

**BOROUGH OF LAVALLETTE(minutes)  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
LAVALLETTE MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
Monday, April 20, 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 was 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 livestreamed Council Meeting.

**MOMENT OF SILENCE:** The Mayor asked for a moment of silence for residents Diane Daniels, John Tsaptinos, Carolyn Tevlin and Richard Barsa who actually past from the Corona virus.

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

**MAYOR'S WELCOMING STATEMENT:** The Mayor thanked everyone for tuning in to tonight's remote meeting. He has been receiving a lot of phone calls from residents, real estate agents and some regular summer visitors regarding their status with their summer rentals this year. Unfortunately, there is no direct answer to these questions right now. As of right now, I have to believe that we will be back to some type of normal for our summer season to begin. Some towns and cities in New Jersey are slowly starting to lift some restrictions so we are trying to remain optimistic. We are hoping to get good news on May 15<sup>th</sup> from the Governor that we can start lifting some restrictions but we have to wait until then.

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

**RESOLUTIONS – ON CONSENT:**

2020-122 authorizing the refund of 2014 state tax appeals in the amount of \$18,753.31

2020-123 authorizing the disposal of surplus property through GovDeals

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

**RESOLUTIONS - OFF CONSENT:**

There were no resolutions off consent.

**APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:**

2020-124 Bills List in the amount of \$316,259.43

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

**ORDINANCES ON FOR PUBLIC HEARING/FINAL ADOPTION:**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2020-04 (1204)** Ordinance to exceed the municipal budget appropriations limits and to establish a cap bank.

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

Mr. Brice stated that this ordinance is done annually in conjunction with our budget. We have never had to use the cap bank but we do this ordinance just to leave the option open.

No one wished to comment on this ordinance. The Mayor asked for a motion to close the public hearing.

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

The Mayor asked for a motion and vote on this ordinance.

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

There was no unfinished business.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Discussion on events in Lavallette starting in May and how to move forward during this Coronavirus Pandemic

Mr. Brice stated that we have two meeting in May on the 4<sup>th</sup> and the 18<sup>th</sup>. The Governor will be determining on May 15<sup>th</sup> how New Jersey is going to proceed with restrictions. The Municipal Clerk has rescheduled the May gazebo weddings so we are good with those. The only event I believe that we have in May is Memorial Day. I think we should wait for the Governor to make his

decisions on May 15<sup>th</sup> and then we should make our decision on what to do with the Memorial Day event whether we are going to proceed with it as normal or cancel it altogether.

Councilwoman Filippone stated that we can also consider doing a remote presentation with just Mayor, Council and the speaker presenting like we do for this meeting. Just another option to consider if we need to.

Councilman Lamb stated that the 6 street signs of Lavallette's fallen soldiers should be done soon. Once they are done we will be getting them up as soon as possible. Hopefully, before Memorial Day.

Mr. Brice stated that depending on what the Governor decides we also need a backup plan for our summer season. He stated that he and the beach captain came up with 3 or 4 different scenarios for our beach season depending on what the Governor decides. As far as the sale of beach badges, to prevent the rush of people coming in and mailing their forms for beach badges to get the pre-season price, he recommends that we pass a resolution to keep the pre-season price of \$50.00 in effect for the entire summer season until Labor Day, September 7, 2020.

The Mayor asked Mr. George if the Borough was able to do this?

Mr. George stated that a resolution could be passed suspending the \$10.00 increase and keep the pre-season price of \$50.00 in effect.

A Motion to suspend the \$10.00 increase in the pre-season badge to keep the \$50.00 pre-season badge price in effect for the entire summer season until Labor Day, September 7, 2020 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.

The Mayor stated that he also spoke to Mr. Brice regarding our fireworks. We are going to see if we sign a contract for the fireworks to be done on Sunday, July 5<sup>th</sup>, could we also include in the contract that if for some reason this pandemic issue returns can we change the date. We can maybe do them on Labor Day or at Founder's Day.

Mr. Brice stated that he has a call out to the fireworks company to discuss this with them. He also stated that he reached out to Verizon regarding the issue on the box on a pole by the ballfield. They assured me that the box was not a 5G box and that 5G was not installed on that pole.

#### **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

Mark Speaker, 111 Brown Avenue thanked Mayor and Council and all the departments for their service during this time.

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

Councilwoman Filippone stated that the only reason that an issue arose regarding Verizon was because their worker that was installing this box stated to a resident who questioned it, that it was,

in fact, a 5G box being installed. She also stated that all the benches have been placed on the walkway platforms up at the beach but the plaques have not been as of yet. We put a hold on the program since the pandemic occurred. We will be starting to call more on the list again. Anyone that we have already called that has not responded have been skipped and we have moved on to the next name.

Councilman Lamb stated that well #4 is in process of being rehabbed and hopefully will be completed within 30 days.

Mayor LaCicero stated that the Ocean Star had an article regarding our budget and the cap bank ordinance. The article seemed to confuse the two regarding the tax increase. The cap bank allows us to increase by 3 ½% if necessary but our tax increase for 2020 will be 1 ½ %.

Mr. Brice stated that the State Alcohol Beverage extended the 2019-2020 and will be accepting renewals through September 30, 2020.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

The Council Meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm.

**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 20<sup>th</sup> day of April 2020.

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