

BOROUGH OF LAVALLETTE(minutes)
CAUCUS/REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
LAVALLETTE MUNICIPAL BUILDING
Tuesday, October 5, 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: Phil George, Borough Attorney
Donnelly Amico, Municipal Clerk
Robert Brice, Borough Administrator

READING OF THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT STATEMENT: Due to the coronavirus pandemic, this meeting has been closed to the public physically and will be livestreamed via YouTube with comment period for the public. Notice of this remote meeting was posted on our website with instructions on how the public can connect to this livestream Council Meeting.

MOMENT OF SILENCE: The Mayor stated that there were no residents who have passed away recently so let's all take a moment of silence for any personal thoughts.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Councilwoman Filippone led us in the Salute to the Flag.

MAYOR'S WELCOMING STATEMENT: The Mayor welcomed everyone to our remote meeting. He stated that there are new guidelines for remote meetings from the DCA so we will be changing our format regarding public comments and using Zoom instead of Youtube to livestream.

Mr. Brice stated that with the new DCA guidelines for all remote meetings, we have decided that using Zoom is more efficient than Youtube. The instructions for the public to connect to our new Zoom meetings will be on our website and is basically the same format. As far as any public comments are concerned, the new process will be to email any comments you have for the Council Meeting to the email address that will be available on our website no later than 4pm the day of the Council Meeting. The Mayor will then read any comments during the public comment period and Council will discuss the comments.

Mr. George stated that with the new DCA guidelines for having a regular in house public meeting is just not feasible at this point yet. The guidelines for the social distancing of 6 ft just doesn't give us enough room to spread the public and our employees and elected officials properly.

The Mayor stated that the dredging project has seem to begun. They will be focusing on trying to dredge most of the areas by the boat ramp and under the WPI Bridge. We will have to do at 2/3rd's ourselves but at least most of the areas that require immediate assistance will get done.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Caucus/Regular Meeting Minutes of September 8, 2020

Regular Meeting Minutes of September 21, 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.

REPORTS ACCEPTED AS SUBMITTED:

- a) Construction Report for September 2020-Councilwoman Filippone-read report
- b) Zoning Report for September 2020-Councilwoman Filippone-no report
- c) Municipal Court Report for August & September 2020-Councilwoman Filippone-read reports
- d) Police Overtime Report for September 2020-Councilwoman Filippone-no report
- e) Public Works Report for September 2020-Councilman Lamb-read report
- f) Public Affairs Report for September 2020-Council President Zalom-Clean Ocean Action will be holding their fall beach sweeps on October 24th with masks being required and social distancing. There will be no refreshments but Dunkin Donuts will be donating \$5 gift cards for all volunteers. Councilwoman Filippone stated that the plaques are in process of being placed on all the benches that are on our walkover seating areas. Council President Zalom stated that the Halloween Harvest Hoedown has been cancelled for this year but we will be sending bags of candy over to the school for the kids.
- g) Tax Account Report for September 2020-Tax Collector
- j) Revenue Transaction Report for August 2020-Chief Financial Officer

A Motion to approve the reports was made by Councilman Finter. 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:

- 2020-225 authorizing the renewal of the annual service contract with TRANE for continued maintenance on the HVAC/BAS in the Municipal Building in the amount of \$14,640.00-Mr. Brice stated that the contract price has gone up a bit more because we will not be doing any of the maintenance in house this year.
- 2020-226 authorizing the redemption of a tax sale certificate in the amount of \$35,201.00
- 2020-227 authorizing the refund of a municipal gazebo permit in the amount of \$200.00 due to COVID-19 pandemic
- 2020-228 authorizing the refund of a beach buggy permit in the amount of \$35.00 due to S1703 exempting all disabled veterans from being charged a fee
- 2020-229 authorizing the hire of a temporary laborer for the DPW at an hourly rate of \$11.00

- 2020-230 authorizing the hire of two part-time year-round Special Class I Officers/Dispatchers at an hourly rate of \$11.00
- 2020-231 authorizing the disposal of surplus property through GovDeals
- 2020-231A denying the renewal of liquor license for year 2020-2021 held by Sherman Hospitality, LLC-Mr. George stated that there are two pending matters with the ABC regarding this license from last year. We denied this license last year and will continue to deny it until the matter is resolved with the State.

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

RESOLUTIONS - OFF CONSENT:

- 2020-232 appointing Craig Stogdill as a temporary Clerk floater employee at an hourly rate of \$11.00 for the Administration Office and Public Works

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

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:

- 2020-233 Bills List in the amount of \$451,523.97

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

ORDINANCES ON FOR PUBLIC HEARING/FINAL ADOPTION:

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-07 (1207) An Ordinance of the Borough of Lavallette, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, Amending and Supplementing Chapter 89 of the Borough Code, Entitled “Vehicles and Traffic” So As To Revise Section 89-26

The Mayor stated that this handicap space is for the top of Newark Avenue at the ocean. There are currently no handicap spaces there.

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

The Mayor opened the public hearing and asked if any of public wished to comment.

There were no comments. The Mayor closed the public hearing and asked Council for a vote on this ordinance.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no new business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Brice stated that the Governor will not be banning Halloween but there are restrictions. The guidelines can be found on the State of NJ website.

Mr. Brice stated that there is a lot of rust on the water tower. There seems to be numerous amounts of small specs that are jagged in the welded seams. The Engineer seems to think it came from the grinding that was done after. We have scheduled an inspection to assess the damage and the report will be sent to the contractor to rectify. There is still a warranty and bond in effect so we should be good to go. We have also requested that the inspection be done outside as well as the inside to be safe.

Mr. Brice stated that the New York Avenue road improvement project will be starting next week. Also, Altice/Cablevision has issued 4 different options to reach their customer service department and those options can be found on our Borough website. If you still have any issues getting to a person, give our Borough office a call.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Peyton Hunt, 2000 Ocean Front, stated that there are numerous cigarette butts by the benches on the walkovers.

Mayor LaCicero stated that Public Works will be notified to take care of getting rid of them.

Councilwoman Filippone stated that there is no smoking allowed anywhere on the beach or boardwalk or walkover areas and that is state mandated.

Lorraine Barletta, 1704 Grand Central Avenue, questioned if the residents who reside on New York Avenue will be notified in advance when they will be starting?

Mr. Brice stated that every resident will receive notification when the project will start.

Pat Tizik, 2 Trenton Avenue stated that some of the homes on the ocean front are being rented for only 1 to 3 days. She thought that was not allowed.

Mayor LaCicero stated that we passed a resolution banning any rentals less than 7 days. We will look into how we can go about issuing violations.

Mr. George stated that because we passed a resolution on this, State law allows this to be treated as a disorderly persons' offense and can be issued by the Police Department.

COMMENTS OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Council President Zalom stated that she receives a lot of calls and just people stopping her on the street complimenting all of our Borough Hall employees and how great they all are.

Councilman Stogdill stated that he wants to thank the lifeguard captain and the response team for an excellent job during this past month.

Councilman Lamb stated that he has never been in favor of bikes on the boardwalk but he was very impressed with how it worked with the bikes on the boardwalk from 5pm to 8pm. There didn't seem to be any issues or problems. He also wasn't really in favor of the response team but they did a tremendous job last month.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

There was no executive session.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

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 5th day of **October 2020**.

Donnelly Amico
Municipal Clerk