

BOROUGH OF LAVALLETTE(minutes)
CAUCUS/REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
LAVALLETTE MUNICIPAL BUILDING
Tuesday, January 18, 2022-7:00 pm

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Walter G. LaCicero, presiding

ROLL CALL: Council Members Borowski, Lamb, Zalom, Stogdill, Finter and Filippone
Councilman Lamb was absent.

Also present: Phil George, 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 7, 2022. Notice was also posted on our municipal bulletin board and municipal website.

MOMENT OF SILENCE: The Mayor asked for a moment of silence for longtime resident Pat Brice of Camden Avenue who passed away recently. Mrs. Brice was a teacher at the Lavallette Elementary School and her husband, Frank was our Chief of Police many, many years ago.

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

MAYOR'S WELCOMING STATEMENT: The Mayor welcomed everyone to tonight's meeting. He stated that budget time has started so if anyone has any ideas for this year, submit them to Mr. Brice. He stated that anyone who 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.

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

No one wished to comment at this time.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes of Council Meeting of November 15, 2021
Minutes of Council Meeting of December 6, 2021
Minutes of Council Meeting of December 20, 2021
Minutes of Executive Session Meeting of December 20, 2021

A Motion to approve the minutes was made by Councilman Borowski. The Motion was Seconded by Councilman Stogdill.

Vote: Council Members Borowski, Filippone, Zalom and Stogdill voted yes. Councilman Finter abstained on the Minutes of December 20, 2021 and yes to all others. The Motion Passed.

REPORTS:

- a) Construction Report for December 2021 -Councilwoman Filippone-read report
- b) Zoning Report for December 2021-Councilwoman Filippone-no report
- c) Municipal Court Report for November 2021 & December 2021-Councilwoman Filippone-read report
- d) Police Overtime Report for December 2021-Councilwoman Filippone-read report
- e) Public Works Report for December 2021-Councilman Lamb-report received
- f) Public Affairs Report-Council President Zalom-the ski trips were cancelled for this month.
- g) Tax Account Report for December 2021-Tax Collector
- h) Revenue Transaction Report for December 2021-Chief Financial Officer

A Motion to approve the reports was made by Councilwoman Filippone. The Motion was Seconded by Councilman Finter.

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

ON CONSENT AGENDA/OFF CONSENT AGENDA, AND VOUCHERS:

RESOLUTIONS – ON CONSENT:

- 2022-48 acknowledging that William Duffy has been admitted to active membership in the Lavallette Fire Company and have been approved by the Borough of Lavallette Governing Body
- 2022-49 refunding unused balance of planning board escrow funds in the amount of \$120.00
- 2022-50 authorizing the electric collector to refund an electric account credit in the amount of \$415.50 back to the homeowner
- 2022-51 authorizing the 2022 annual stipends to various employees for additional job titles
- 2022-52 authorizing the Mayor to sign and execute an interlocal service agreements with the OC Prosecutors Office to participate in the OC Prosecutor’s Program for the year 2022
- 2022-53 approving the hiring of a part-time crossing guard at an hourly rate of \$13.00

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

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 and Finter voted Yes. The Motion Passed.

RESOLUTIONS - OFF CONSENT:

There were no resolutions off consent.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:

2022-54 Bills List in the amount of \$365,959.54

A Motion to approve the bills list was made by Councilman Stogdill. The Motion was Seconded by Councilman Finter.

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

ORDINANCE ON FOR INTRODUCTION/FIRST READING:

Ordinance 2022-01 (1219) Ordinance of the Borough of Lavallette, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, Revising and Supplementing the Borough Code as to Chapter 24, Article II, Entitled, "Electric Rates and Regulations," Amending, Revising and Supplementing the Borough Code as to Chapter 24, Article III, Entitled, "Self-Generation Standards"

Councilman Borowski stated that this is to include the new rates for the next four years for solar.

A Motion to introduce this ordinance was made by Councilman Stogdill. The Motion was Seconded by Councilwoman Filippone.

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

Public Hearing and Final Adoption is scheduled for February 7, 2022.

COMMUNICATIONS:

General With No Action:

- a) Carol Nierstedt/115 Vance Avenue/letter with some concerns regarding the pickleball courts/Received December 13, 2021
- b) Deborah Lane/805 Bay Blvd./letter with some concerns regarding the pickleball courts/Received December 16, 2021

- c) Lavallette Yacht Club/Erin Burns, Secretary/informing the Borough that Swan Point Road will be closed for all access starting at 9am on Sunday, February 13, 2022 until 9am on Monday, February 14, 2022

OLD BUSINESS:

Mayor LaCicero stated that we have some public access projects that will be done for this year. We are going to see if our living reef project by the WPI Bridge that we are in the process of doing right now is a qualified public access project from the DEP.

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilman Stogdill stated that 2022 pre-season beach badge sales will start on Monday, February 14th for season and senior/military badges only. The order form will be on the website before that.

Mr. Brice stated that the boat ramp is still a bit of a problem with regards to the lack of dredging in that area. Before anyone purchases a boat ramp sticker to launch their boat we recommend that they go out and check it out first. It seems that a lot of the boats are having issues with launching but jet skis seem to be okay.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

There were no comments.

COMMENTS OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Councilman Finter stated that the Lavallette First Aid is in dire need of volunteers.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

There was no executive session.

ADJOURNMENT:

A Motion to adjourn the Council Meeting was made by Councilwoman Filippone. The Motion was Seconded by Councilman Stogdill.

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

The Council Meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm.

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 18th day of **January 2022**.

Donnelly Amico
Municipal Clerk