

**BOROUGH OF LAVALLETTE(minutes)**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL**  
**LAVALLETTE MUNICIPAL BUILDING**  
**Monday, March 23, 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:** Notice of the normal Council Meeting was published in the Ocean Star on January 10, 2020. Due to the coronavirus pandemic, this meeting was closed to the public physically and will be livestreamed via YouTube with comment period for the public. Notice was also posted on our municipal bulletin board and municipal website.

**MOMENT OF SILENCE:** The Mayor asked for a moment of silence for all the victims and their families who have succumbed to the Coronavirus and for the country in a whole.

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

**MAYOR'S WELCOMING STATEMENT:** The Mayor welcomed everyone to tonight's remote online Council Meeting via youtube. We have approximately 43 people who have subscribed to livestream our meeting. Your comments will be reserved for the end of the meeting. This has been a very difficult time for all of us as well as the world and our country. Sad to say, but even with the super storm sandy disaster we had to deal with, we still had more control as a town but with this pandemic we have to follow the guidelines more of the state and federal governments. Any information and updates regarding the pandemic will be on our website as well as any updates on Borough business.

Mr. Brice stated that he commends all the Borough employees in all departments. There have been a lot of changes and modifications to still provide business as usual. All our systems have been up and running. The Administration staff are on split shifts but all departments are closed to the public. Any payments can be made via regular mail or put in the drop box in our lobby next to the Administration door. Anyone who wishes to purchase badges during this time, can fill out the badge form on our website include the check and either mail or drop in our drop box and you can pick up the badges in the office when this shutdown is hopefully over. We will be utilizing our Code Red system if needed so if you have not signed up for this, please go on our website to access the registration link as well as other links that may be of interest.

**ON CONSENT AGENDA/OFF CONSENT AGENDA, AND VOUCHERS:**

## **RESOLUTIONS – ON CONSENT**

- 2020-106 authorizing the redemption of a tax sale certificate in the amount of \$15,325.30.
- 2020-107 authorizing the redemption of a tax sale certificate in the amount of \$9,704.03
- 2020-108 appointing Mark Butera to the part-time position of fill-in Electrical Inspector at an hourly rate of \$35.00
- 2020-109 appointing Patrick Duggan to the part-time position of Plumbing Subcode Official/Plumbing Inspector at an hourly rate of \$35.00
- 2020-110 proclaiming April 7<sup>th</sup> 2020 as National Service Recognition Day and the week of April 19<sup>th</sup> through April 25<sup>th</sup> 2020 as National Volunteer Week
- 2020-111 approving the employment of three temporary laborers for the Department of Public Works
- 2020-112 approving a facilities use application to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society for their annual charity bicycle rides through town and the use of the Washington Avenue parking area as a rest stop on Saturday, May 9, 2020 at various times between 9am to 4pm and Sunday, May 10, 2020 at various times between 8am to 2pm-The Mayor stated that this resolution will be pulled due to the MS Society cancelling this event.
- 2020-113 authorizing the Mayor to sign and execute an interlocal service agreement between the Borough of Lavallette and the OC Prosecutors Office to participate in the OC Prosecutor's Program for the year 2020
- 2020-114 approving a road opening permit to NJNG for a 3x3 trench opening to install a new gas service at 102 Virginia Avenue
- 2020-115 approving a facilities use application to Noelle Dwyer to hold solo barre meditation classes on Thursdays and Fridays, July 2, 2020 through August 28, 2020 from 7:30am to 8:30am on the President Avenue ocean beach
- 2020-116 approving additional grant funds received from CDBG in the amount of \$14,555.39 for the purchase of a handicap accessible mat (MATRAX) and a handicap beach wheelchair
- 2020-116A authorizing the Borough Administrator and CFO to pay operating expenses of the Borough of Lavallette during the COVID-19 crisis

A Motion to approve the consent agenda minus Resolution 2020-112 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:**

2020-116B temporarily prohibiting rentals via airbnb and other on-line marketplaces for rental of homes within the Borough of Lavallette during the COVID-19 crisis

A Motion to approve this resolution 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.

**APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:**

2020-117 Bills List in the amount of \$388,552.74

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, Finter and Lamb voted Yes. The Motion Passed.

**ORDINANCES ON FOR INTRODUCTION/FIRST READING:**

**Ordinance No. 2020-03 (1203)** Ordinance of the Borough of Lavallette, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, Amending and Supplementing Chapter 7, of the Borough Code Entitled, "Bathing and Beach Control", Amending Section 7-9 Entitled, "Beach Badge Fees"

The Mayor stated that we already approved an ordinance back in December for the increase of pre-season, season, senior and disabled. We all knew this ordinance was coming as well.

A Motion to introduce this ordinance 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.

Public Hearing and Final Adoption is scheduled for April 6, 2020.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

No unfinished business.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

No new business.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

Denise Wirth, 1606 Grand Central Avenue stated that she is in favor of closing our beaches and boardwalk to prevent more people coming into town. We should put something in writing requesting all part time residents to stay in their primary homes.

The Mayor stated that we can't do more than what the Governor has allowed. We will have daily updates on our website. We will potentially need to close our beaches and boardwalk soon.

David Laurence questioned if this pandemic will affect the beach season opening?

The Mayor stated that hopefully not and he hopes that in the coming weeks we will move more towards normal but we will keep everyone updated daily.

Councilwoman Filippone stated that the beach officially opens in June so hopefully there will be normalcy by then.

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

Councilman Finter stated that people who own 2<sup>nd</sup> homes should already no it's in their best interest not to travel and come to another town or state for their own safety they should just stay home.

Council President Zalom stated that our website has all our events so make sure you check it to see what is cancelled.

Councilwoman Filippone stated that the Construction and Zoning offices are functioning as best they can. We just ask that before you come to please call ahead and see if any questions can be answered on the phone or if any forms can be mailed for everyone's safety.

Mayor LaCicero stated that we will try and restrict access to our town for the safety of everyone as much as we are allowed. This crisis is affecting the world.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

There was no executive session.

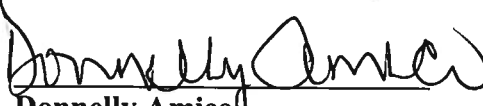
**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

The Council Meeting was adjourned at 7:36pm.

**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 23<sup>rd</sup> day of **March 2020**.

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