

BOROUGH OF LAVALLETTE(minutes)
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
LAVALLETTE MUNICIPAL BUILDING
Monday, August 17, 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 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 livestream this Council Meeting.

MOMENT OF SILENCE: The Mayor asked for a moment of silence for two local residents Carol Traverso who was also a member of the Beautification Committee and Karen Baker from Bay Beach Way.

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 our remote meeting. He stated that we did pretty well with no damage from the Tropical Storm last week.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Regular Meeting Minutes of July 20, 2020
Executive Session Minutes of July 20, 2020

A Motion to approve the Minutes 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.

ON CONSENT AGENDA/OFF CONSENT AGENDA, AND VOUCHERS:

RESOLUTIONS – ON CONSENT

2020-201 awarding a contract to Earle Asphalt Company for the New York Avenue Road Improvement Project in the amount of \$199,213.13-Mr. Brice stated that this bid came in less than what the Engineer had estimated.

- 2020-202 hiring Johnathan Reuter as a temporary seasonal laborer at an hourly rate of \$11.00
- 2020-203 approving a facilities use application to Somerset Select Baseball to hold tournaments at Chandler Field on Saturday, September 19, 2020 from 8am to 8pm and Sunday, September 20, 2020 from 8am to 6pm
- 2020-204 authorizing the Municipal Clerk to prepare and submit application for funding through the OC Cultural & Heritage Commission's 2021 Local Arts Program Grant for our summer concert series-Council President Zalom thanked Donnelly for always taking care of getting this done every year so we can keep having our summer concerts.
- 2020-205 approving a facilities use application to JM Scura Photography to hold a mock styled wedding photoshoot on the bay beach on Wednesday, September 23, 2020 from 3pm to 7pm
- 2020-205A hiring a badge checker at an hourly rate of \$11.00 effective August 13, 2020 through September 7, 2020
- 2020-205B approving Krista Waters to attend the Ocean County Police Academy Class II Training effective August 21, 2020

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:

There were no resolutions off consent.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:

- 2020-206 Bills List in the amount of \$492,207.80

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.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mayor LaCicero stated that at the last meeting we discussed the sewage flow and the study that O'Donnell, Stanton had proposed on videotaping in the manholes. They had suggested hiring a company to do this but we have decided that our own public works water guys have done this before back in 2005 and should be able to get it done for us again. They will have to do it mostly at

night during the most 0 flow time so there will be overtime but it will still cost us less than if we outsourced.

Mr. Brice stated that the Borough's total usage bill for this year was 71 million gallons through June which is less than last year during the same time.

Councilman Lamb stated that the vandalism that has been happening at the gazebo and Vance Avenue on the Bay has started to become a real problem with the teenagers.

Mr. Brice stated that there were 3 arrests over the weekend for graffiti.

Councilwoman Filippone stated that she has received numerous complaints about fireworks being used and the beach with food and alcohol and the littering.

Councilman Lamb stated that the kids being in the gazebo after curfew is a problem so maybe the Chief can put some Special Officers down there after 9 to make sure they leave.

Councilwoman Filippone stated that she has been told that the PD has been notified on numerous occasions about kids being down there after 9pm but nothing happens. Some patrols should be down by the bay after 8pm to patrol and make sure it doesn't continue.

Mr. Brice stated that patrols have already been enhanced and that's how they made the arrests this weekend.

Councilman Borowski questioned if maybe a camera could be installed in the gazebo and monitored by the Police Department.

Mr. Brice stated that we received a request from the Lavallette Board of Education to reach out to Cablevision/Altice to make sure that the broadband/wifi capacity quality and service is not going to become an issue for remote users during school. We also received a few complaints from residents regarding the lack of quality of the wifi, prices and customer service issues. The contract doesn't have a designated representative for us so I am trying to find a direct phone number to get a direct person to speak with. Once I get someone, I will be requesting a meeting to discuss these problems.

Mayor LaCicero stated that he thinks that maybe now is the time to start thinking about extending the badge checkers hours since the issues with the beach are becoming a bigger problem.

Mr. Brice stated that right now is the time they we are starting to lose the checkers since it is time for the college kids to get back to school. We are already short on covering all the openings now. Councilman Stogdill and I will discuss with Pam and see what we can come up with.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

There were no comments from the public.

COMMENTS OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Councilman Finter stated that everyone needs to fill out the census surveys online. Also, flu shots are available already.

Councilman Borowski stated that stated that July 2020 was the highest consumption use which is why we always recommend that everyone decrease their usage during peak demand as best they can.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

There was no executive session.

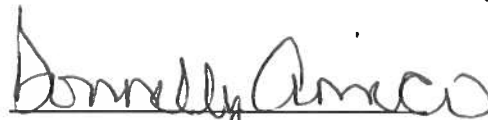
ADJOURNMENT:

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.

The Council Meeting was adjourned at 8:02pm.

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 17th day of August 2020.


Donnelly Amico
Municipal Clerk