

**BOROUGH OF LAVALLETTE
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
LAVALLETTE MUNICIPAL BUILDING
Monday, October 31, 2022-7:00 pm**

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Walter G. LaCicero, presiding

ROLL CALL: Council Members Lamb, Borowski, Zalom, Stogdill, Finter and Filippone

Also present Donnelly Amico, Municipal Clerk
 Phil George, Borough Attorney

READING OF THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT STATEMENT: Notice of this meeting was published in the Ocean Star on October 28, 2022. Notice was also posted on our municipal bulletin board and website.

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

The Mayor welcomed all who came to tonight's special meeting. This is a great night for some of our officers. Right now, we will be going into an executive session for a very brief discussion and then coming out to begin our meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mr. George stated that there is a need to go into executive session to discuss a police matter. There will be action taken when we reconvene.

A Motion to adjourn the special meeting to go into executive session was made by Councilwoman Filippone. The Motion was Seconded by Councilman Borowski.

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

The Special Meeting was adjourned to go into executive session at 7:02pm.

A Motion to reconvene the Special Meeting was made by Councilman Stogdill. The Motion was Seconded by Councilman Finter.

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

The Special Meeting reconvened at 7:24pm.

Councilwoman Filippone stated that Chief Colin Grant went on terminal leave on June 1, 2022 through November 1, 2022 when his official retirement date is.

Mr. George stated that the appointment of a Chief of Police is set by ordinance and the ordinance states that a Chief of Police must be in office at all times which means we need to appoint a Chief by November 1, 2022.

CONSENT AGENDA:

2022-238 authorizing appointment of one or more police officers who have successfully completed a full basic course for police officers approved and authorized by the Police Training Commission

Mr. George stated that there was an act that was passed in New Jersey earlier this year which allows for Civil Service towns to hire entry level police officers without needing a certified list as long as they have completed a full basic course authorized by the Police Training Commission.

A Motion to approve this resolution was made by Councilwoman Filippone. The Motion was Seconded by Councilman Finter.

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

OFF-CONSENT AGENDA:

2022-238A appointing a Lavallette permanent full-time Police Chief for the Lavallette Police Department effective November 1, 2022

Councilwoman Filippone stated that NJ Civil Service administered the Chief of Police test and the Borough of Lavallette only had two applicants that were qualified to take it. Once the test was given the State sent the Borough a certified list of eligibles and those two applicants were on it. Council did the interviews last week with these two individuals and asked the same questions to both. With that being said, all of Council is in agreement that Sgt. Christian LaCicero is the best candidate for the position of Chief of Police.

A Motion to approve this resolution was made by Councilwoman Filippone. The Motion was Seconded by Councilman Finter.

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

Christian LaCicero was sworn into office by his father, Mayor Walter G. LaCicero with his family by his side.

2022-239 appointing Frank White as a Lavallette permanent full-time Police Sergeant effective November 1, 2022

Councilwoman Filippone stated that Frank White has been with the Lavallette Police Department for well over 10 years and scored 2nd on the NJ Civil Service test. He has also been serving as an interim Sgt. Since 2018.

A Motion to approve this resolution was made by Councilman Finter. The Motion was Seconded by Councilman Stogdill.

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

Frank White was sworn in by Mayor Walter G. LaCicero with his family by his side.

2022-240 appointing Mike Monica as a Lavallette permanent full-time Police Sergeant effective November 1, 2022

Councilwoman Filippone stated that Mike Monica has also been an officer for the Borough well over 10 years and scored 1st on the NJ Civil Service test.

A Motion to approve this resolution 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.

Mike Monica was sworn in by Mayor Walter G. LaCicero with his family by his side.

2022-241 appointing Justin Ruppert as a Provisional Full-time Police Officer for the Lavallette Police Department effective November 1, 2022

Councilwoman Filippone stated that Justin Ruppert has been a Special Officer with us for a few years. He will be hired under the new program that does not require a certified list.

A Motion to approve this resolution was made by Councilman Finter. The Motion was Seconded by Councilman Stogdill.

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

Justin Ruppert was sworn in by Mayor Walter G. LaCicero with his family by his side.

BILLS LIST:

2022-242 Bills List in the amount of \$26,336.99

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.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Joe Palinsky, 1106 Ocean Front congratulated all of the newly promoted Officers.

ADJOURNMENT:

A Motion to adjourn the special meeting was made by Councilman Lamb. The Motion was Seconded by Councilman Stogdill.

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

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 31st day of **October 2022**.

Donnelly Amico
Municipal Clerk