

**BOROUGH OF LAVALLETTE(minutes)**  
**CAUCUS/REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL**  
**LAVALLETTE MUNICIPAL BUILDING**  
**Monday, December 18, 2023-7:00 pm**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Walter G. LaCicero, presiding

**ROLL CALL:** Council Members Borowski, Lamb, Zalom, Stogdill, Finter and Filippone  
Councilman Borowski was absent.

Also present: Bill Burns, 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 6, 2023. 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 Hannah Scott who was hit by a car last week and has had to undergo surgery. Our thoughts and prayers are with her and her family.

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

**MAYOR'S WELCOMING STATEMENT:** The Mayor welcomed everyone to tonight's meeting. He stated that our badge sales this year along with our holiday sale was at a record setting. The commercial garbage and feral cat issues will be carried over to the new year but we will make sure it is all rectified soon.

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

**RESOLUTIONS – ON CONSENT:**

- 2023-237 approving the permanent appointment of Vincent Percella to the full time position of Carpenter
- 2023-238 authorizing the cancellation of current fund accounts payable in the amount of \$8,094.53
- 2023-239 authorizing the cancellation of electric utility fund accounts payable in the amount of \$6,000
- 2023-240 approving the permanent appointment of Thomas Eagle and Nicholas Franzoso to the full time position of Senior Public Works Repairer

- 2023-241 authorizing the cancellation of 2023 current fund appropriation balances in the amount of \$400,000
- 2023-242 authorizing the cancellation of 2023 electric operating fund appropriation balances in the amount of \$220,000
- 2023-243 authorizing the cancellation of 2023 sewer operating fund appropriation balances in the amount of \$50,000
- 2023-244 authorizing payment of unused compensatory time for Ryan Greenhalgh in the amount of \$10,592.64 due to a PERC decision
- 2023-245 authorizing the cancellation of 2023 water operating fund appropriation balances in the amount of \$35,000
- 2023-246 approving the Chief of Police to apply for a NJSACOP Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission Grant
- 2023-247 adopting and establishing a “Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual” for the Borough of Lavallette
- 2023-248 authorizing the Borough Engineer to go out to bid for the Well #4 Project
- 2023-249 approving a facilities use application to the Lavallette PTO to utilize the Lavallette Firehouse parking lot to host photos with Santa on Friday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> from 12 noon to 3pm
- 2023-250 authorizing the disposal of surplus property through GovDeals

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

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, Finter and Lamb voted Yes. The Motion Passed.

**RESOLUTIONS - OFF CONSENT:**

There were no resolutions off consent.

**APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:**

2023-251 Bills List in the amount of \$574,462.00

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

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

There was no unfinished business.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

There was no new business.

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

Councilman Stogdill wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Councilwoman Filippone wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Mayor LaCicero stated that Zillow did a 40 towns with house values above 1 million and Lavallette was #20. The County is hinting for us to do another reval but our Assessor has advised me that we can do land adjustments which will not require a total reval. He thanked all of Council for their hard work this year and looks forward to another year. To all our residents we thank you. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

Al Jones, 113 Reese Avenue stated that the continuous flooding on Reese and President Avenues is becoming a bigger problem. This last flooding the Police didn't put out any cones and several pickup trucks trudged through causing waves and water was flowing into the restaurant on Bay Blvd.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

There was no executive session.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

A Motion was made by Councilman Finter to adjourn the Council Meeting. The Motion was Seconded by Councilwoman Filippone.

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

The Council Meeting was adjourned at 7:24pm.

**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 18<sup>th</sup> day of **December 2023**.

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