

BOROUGH OF LAVALLETTE(minutes)
CAUCUS/REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
LAVALLETTE MUNICIPAL BUILDING
Monday, November 14, 2022-7:00 pm

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Walter G. LaCicero, presiding

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

Also present: Phil George, Borough Attorney
Donnelly Amico, Municipal Clerk
John Bennett, 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 a few of our long-time residents who have passed away. Andrea Hankins, who lived on WPI, her husband was the brother of our own Charlie Hankins. Also, Paulette Ciganek, who was at one time the wife of a previous Councilman Lee Horan.

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

MAYOR'S WELCOMING STATEMENT: The Mayor thanked everyone for coming to tonight's meeting. 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.

SWEARING IN OF NEW POLICE CHIEF, TWO NEW SERGEANTS AND A NEW POLICE OFFICER

Mayor LaCicero stated that there was a reorganization of our police department and we have some new Officers to swear in tonight. The former Police Chief, Colin Grant retired which made some moves for officers to move up.

Councilwoman Filippone stated that this was a very proud moment for Lavallette. We have been working on these moves for about a year. We have to follow Civil Service rules which isn't always easy and becomes a bit of a process. In the end, we appointed Christina LaCicero as our new Chief of Police.

Sergeant Christian LaCicero was sworn in as the new Chief of Police for the Lavallette Police Dept.

Councilwoman Filippone stated that a Sergeant test was done through Civil Service and Officer Mike Monica was #1 on the list and Officer Frank White was #2 on the list.

Two Sergeants qualified under Civil Service to take the test for Chief of Police and the Administrator and Council did interview these two individuals. There was also a Civil Service test for Sergeant and we also hired a Police Officer through a different program through Civil Service since there was no certified list for Police Officer and we needed to fill a position. In the end, she believes that the Borough had done a great job of hiring the right people for these positions.

Officer Frank White and Officer Mike Monica were sworn in as new Sergeants for the Lavallette Police Dept.

Councilwoman Filippone stated that there was no Civil Service available for Police Officer so we had to hire through a different program under Civil Service when a list is not available and a position needs to be filled. Class II Officer Justin Ruppert met all the necessary requirements for this position.

Class II Special Officer Justin Ruppert was sworn in as a new Police Officer for the Lavallette Police Dept.

Councilwoman Filippone stated that this re-alignment of our Police Department will do very well with these new Officers.

2022 BOROUGH APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR: (not requiring Council approval)

Planning Board / Board of Adjustment

<u>Term</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Appointee</u>	
4 Year	Class IV Member	George Shenewolf	Term (11/14/2022 - 12/31/2025)
4 Year	Class IV Member	Alex Barletta	Term (11/14/2022 - 12/31/2025)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- Minutes of Caucus/Regular Meeting of September 6, 2022
- Minutes of Regular Meeting of September 19, 2022
- Minutes of Caucus/Regular Meeting of October 3, 2022
- Executive Session Meeting of October 3, 2022

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

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

REPORTS:

- a) Construction Report for October 2022 -Councilwoman Filippone-read report
- b) Zoning Report for October2022-Councilwoman Filippone-no report
- c) Police Overtime Report for September & October 2022-Councilwoman Filippone-read report
- d) Public Works Report for October 2022-Councilman Lamb-read report
- e) Public Affairs Report-Council President Zalom-There will be a fundraiser for the Florida victims at the Union Church and the Donations of Love fundraiser for Florida victims was at the Beachcomber this weekend and there was a big turnout.
- f) Tax Account Report for October 2022-Tax Collector
- g) Revenue Transaction Report for September 2022-Chief 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:

- 2022-243 approving the carry-over of any vacation time to 2023 to be used within 180 days beginning year 2023
- 2022-244 accepting the retirement of Chief Colin Grant and authorizing payment of unused sick time
- 2022-245 authorizing the transfer of funds between various budget appropriations accounts in the amount of \$27,000
- 2022-246 authorizing the refund of a 2022 tax overpayment in the amount of \$1,810.75
- 2022-247 authorizing the refund of a 2022 tax overpayment in the amount of \$1,359.60
- 2022-248 approving the refund of a beach buggy permit in the amount of \$35.00
- 2022-249 approving a raffle license to Lavallette Heritage Committee to be done during the Lavallette Birthday/Christmas Party on December 21, 2022
- 2022-249A approving a raffle license to the Lavallette School PTO to be drawn on December 7, 2022 at the Lavallette Elementary School.

2022-249B approving a proposal from Van Cleef Engineering for the lead service line replacement for the Water Treatment Plant in the amount of \$4,000

A Motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Councilwoman Filippone. 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.

No one wished to comment. The Mayor closed the floor 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:

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:

2022-250 Bills List in the amount of \$256,083.48

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, Finter and Lamb voted Yes. The Motion Passed.

ORDINANCES ON FOR PUBLIC HEARING/FINAL ADOPTION:

Ordinance No. 2022-20 (1238) Ordinance Amending, Revising and Supplementing Chapter 15 of the Borough Code of the Borough of Lavallette, Entitled, "Business Regulations", More Specifically Adding a New Article III, Entitled, "Business and Residential Liability Insurance."

Councilwoman Filippone stated that she spoke about this at the last meeting with the introduction. This needed to be done due to new state mandated legislation for landlords and business owners to require additional liability insurance.

A Motion to open the public hearing was made by Councilwoman Filippone. The Motion was Seconded by Councilman Stogdill.

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

No one wished to comment on this ordinance.

A Motion to close the public hearing was made by Councilman Lamb. The Motion was Seconded by Councilman Finter.

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

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

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Councilman Finter stated that there was an Environmental Committee Meeting last month. Five people on the committee were present. There was discussion on garbage and recycling and how to rectify the gull problem with opening the bags of garbage. Also some discussion on property rental inspections, lead testing and electric vehicle charging stations. The fire and first aid parking lot was an idea for this charging station.

Councilman Lamb stated that the library is also a good location.

Councilman Stogdill stated that holiday badge sales will begin on December 1st through December 30th during normal operating hours of 8am to 4pm. Only pickup at counter, no mail order forms. The regular pre-season badge sales will begin January 16th through April 28th 2023 and starting May 1st through Labor Day they will be regular season price.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion on Best Practices Survey

Mayor LaCicero stated that the Best Practices Survey is an annual survey given to the municipalities. The amount of no's determines how much state aid each town will get. We only had 6 no's this year. The questions change each year but they mostly are pertaining to the same areas.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

There were no comments.

COMMENTS OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS:

There were no comments.

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 Lamb.

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

The Council Meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm.

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 **14th** day of **November 2023**.

Donnelly Amico
Municipal Clerk