

**BOROUGH OF LAVALLETTE(minutes)
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
LAVALLETTE MUNICIPAL BUILDING
Monday, July 26, 2021-7:00 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 La Porta, Borough Attorney
Donnelly Amico, Municipal Clerk

READING OF THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT STATEMENT: Notice of this meeting was published in the Ocean Star on January 8, 2021. Notice was also posted on our municipal website and bulletin board.

MOMENT OF SILENCE: The Mayor asked for a moment of silence for all loved ones who have passed.

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

MAYOR'S WELCOMING STATEMENT: The Mayor welcomed everyone to tonight's meeting. He stated we are half way through the summer and the weather has been great so far. Our badge sales have been great and the ocean water actually hasn't been too bad so far either.

COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC (Items not listed on agenda / not staying for remainder of meeting)

The Mayor asked if any wished to comment on any items that were not on the agenda or if they could not stay for the remainder of the meeting they could do so now.

No one wished to comment at this time.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Regular Meeting of June 21, 2021

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

ON CONSENT AGENDA/OFF CONSENT AGENDA, AND VOUCHERS:

RESOLUTIONS – ON CONSENT:

- 2021-191 requesting approval of items of revenue and appropriation (Chapter 159) to become part of the 2021 budget in the amount of \$6,165.46 for additional grant funds from the 2019 CDBG Grant-Council President Zalom thanked the Administrator for getting this done.
- 2021-192 requesting approval of items or revenue and appropriation (Chapter 159) to become part of the 2021 budget for the grant received in the amount of \$40,760.00 through the NJ Attorney General 2021 Body-Camera Grant Program-Mr. Brice stated that this is for the first payment that is due towards the body cameras that were purchased.
- 2021-193 approving a facilities use application to Northern Ocean Habitat for Humanity to hold a Walk to Build annual boardwalk/town walk fundraiser utilizing our boardwalk as well as setting up 4 to 6 tables and chairs and speaking podium on September 18, 2021 from 9am to 11am with a rain date of September 25, 2021
- 2021-194 authorizing the NJDOT final quantities change order #1 to the contract with Earle Asphalt Company for the New York Avenue road project decreasing the contract price by \$4,003.37 bringing the adjusted contract to \$197,793.88
- 2021-195 authorizing employment of additional badge checkers and lifeguards for the 2021 summer season
- 2021-196 awarding a contract to Terex Utilities, Inc. for the purchase of a 2022 Terex Bucket Truck with a Ford Chassis through Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing in the amount of \$149,937-Mayor LaCicero stated that this purchase was bonded.
- 2021-197 approving a facilities application to Muggeo Basketball, LLC to hold a youth basketball clinic the weeks of August 9th and August 16th, Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays utilizing one court with two hoops at the George Daly Memorial Courts
- 2021-198 appointing Anthony Lardieri to the part-time position of temporary fill-in Plumbing Subcode Official
- 2021-199 awarding a contract to United Rentals for the purchase of a Takeuchi Skid Steer Track Loader through the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing in the amount of \$72,162.60
- 2021-200 approving a facilities use application to South Jersey Softball Tournaments for the use of Chandler Field to hold tournaments on Friday, August 27th from 5pm to 10pm and August 28th & August 29th, Saturday & Sunday, 9am to 6pm
- 2021-201 approving the Planning Board Secretary to utilize the new Application for Appeal of a Substantial Damage Determination-Mayor LaCicero stated that this is due to the substantial damage letters received by the State which includes roughly 40 homes in town. Councilwoman Filippone stated that technically, we started with 140 homes

that were substantially damaged and the Construction Office has reviewed all the files and has brought it down to now 40 homes right now. Each case will go through the Planning Board to determine if the classification of “substantially damaged” can be removed.

2021-201A approving the submission of the grant application with the NJDOT for the Brooklyn and Baltimore Avenues road improvement project

A Motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Councilman Lamb. The Motion was Seconded by Councilwoman Filippone.

The Mayor opened the floor to the public and asked if anyone wished to comment on the consent agenda.

No one wished to comment. The Mayor closed the floor to the public and asked Council for a vote on the consent agenda.

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:

2021-202 Bills List in the amount of \$5,063,179.34

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:

Council President stated that the concert was great last night. Our cert team was on top of getting the traffic in and out without any issues. The Matrax mat has been put down on President Avenue.

Mr. Brice stated that the reason that the Matrax was not put down till now is because Public Works was taking care of other areas of the beach one being flattening down all the sand that was blown around due to a few storms. We had a few storms within days of each other and since Public Works doesn't have enough manpower we have to take care of priority issues first with the manpower that we have. Garbage pickup also takes precedent first and foremost.

NEW BUSINESS:

Council President Zalom stated that there were some residents who were requesting that we allow the bicycles on the boardwalk between 5am and 8pm in addition to them being allowed **right now**

from 5pm to 8pm and she would like to propose that Council allow the additional time frame of 5am to 8pm and also keep the 5pm to 8pm time frame as well. Maybe we can do the additional morning time as a trial period to see how both time frames work together.

Councilman Borowski stated that this has become an ongoing discussion every year with all different ideas of time frames and we get these knee jerk reactions every time another idea comes up. We establish this policy every year at Re-org and then make all these changes to it during the summer.

Councilwoman Filippone stated that we established this new time frame of 5pm to 8pm because there was so much talk about the boardwalk being too congested up there during the morning hours of 5am to 8am and there was a lot of concern for the amount of walkers during the morning hours. Now we are just going to go back to the morning hours again along with the night hours and the walkers being a concern is now forgotten. It seems that there is never going to be a perfect solution.

The Mayor stated that Council President Zalom has made the motion so it will have to be dealt with right now.

A Motion was made by Council President Zalom to allow the bicycles on the boardwalk from 5am to 8am for the rest of the summer as a trial period. This is in addition to the current hours of 5pm to 8pm that has already been approved. The Motion was Seconded by Councilman Finter.

The Mayor opened the floor to the public and asked if anyone wished to comment on this issue.

Michael Goldman, 1502 Ocean Front stated that the boardwalk is pretty crowded during the morning hours and on the weekends. It is not as crowded during the 5pm to 8pm time frame as much.

Janice Hunsinger, 12A Philadelphia Avenue stated that the boardwalk is basically always crowded at all times during the day so there really isn't any perfect solution.

Gary Hunsinger, 12 A Philadelphia Avenue, stated that he thinks it's a good idea to give the morning hours a trial period in addition to the current hours at night.

The Mayor closed the floor to the public and asked Council for a vote.

Vote: Council Members Borowski, Filippone, Zalom, Stogdill, Finter and Lamb voted Yes. The Motion Passed.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

There were no comments.

COMMENTS OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Councilman Stogdill stated that to date badge sales are at \$1,100,986.00

Councilman Borowski stated that this Thursday the Waves of Impact will be up at the Trenton Avenue beach doing their annual surf camp for disabled children from 10am to 3pm. If anyone has time to just stop over and check it out it really is such a great event for these kids and it just touches your soul.

Council President Zalom stated that Channel 12 News will be there to film it as well.

Mr. Brice stated that another application from Verizon was received for 7 additional small node sites. It will be discussed at the Planning Board on August 25th and then at the Council Meeting on September 7th as of right now. He also stated that there have been a lot of issues this summer regarding the garbage cans being entirely too heavy for our guys to lift without sustaining an injury. The Borough's code states the cans can only have a 40 lb. weight limit so if it is over that we will start issuing code violations if it continues. He also stated that the beach patrol have assisted 100 swimmers in distress, made 8 full rescues and 8 full out ems calls to date for this summer.

Mayor LaCicero stated that we refinanced all our bans with a rate of .332% which is a fantastic rate.

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 7:56pm.

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 26th day of July 2021.

Donnelly Amico
Municipal Clerk