

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

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Walter G. LaCicero, presiding

ROLL CALL: Council Members Borowski, Lamb, Zalom, Stogdill, Finter and Filippone
Council President Zalom 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 Mayor Nick Juliano of Lacey Township that passed away suddenly from a short term aggressive illness.

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

MAYOR'S WELCOMING STATEMENT: Mayor LaCicero stated that the Verizon 5G nodes are now being installed in the certain locations that were approved in town. Mayor Paul Kinatra of Pt. Pleasant Beach went over to Poland to help with the Ukraine Refugees so let's keep him in our prayers as well as the Ukraine people. The Mayor 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 could do so now.

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

No one wished to comment at that time.

REPORTS:

- a) Construction Report for February 2022 -Councilwoman Filippone-read report
- b) Zoning Report for February 2022-Councilwoman Filippone-no report
- c) Municipal Court Report for February 2022-Councilwoman Filippone-no report
- d) Police Overtime Report for February 2022-Councilwoman Filippone-no report
- e) Public Works Report for February 2022-Councilman Lamb-read report-read report
- f) Public Affairs Report-Council President Zalom
- g) Tax Account Report for February 2022-Tax Collector
- h) Revenue Transaction Report for January 2022-Chief Financial Officer
- i) Lavallette Planning Board 2021 Report-Councilwoman Filippone-read report

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

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

ON CONSENT AGENDA/OFF CONSENT AGENDA, AND VOUCHERS:

RESOLUTIONS – ON CONSENT:

- 2022-75 authorizing the refund of a performance bond in the amount of \$1,000 for a road opening to JC Contracting, Inc.

- 2022-76 approving a facilities use application to Soccer Shots to hold their children’s soccer program on Chandler Field on Mondays, April 4th through June 13th 2022, 5pm to 7:15pm

- 2022-77 approving the dates for the Lavallette Business Association’s sidewalk sales

- 2022-78 approving a facilities use application to Yakkity Yak Kayaks to utilize our Vance Avenue bay beach from May 15th through September 30th 2022 at various times for drop off and pickup of kayaks and paddleboards

- 2022-79 proclaiming the month of March 2022 to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Older Americans Act Nutrition Program

- 2022-80 approving a facilities use application from Breathe Life Yoga to hold yoga classes on the Trenton and Philadelphia Avenue ocean beaches starting May 27th through September 25th 2022, Monday through Sunday from 7am to 8:30am

- 2022-81 requiring mandatory Governing Body Certification of Compliance with the United State EEOC’s “Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decisions Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964”

- 2022-82 authorizing the dates upon which Big Ed’s Produce may exhibit merchandise outside the confines of his business in accordance with Chapter 50 of the Borough Code

- 2022-83 authorizing the purchase of two 2007 Ford F250 surplus vehicles from Ocean County Vehicle Services in the amount of \$1.00 each

- 2022-84 awarding a contract to Garden State Fireworks for our fireworks display to be held on Sunday, July 3, 2022 with a rain date of Sunday, July 10, 2022 in the amount of \$10,000

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 to the public and asked Council for a vote on the consent agenda.

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

RESOLUTIONS - OFF CONSENT:

2022-85 approving annual certifications submitted by the Lavallette First Aid Squad of all volunteer members who have qualified for credit under the LOSAP program for 2021

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

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 Filippone, Stogdill and Lamb voted Yes. Council Members Borowski and Finter Abstained. The Motion Passed.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:

2022-86 Bills List in the amount of \$1,093,480.47

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

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Councilwoman Filippone stated that she has had two meetings with the ordinance committee and also would like to thank them for a great job on some great ideas and recommendations on all the topics that we have discussed. We made more head way than she expected with those two meetings. Adele Ronchetti is our newest member and she is remarkable in her note taking. She

stated that she has given Council each a copy of the notes from the meetings to review. We discussed some of the current ordinances that we believe need some updates and changes. We discussed the setback issues in Westmont Shores and have decided that we will leave this alone for now. We discussed construction being done in the summer and that prohibiting construction work being done on Sundays during the summer season. We discussed fire pits and putting some restrictions regarding the control of embers with screens and some safety regulations. We had some discussion regarding prohibiting short-term rentals from May 15th through September 15th with only a minimum of 7 day rentals. There was also some discussion requiring one time registrations, requiring some type of insurance. There was discussion regarding the residential parking permits and putting some restrictions on them such as only permitted to resident homes only and cannot be transferrable when property is sold. There was also discussion on increasing the fees to first year with application to \$500 and the yearly renewal to \$250 and some type of sticker for the vehicle not placards. We are hopeful that all that has been discussed will be able to be completed for this year with the changes. The only issue we will not be able to rectify until the end of this year to start for the next year is the facility use applications.

Councilwoman Filippone also stated that she will be giving Mayor and Council a memo from the Beautification Committee on their recommendations for the whole improvement to the recreation area down at the bay front. Please review it.

Councilman Borowski questioned if the Ordinance Committee will be implementing the State rules for the fire pits as well as having the State Fire Marshall look over our restrictions and give his recommendations as well.

Councilwoman Filippone stated that they will be in contact with the Fire Marshall.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion on letter from Joanne LaCicero regarding holding a dinner for couples/residents together for 50 years

Mayor LaCicero stated that this was done back in 2019 and was a big success. At that time, I believe that we also put some money in the budget.

Councilman Borowski stated that it was a very well received event. If the budget allows for it, he supports it fully.

Councilwoman Filippone stated that she too has no problem at all with this. She always thought it would get better participation every few years instead of every year so it should get a great turnout.

The Mayor stated that one of the local businesses will be catering it as well.

Mr. Brice stated that he will discuss it with the CFO and see where we can put it in the budget for this year.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Karen Papsin, 104 Vance Avenue, thanked Councilwoman Filippone for meeting with her the other day. We are really just trying to do some good with improving the area outside the pickleball courts. There is no grass left outside of the courts and the ground has become muddy, dirt and just looks messy and unkempt all the time. We are willing to work with whoever and make a donation to improve the area. We have already discussed that any kind of stone can't be too big nor too small but we were also looking into putting in some kind of turf as well which can be affordable for us to pay for. The pickleball group will work on a plan and work with the Beautification Committee and Council to see what is the best fit.

Mark Speaker, 111 brown avenue, stated only 84 days till Memorial Day. He also spoke to some of the Realtors in town and they all were fine with any kind of registrations needed for the short-term rentals, if necessary.

Vicki Guy, 16 Sterling Avenue, thanked Mayor and Council for their support regarding the 50th anniversary party. She will be part of the committee that will be taking care of this event along with Joanne Filippone. Our town is great with putting together these one of a kind events and she loves being a part of them.

COMMENTS OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Councilman Borowski thanked Public Works for their continued effort on the Newark Avenue Treatment Plant cleanup of the grounds. It really looks great!

Councilwoman Filippone stated that the bench list is up to 60 and we will continue it until it reaches 100. We will be starting to remove the current plaques on the current benches and sort them out to hopefully be able to locate the owners of them. These benches we have now are probably at least 40 years old and the program with the plaques was done by the Lavallette Heritage Committee.

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 agreement. The Motion Passed.

The Council Meeting was adjourned at 8:06pm.

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 7th day of **March 2022**.

Donnelly Amico
Municipal Clerk