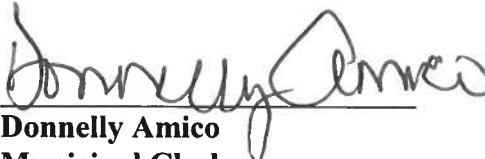
**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

The Council Meeting was adjourned at 8:32 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 Council meeting held on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of **October 2020**.

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

:32pm.