

**BOROUGH OF LAVALLETTE(minutes)
CAUCUS/REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
LAVALLETTE MUNICIPAL BUILDING
Monday, December 7, 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 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 for longtime resident Charlie Cerami who passed away recently.

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 remote Zoom meeting. He stated that it looks like this is the way the meetings will remain for a while since the COVID cases are spiking again.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes of the Council Meeting of October 19, 2020

A Motion to approve the minutes 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 was Passed.

REPORTS ACCEPTED AS SUBMITTED:

- a) Construction Report for November 2020-Councilwoman Filippone-read report
- b) Zoning Report for November 2020-Councilwoman Filippone-no report
- c) Municipal Court Report for November 2020-Councilwoman Filippone-no report
- d) Police Overtime Report for November 2020-Councilwoman Filippone-read report
- e) Public Works Report for November 2020-Councilman Lamb-read report

- f) Public Affairs Report for November 2020-Council President Zalom-All December events have been cancelled. We will be applying for the CDBG grant for 2021 so we will be discussing our options very soon.
- g) Tax Account Report for November 2020-Tax Collector
- h) Revenue Transaction Report for October 2020-Chief Financial Officer

A Motion to approve the reports 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:**

- 2020-258 appointing Jeb Kelly as a full-time electrician/lineman for the Department of Public Works at an annual salary of \$68,798.00 effective December 8, 2020
- 2020-259 authorizing Mayor LaCicero to sign and execute the interlocal service agreement between the Borough of Lavallette and the Ocean County Prosecutor’s Office to participate in the DWI Enforcement Program and the Drug Recognition Expert Callout Program from October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021
- 2020-260 approving a raffle license application from St. Pio of Pietrelcina to hold a 50/50 off premise draw raffle to be drawn on September 23, 2021 at 10am
- 2020-261 approving the renumbering application for 1307A Grand Central Avenue to become 27 Brooklyn Avenue and 1307B Grand Central Avenue to become 25 Brooklyn Avenue
- 2020-262 authorizing the refund of a 2020 tax overpayment in the amount of \$2619.60
- 2020-263 authorizing Special Class I Officer Dovydas Jackevicious to attend the OC Police Academy Sleo II training commencing December 2020

A Motion to approve the consent agenda 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.

RESOLUTIONS - OFF CONSENT:

- 2020-264 authorizing the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to execute an agreement between the Borough of Lavallette and the Lavallette First Aid Squad for emergency response services for the year 2020 in the amount of \$28,000

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

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:

2020-265 Bills List in the amount of \$915,512.40

A Motion to approve the bills list was made by Councilman Lamb. The Motion was Seconded by Councilman Stogdill. Vote: Council Members Borowski, Filippone, Zalom, Stogdill and Lamb voted Yes. Councilman Finter abstained on PO # 20-01028 and yes to all others.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Brice stated that Verizon has submitted its new application that was received on November 25th. The application has requested the nodes be attached to 5 different site locations in town. The 60-day shock clock started on November 25th so it will be reviewed by the Planning Board at their January 6, 2021 meeting and we will have the public hearing on at our January 19, 2021 Council Meeting. The 5 sites they have requested are 2000 Grand Central Avenue and Princeton, 3 Liggett Road, 103 Brown Avenue, 120 Washington Avenue and 1704 Grand Central Avenue.

Councilwoman Filippone stated that this was a big issue the last time and knows it is still a big issue so we should prepare to hold this public hearing in person for the public because the public needs to be heard on this matter.

Mr. Brice stated that we will have to first check the State guidelines to make sure we can hold an in person public meeting.

Mayor LaCicero stated that for now if the public wants to attend a public in person meeting please let the Municipal Clerk know so we can get some idea of how many are looking to attend before we make any decisions.

Councilman Stogdill stated that due to our staff being low right now because of this pandemic, we will not be able to do the holiday badge sales this year.

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilman Finter stated that the estimated OCUA bill for 2021 is 4,039 per million gallons at \$65,850.

Councilman Borowski stated that he received a 17-page report from Utility Engineers regarding our electric utility and there are a few issues that will need to be addressed. He will send copies to everyone for review.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Dennis Schmatz, 119 President Avenue questioned what the future plan is to solve the constant flooding on Bay Blvd and President Avenue.

Mr. Brice stated that it is a County issue regarding the outfall pipes and they have discovered that the flapper valve that was installed recently already has some issues. The contractor came back out and took care of the problem and he has been told by the County that it is functioning properly now. The County Engineer's office will continue to monitor.

Mr. Schmatz stated that the issue is water still coming up from the sewer drains.

Mr. Brice stated that issue is a larger problem that is being checked out by the Army Corps. of Engineers. They are looking at the possibility of installing devices to the levee system to see if that corrects the problem.

Mayor LaCicero stated that maybe we can suggest building a wall or raise the road.

Russell Burns, 18 Brooklyn Avenue stated that there is a sump pump issue on his street and the water in the street becomes stagnant and moldy and looks awful.

Mayor LaCicero stated that there are tons of sump pumps in town. We try to help with the problem with each of our road improvements to our roads to help with the sanitary sewer flow.

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.

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 7th day of **December 2020**.


Donnelly Amico
Municipal Clerk