

**BOROUGH OF LAVALLETTE(minutes)**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL**  
**LAVALLETTE MUNICIPAL BUILDING**  
**Tuesday, February 21, 2023-7:00 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: John Bennett, Borough Administrator  
Bill Burns, 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 6, 2023. Notice was also posted on our municipal website and bulletin board.

**MOMENT OF SILENCE:** The Mayor asked for a moment of silence for longtime residents Steven Drozic of Philadelphia Avenue and Bob Bennett of WPI and Bernadette Flaherty of WPI. Mr. Bennett was the owner of Casino Pier for a long time as well.

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

**MAYOR'S WELCOMING STATEMENT:** The Mayor welcomed everyone to tonight's meeting. He stated that there have been a significant amount of dead whales and dolphins washing ashore and it seems that the blame is being pointed towards the windmills as possible factors. He stated that 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)**

Jarod Grasso, Board of Education President thanked the Mayor and Council for allowing him to come and speak. He stated that there hasn't been a line of communication between the Lavallette School board members and the Mayor and Council for some time now. He feels that there should be some lines of communication between the two a few times a year to give updates on the school and what is going on. The school's stem program is working on a program called "aquaponics" using heads of lettuce. It is a really great program and the kids are learning so much. They encourage Mayor and Council to come and check out the program and the progress they are making.

Dr. Lisa Gleason, Superintendent also thanked Mayor and Council for allowing her to come and speak. She stated that they did their strategic planning back in October on the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> and now that plan will be adopted this Thursday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> 2023.

Mayor LaCicero stated that the relationship between the Borough and the Lavallette School has always been excellent and he looks forward to many more years of this. He thanked both Mr. Grasso and Dr. Gleason for attending tonight and giving their updates.

Councilwoman Filippone stated that she and the Chief of Police have been discussing bringing the Lavallette Officers into the school in some capacity so she will keep them updated as well.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Minutes of Caucus/Regular Meeting of January 17, 2023

Minutes of Caucus/Regular Meeting of February 6, 2023

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

2023-65 approving a facilities use application to Muggeo Basketball, LLC to hold a three-week basketball camp at the new basketball courts starting Monday, July 10<sup>th</sup> through Friday, July 28<sup>th</sup> 2023 from 9am to 12 noon

2023-66 approving an electric refund in the amount of \$152.88 due to a title transfer of the property

2023-67 approving a facilities use application to the Lavallette Business Association to hold a soup competition in the Fire Department parking lot on Saturday, October 21, 2023 from 11am to 3pm with a rain date of Sunday, October 22, 2023-Mayor LaCicero stated that this resolution will be pulled for tonight and put on for the next meeting.

2023-68 amending the 2023 temporary budget in the amount of \$3,620,000-Mayor LaCicero stated that the budget is being prepared. We hope to have it on for introduction at the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting in March.

2023-69 approving a facilities use application to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society to utilize our Washington Avenue parking lot and gazebo grass area as a rest stop for their bicycle ride through town on Saturday, May 13, 2023 between the hours of 7:30am and 1pm

2023-70 approving a proposal from Van Cleef Engineering for surveying and engineering services related to the Brooklyn and Baltimore Avenues road improvement project in the amount of \$50,350

- 2023-71 approving a facilities use application to Northern Habitat for Humanity to hold their fundraising walk on our boardwalk on Saturday, September 16, 2023 from 9am to 11am with a rain date of Saturday, September 23, 2023
- 2023-72 approving a raffle license to the Lavallette PTO to hold an off premise draw raffle on Wednesday, May 10, 2023 at 2:45pm at the Lavallette Elementary School
- 2023-73 approving a facilities use application to Team Zebra Multisport to hold their annual triathlon on Bay Blvd. from Washington to Ortlely Avenues and use of the Washington Avenue parking lot on Saturday, June 3, 2023 from 6am to 11:30am
- 2023-74 appointing Patrick Fehily as a full-time dispatcher effective February 21, 2023

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

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:**

There were no resolutions off-consent.

**APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:**

2023-75 Bills List in the amount of \$363,116.27

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

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

There was no unfinished business.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Councilman Borowski stated that since we publish the calendar with our garbage schedule, we should think about doing a town wide phone blast when there is no garbage on holidays.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

Meg Geer, 104 Brown Avenue stated that we seem to still have issues with the sea gulls attacking and ripping open now the black construction bags of garbage.

Councilman Finter stated that we are hoping to start using just robo cans in the future.

Mayor LaCicero stated that we might actually have to look more into having just garbage cans and no bags at all allowed.

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

There were no comments.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Mr. Burns stated that there is a need to go into executive session to discuss some potential litigation. There will be no action taken.

A Motion to adjourn the Council Meeting to go into executive session was made by Councilman Finter. The Motion was Seconded by Councilman Stogdill.

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

The Council Meeting was adjourned to go into executive session at 7:30pm.

A Motion to reconvene the Council Meeting was made by Councilman Finter. The Motion was Seconded by Councilman Stogdill.

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

The Council Meeting was reconvened at 7:46pm.

Mr. Burns stated that during the executive session there was discussion regarding some possible litigation and there was no action taken.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

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

The Council Meeting was adjourned at 7:47pm.

**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 21<sup>st</sup> day of February 2023.

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