

**BOROUGH OF LAVALLETTE(minutes)**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL**  
**LAVALLETTE MUNICIPAL BUILDING**  
**Monday, August 22, 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: John Bennett, Borough Administrator  
Phil George, Borough Attorney  
Donnelly Amico, Municipal Clerk

**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 website and bulletin board.

**MOMENT OF SILENCE:** The Mayor asked for a moment of silence for Rob Bocchino who was a long time resident of Lavallette who passed away and Jean Speaker who also was a longtime resident and Mark Speaker's mother. He also asked for a moment of silence for a retired employee Rich Stanton who passed away recently. Rich was the Borough's mechanic for a long time.

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

**MAYOR'S WELCOMING STATEMENT:** The Mayor welcomed back John Bennett as our Borough Administrator. We are happy to have him back. 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)**

Phil D'Aloisio, Castaways Pub stated that he just wanted to check to see if there have been any issues regarding any noise complaints with their restaurant.

Mayor LaCicero stated that he only heard of one phone call last week but there was no police involvement. If any issues come up they will let him know right away.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Minutes of Caucus/Regular Meeting of July 5, 2022  
Minutes of Executive Session of July 5, 2022  
Minutes of Regular Meeting of July 18, 2022  
Minutes of Executive Session of July 18, 2022  
Minutes of Caucus/Regular Meeting of August 1, 2022

A Motion to approve the minutes was made by Councilman Lamb. 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:**

- 2022-197      appointing Michael Ruvo to the position of part-time Code Enforcement Officer at an hourly rate of \$35.00 not to exceed 29 hours per week
- 2022-198      authorizing the Municipal Clerk to submit the application for funding through the OC Cultural & Heritage Commission’s 2023 Arts Grant for our summer concert series
- 2022-199      hiring 4 badge checkers at an hourly rate of \$13.00 and 2 lifeguards at an hourly rate of \$15.00 for the remainder of the 2022 summer season
- 2022-200      authorizing the disposal of surplus property through GovDeals
- 2022-201      authorizing Douglas Erb to act in the capacity of Construction Official commencing September 6, 2022 through September 9, 2022
- 2022-202      approving a road opening permit to NJNG at 8 New York Avenue
- 2022-203      approving a road opening permit to NJNG at 3 Sterling Avenue

A Motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Councilman Lamb. The Motion was Seconded by Councilman Finer.

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:**

- 2022-204      authorizing the Mayor to sign and the Municipal Clerk to attest to the agreement between the Lavallette First Aid and the Borough of Lavallette in the amount of \$28,000 for their services for year 2022

A Motion to approve this resolution was made by Councilman Lamb. 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 Filippone, Zalom, Stogdill and Lamb voted Yes. Council Members Borowski and Finter abstained. The Motion Passed.

#### **APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:**

2022-205 Bills List in the amount of \$1,541,160.30

A Motion to approve the bills list 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.

#### **ORDINANCES ON FOR INTRODUCTION/FIRST READING:**

**Bond Ordinance 2022-18 (1236)** Bond Ordinance Providing for Various Repairs to the Sanitary Sewer System, Appropriating \$100,000 Therefor and Authorizing the Issuance of \$95,000 Bonds and Notes to Finance a Portion of the Costs Thereof, Authorized In and By the Borough of Lavallette

Mayor LaCicero stated that this is to take care of some repairs to our sewer system. We don't want to start having any issues with this like we have in the past. Better to get any small issues repaired quickly.

A Motion to introduce this Bond Ordinance 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.

Public Hearing and Final Adoption is scheduled for September 6, 2022.

#### **ORDINANCES ON FOR PUBLIC HEARING/FINAL ADOPTION:**

**Ordinance No. 2022-17 (1235)** Ordinance of the Borough of Lavallette Amending, Revising, and Supplementing Chapter 43 of the Borough Code Entitled, "Noise," Specifically 43-7 Entitled "Specific Prohibitions," and more Specifically 43-7 (K)

Mr. George stated that this ordinance was just to take care of a minor correction by removing the tonnage restriction of vehicle.

A Motion to open the public hearing was made by Councilman Borowski. The Motion was Seconded by Councilman Finter.

The Mayor opened the public hearing and asked if anyone wished to comment on this ordinance.

No one wished to comment. The Mayor closed the public hearing and asked Council for a vote on this ordinance.

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

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

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Councilman Lamb stated that they did a fantastic job on the resurface of the tennis courts. We should think about keeping an annual service contract to keep up repairs.

Mayor LaCicero stated that the next to get some repairs should be the shuffleboard courts. He thinks a maintenance program for all the courts resurface is a great idea.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Council President Zalom stated that she would like Council to allow her to send a letter to the County to see if we can reinstate Municipal Alliance.

A Motion to allow Council President to send letter to County was made by Councilman Finter. The Motion was Seconded by Councilman Stogdill.

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

Councilwoman Filippone stated that one of the recommendations we received from OSHA for our beach facilities is to install a lightning waring system. Toms River Township has a system in place for Ortlely Beaches so we will be contacting their Administrator to see if there is some way we can link to their system for maybe a shared services if necessary.

Councilwoman Filippone also stated that the Governor passed two mandated bills regarding lead paint in homes and extra homeowners insurance for any rental properties and businesses. They would have to now pay a fee for landlord registration and rental and send a copy of their homeowners policy with the required amounts of insurance to their municipality.

She stated that the Borough doesn't have enough manpower to check these homes to see if there is any lead present. This would become a major project and a lot of work to get off the ground and we just do not have the money nor the time to do this. The State is not offering any type of extra monies or grants to do this. It would require a few more officials and we just don't have the money nor do we have the time.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

Joe Palinsky, 1106 Ocean Front stated that if there is any grants we receive for any bay front development he would recommend some wood plank walkways with a lot of lighting.

**COMMENTS OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

Councilwoman Filippone stated that the siding looks great on the Public Works building.

Mayor LaCicero stated that we will be concentrating on the dunes and getting updates on the replenishment from the State.

**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 8:33pm.

**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 22<sup>nd</sup> day of August 2022.

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**Donnelly Amico**  
**Municipal Clerk**