

**BOROUGH OF LAVALLETTE(minutes)**  
**CAUCUS/REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL**  
**LAVALLETTE MUNICIPAL BUILDING**  
**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 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 Sally DeGruccio who passed away and for retired employee Sgt. Tony Saldiveri who Councilman Lamb and I worked with for many years on the Police Department.

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

**MAYOR'S WELCOMING STATEMENT:** The Mayor welcomed everyone to tonight's meeting. He stated that Founder's Day is this weekend and it sounds like it will be a good one. The siding is almost complete on the public works building. He stated if anyone 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.

**REPORTS:**

- a) Construction Report for August 2022 -Councilwoman Filippone-read report
- b) Zoning Report for August 2022-Councilwoman Filippone-read report
- c) Police Overtime Report for July 2022-Councilwoman Filippone-read report
- d) Public Works Report for August 2022-Councilman Lamb-read report-read report
- e) Beach Badge Report through Labor Day September 5<sup>th</sup>-Councilman Michael Stogdill-read report
- f) Public Affairs Report-Council President Zalom-So many people raved about our concerts again this year. The Beach Sweeps will be in October 2022.
- g) Tax Account Report for August 2022-Tax Collector
- h) Revenue Transaction Report for June 2022-Chief Financial Officer

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

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

**2022 BOROUGH APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR:** – (requiring advice and consent of Council)

**PLANNING BOARD**

Class II Member            John Bennett            September 6, 2022 through December 31, 2022

Motion: Second: Discussion: Vote:

**ON CONSENT AGENDA/OFF CONSENT AGENDA, AND VOUCHERS:**

**RESOLUTIONS – ON CONSENT:**

2022-206            refunding the unused balance of planning board escrow in the amount of \$519.00

2022-207            appointing John Bennett as the Fund Commissioner to the Ocean County Joint Insurance Fund for the remainder of year 2022

2022-208            appointing John Bennett to the 2022 Emergency Management Team as the Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator for Town Administration and Public Information Officer the remainder of year 2022

2022-209            approving a facilities use application to Soccer Shots to hold a children’s soccer program on Mondays, September 12<sup>th</sup> through October 24<sup>th</sup> 2022 from 4pm to 6:15pm

2022-210            renewal of the membership in the Ocean Municipal Joint Insurance Fund for a term of three years commencing January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2025

2022-210A            appointing two full-time laborers for the Department of Public Works at an annual salary of \$35,253.00 commencing September 7, 2022

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, Zalom, Stogdill, Finter and Lamb voted Yes. The Motion Passed.

**RESOLUTIONS - OFF CONSENT:**

There were no resolutions off consent.

**APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:**

2022-211 Bills List in the amount of \$566,262.01

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:**

**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 in order to make any repairs we need the funds to do so.

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

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

There were no comments.

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

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

A Motion was made to adopt this Bond Ordinance by Councilman Finter. The Motion was Seconded by Councilman Lamb.

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

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

General With No Action:

- a) Ocean County Utilities Authority/Robert McGlaughlin, Planning Specialist/Second Quarter-2022 Metered Flow Data/Received July 28, 2022
- b) Marlene & Louise Long/22 Westmont Avenue/letter stating their positive experience in dealing with Gerry Adams from the Construction Department/Received August 5, 2022
- c) State of New Jersey/Dept. of Environmental Protection/Dennis Reinknecht, Director/standing firm with the municipalities paying their share of the beach Renourishment project/Received September 2, 2022
- d) Marine Science Camp/Sherri Paris, Director/thank you letter to Mayor and Council for their continued support and check for the 10% profits of the camp/Received August 30, 2022
- e/ Ocean County Health Dept./Kimberly Reilly, Coordinator/offering Municipal Alliance Finding to the Borough of Lavallette \$3,353.50/Received September 2, 2022

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Councilman Stogdill stated that OSHA has recommended that the Borough have a lightning notification system for awareness and safety. We will be discussing what exactly the Borough will need and what will work for us so we can keep our employees and beachgoers safe on the beach.

Mayor LaCicero stated that we reviewed our ordinance regarding the feeding of wildlife and feral cats and it will need some updating regarding the exact wording.

Council President Zalom stated that one of our Public Works employees is in the process of getting certified to be our Animal Control Officer.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Mayor LaCicero stated that we will be doing two new ordinances regarding the mandated lead paint and registration of landlords and business owners regarding rental properties and their required homeowners insurance amounts.

Councilwoman Filippone stated that our Construction Official will be doing a webinar regarding the lead paint mandate as well. She also will be setting up an Ordinance Committee meeting and inviting the realtors to give them all the information regarding the rentals.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

Meg Geer, 104 Brown Avenue would like to propose that all trash be put in lidded containers only to prevent the plastic bags being opened by the seagulls.

Councilwoman Filippone stated that our ordinance regarding this is a bit antiquated. We can put this on the list for our ordinance committee to take a look at.

Mark Speaker, 111 Brown Avenue stated that Founder's Day is this weekend and there are so many more vendors.

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

Councilman Borowski stated that he wanted to applaud the beach patrol for extending their coverage for weekends through September. He also would like to request that additional help with the traffic at Bay and Philadelphia during the concert nights.

**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 Finter.

Vote: All of Council was in favor.

The Council Meeting was adjourned at 8pm.

**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 6<sup>th</sup> day of September 2022.

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