

BOROUGH OF LAVALLETTE(minutes)
CAUCUS/REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
LAVALLETTE MUNICIPAL BUILDING
Monday, December 5, 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 longtime resident Joe Marcianti of Jersey City Avenue.

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

MAYOR'S WELCOMING STATEMENT: The Mayor thanked everyone for coming out to tonight's meeting. He stated that the dune replenishment has been delayed once again. 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)

Michele Brodbeck, Asbury Park stated that she is here tonight to discuss the cat issue that is in town and talk about the trap neuter and release program that a lot of towns have been doing. If you trap these cats and bring them to the shelter they will be euthanized immediately because they are most likely feral.

Council President Zalom stated that we could trap them and bring them to an adoption facility.

Ms. Brodbeck stated that there are none taking anymore cats right now.

Mayor LaCicero stated that if she leaves her contact information along with the information on this trr program, they will look into it.

REPORTS:

- a) Construction Report for November 2022 -Councilwoman Filippone-read report
- b) Zoning Report for November 2022-Councilwoman Filippone-no report

- c) Police Overtime Report for August September & October 2022-Councilwoman Filippone-read report
- d) Public Works Report for November 2022-Councilman Lamb-read report
- e) Public Affairs Report-Council President Zalom-the tree lighting on Friday had a great turnout.
- f) Tax Account Report for November 2022-Tax Collector
- g) Revenue Transaction Report for October 2022-Chief Financial Officer

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

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:

- 2022-251 approving a memorandum of understanding between the Borough of Lavallette and the Teamsters Local #469
- 2022-252 calling for changes to the New Jersey Open Public Records Act(OPRA)
- 2022-253 authorizing the transfer of funds between current fund appropriations in the amount of \$12,000
- 2022-254 awarding a contract to Cherry Hill Winner Ford under state contract for the purchase of a 2022 Ford Expedition for the Public Works Dept. in the amount of \$45,445
- 2022-255 approving a raffle license to St. Pio of Pietrelcina for a 50/50 off premise draw to be drawn on September 22, 2023 at St. Pio
- 2022-256 approving one applicant to attend the OC Police Academy SLEO II training beginning January 6, 2023

A Motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Councilman Finter. 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 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:

2022-257 Bills List in the amount of \$1,002,356.24

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) Insurance Services Office, Inc./Garrett Byma, ISO/CRS Tech. Coordinator/Preliminary Results of a CRS Classification of 8 for the Borough of Lavallette/Received November 17, 2022
- b) Ocean County Utilities Authority/Keith Marcoon, Exec. Director/Preliminary Estimate of 2023 Annual Charge/Received November 18, 2022.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Council President Zalom stated that Mary Jo Austin has repainted the clam and has suggested that the clam not be put down at the bay front again because the paint deteriorates quicker. She would like it to be placed somewhere by this building.

Councilwoman Filippone stated that she is not in favor of it being put by this building. This clam is a symbol of Save Barnegat Bay and the Clam trail and should be down by the bay front.

Councilman Finter stated that it is a big area so we can find some place by our building to place it. We can put it on the Brooklyn Avenue side in with the gardens.

A Motion to approve placing the clam on the Brooklyn Avenue side of the Municipal Building was made by Council President Zalom. The Motion was Seconded by Councilman Finter.

Vote: Council Members Borowski, Zalom, Stogdill, Finter and Lamb voted Yes. Councilwoman Filippone voted no. The Motion Passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilman Finter stated that the LBA would like to purchase a Christmas Tree and put it up on the Philadelphia Avenue walkover. They will take care of maintaining it.

A Motion to allow the LBA to put the Christmas tree on the Philadelphia Avenue walkover was made by Councilman Finter. The Motion was Seconded by Councilman Borowski.

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

Council President Zalom stated that we will be applying for another CDBG grant for 2023. This year we will be requesting the funds for another mobi-mat for another one of our handicap walkovers. We will have two public hearings in January and February for any comments.

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 Councilman Stogdill. The Motion was Seconded by Councilman Finter.

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

The Council Meeting was adjourned at 8:07pm.

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 5th day of **December 2022**.

Donnelly Amico
Municipal Clerk