

**BOROUGH OF LAVALLETTE(minutes)**  
**CAUCUS/REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL**  
**LAVALLETTE MUNICIPAL BUILDING**  
**Monday, August 9, 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: Phil La Porta, Borough Attorney  
Donnelly Amico, Municipal Clerk  
Robert Brice, Borough Administrator

**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 bulletin board and municipal website.

**MOMENT OF SILENCE:** The Mayor asked for a moment of silence for retired Lavallette Police Sergeant Bruce Blaum who worked for the Lavallette Police Department for over 25 years.

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

**MAYOR'S WELCOMING STATEMENT:** The Mayor welcomed everyone to tonight's meeting. He discussed with the public Robert's Rules of Order. He stated that he had a few residents come to talk to him at his Friday Mayor's hours. Some of the topics discussed were the ponding on Bay Blvd. and putting a pedestrian cross sign on Rt. 35 South and Trenton Avenue.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Caucus/Regular Meeting of July 6, 2021  
Regular Meeting of July 26, 2021

A Motion to approve the minutes 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.

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

**REPORTS:**

- a) Construction Report for July 2021-Councilwoman Filippone-read report
- b) Zoning Report for July 2021-Councilwoman Filippone-no report
- c) Municipal Court Report for July & August 2021-Councilwoman Filippone-read report
- d) Police Overtime Report for June & July 2021-Councilwoman Filippone-no report
- e) Public Works Report for July 2021-Councilman Lamb-read report

- f) Beach Badge Report through August 9<sup>th</sup> 2021-Councilman Stogdill-read report
- g) Public Affairs Report for July 2021-Council President Zalom-the Sunday concerts are extremely busy. Our Cert Team does a great job with traffic control.
- h) Tax Account Report for July 2021-Tax Collector
- i) Revenue Account Status for June 2021-Chief Financial Officer
- j) Bond Anticipation Note Sale Report 2021-Chiief 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:**

- 2021-203        authorizing the disposal of surplus property through GovDeals
- 2021-204        approving a facilities use application to Team Hill Foundation to hold basketball instruction at the George Daly Memorial Courts for the month of September 2021, Monday through Thursday, 3pm to 7pm
- 2021-205        approving the employment of Austin Rovira to the position of Electric Lineman for the Department of Public Works Electric Department at an annual salary of \$77,724.00
- 2021-206        approving a facilities use application to Soccer Shots to hold a children’s soccer program on Chandler Field on Mondays, starting August 30<sup>th</sup> through October 25<sup>th</sup> 2021 from 4:30pm to 6:30pm
- 2021-207        approving the employment of one seasonal sanitation laborer at an hourly rate of \$14.00 for the Department of Public Works
- 2021-208        approving the hiring of additional summer badge checkers and lifeguard for the remainder of the 2021 summer season
- 2021-209        approving the interlocal service agreement between the Borough of Lavallette and the Toms River Board of Fire Commissioners, District #1 to provide fuel to Ocean Beach Fire vehicles

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

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

Susan Kotch, 119 Camden Avenue, stated that whoever is using the basketball courts for their games or lessons are leaving it a disaster. There are numerous plastic bottles thrown around and it just always looks a mess after they leave.

The Mayor stated that the Municipal Clerk will email them and let them know that part of the application approval is to make sure they cleanup after every use.

Mrs. Kotch also stated that the amount of noise from these organized sports on the bay front from their continuous whistle blowing and the amount of cars that are parked everywhere, even on the grass should be addressed.

The Mayor stated that we have always talked about limiting the number of facility use apps for each sport and maybe we still need to consider this.

Councilman Borowski stated that he thinks we need to increase the application fee and maybe also add some additional fees as well.

Frank Farley, 1007 Bay Blvd. stated that all of these sports leagues who use our facilities are never from Lavallette nor are the kids who participate. Why do we allow so many out of town leagues to use our facilities?

Councilman Stogdill stated that unfortunately, there are not enough kids in town to create any type of leagues so our kids have to join leagues that are in surrounding towns.

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:**

2021-210 Bills List in the amount of \$1,306,624.69

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

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

General with No Action:

- a) Ocean County Utilities Authority/Kathleen Basalone, Exec. Director/Bulk Rate Charge of \$4,039 per million gallons for year 2022/Received July 6, 2021
- b) Lavallette Yacht Club/Brad Wright, Commodore/commending Public Works and the Electric Utility employees for their rapid response in repairing/replacing the transformer on their property/Received July 13, 2021
- c) Ken & Maureen Zebrowski/148B Newark Avenue/commending Tom Eagle, a Water Department employee for his rapid response to our water problem on our property as well as his expert knowledge and professional manner/Received July 17, 2021
- d) Chris Simoes/long-time beach goer for 20 years/commending the lifeguards on Trenton Avenue ocean beach for how their professionalism and expertise on how they handle their jobs daily in making sure that the swimmers are always safe/Received July 15, 2021

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

There was no unfinished business.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

PPANJ Rate Comparison-2021

The Mayor stated that Lavallette is a member of the NJ Public Power Authority along with 9 other municipalities. They purchase the power in bulk and our rates are much lower than JCP & L.

Councilman Borowski stated that within a 1-year average, Lavallette still has the lowest bill costs. He stated that work is being done to improve our power capacity as well.

Mayor LaCicero stated that we have also installed all new electric meters in town as well. He stated that the best part of owning our own utility was when Sandy hit us and within 10 days, the Borough had power on in the whole town.

Mr. Brice stated that Verizon has submitted another application to install nodes to 7 new locations in town. The locations will be put on our website

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

Kathy Grandstrand, 1 Camden Avenue stated that the group would like to do some small improvements outside of the courts, such as cleaning up some benches and maybe have some pavers put down around the courts to prevent any kind of dirt or mud damaging the new court surface. We also would like to do a fundraiser to maybe purchase some type of shade structure to help with the heat. There will be no costs to the Borough.

Councilwoman Filippone stated that the Beautification Committee takes care of making the town nicer with flowers and shrubbery. As far as replacing the grass and dirt, pavers might be a possibility but concrete is definitely out due to our ordinance.

Councilman Lamb stated that we really would have to work with a landscape contractor to make sure we do it right down there.

The Mayor stated that we already discussed a 5-year plan for the repairs and we have accomplished that already.

Councilman Lamb stated that we need to start repairs on the tennis courts now before we discuss more for the pickleball courts.

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

Councilman Borowski stated that the Waves of Impact a few weeks ago was a wonderful event again. It really warms your heart to see how much these disabled kids enjoy this event.

Councilwoman Filippone stated that it was a delight to watch the Waves of Impact event. All the volunteers did a remarkable job and really enjoyed it.

Councilman Finter requested to be excused from the next meeting.

A Motion to approve his absence was made by Councilwoman Filippone. The Motion was Seconded by Councilman Stogdill. Vote: All of Council was in favor. The Motion Passed.

**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 Finter. Vote: All of Council was in favor. The Motion Passed.

The Council Meeting was adjourned at 8:27pm.

**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 9<sup>th</sup> day of August 2021.

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