

**BOROUGH OF LAVALLETTE(minutes)**  
**CAUCUS/REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL**  
**LAVALLETTE MUNICIPAL BUILDING**  
**Monday, February 6, 2023-7:00 pm**

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

**ROLL CALL:** Council Members Borowski, Lamb, Zalom, Stogdill, Finter and Filippone

Council Members Zalom, Borowski and Finter were 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 for Councilman Finter who was not at our meeting tonight due to a medical issue.

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

**SWEARING IN OF BRIAN BUCINO AS A LAVALLETE POLICE OFFICER**

Mayor LaCicero swore in new Police Officer Brian Bucino with his family and fellow Lavallette Police Officers present.

2023-63A appointing Brian Bucino as a full-time Lavallette Police Officer

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

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

**MAYOR'S WELCOMING STATEMENT:** The Mayor welcomed everyone to tonight's meeting. He stated that the County has now agreed to be the entire costs for the beach replenishment which will leave no cost impact on Lavallette's revenues. He stated that the town wide garage sale will be Saturday and Sunday, June 10<sup>th</sup> and June 11<sup>th</sup> for this year. He stated that anyone who wished to comment on any items that were not on the agenda or if they could not remain for the rest 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.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Caucus/Regular Meeting of December 5, 2022.  
Executive Session Minutes of December 5, 2022  
Regular Meeting of December 19, 2022  
Reorganization Meeting of January 3, 2023

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

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

**REPORTS:**

- a) Construction Report for January 2023 -Councilwoman Filippone-read report
- b) Zoning Report for January 2023-Councilwoman Filippone-read report
- c) Municipal Court Report for January 2023-Councilwoman Filippone-read report
- d) Police Overtime Report for January 2023-Councilwoman Filippone-no report
- e) Public Works Report for January 2023-Councilman Lamb-read report
- f) Public Affairs-Council President Zalom
- g) Tax Account Report for January 2023-Tax Collector
- h) Tax Sale Report held on December 6, 2022-Tax Collector

A Motion to approve the reports was made by Councilman Lamb. The Motion was Seconded by Councilwoman Filippone:

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

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

**RESOLUTIONS – ON CONSENT:**

- 2023-55 approving a facilities use application to Jersey Shore Running Club to utilize our boardwalk on April 1, 2023 from 8am to 10am for their annual Special Olympics relay race
- 2023-56 authorizing the Mayor to sign and execute an inter local shared services agreement with the OC Prosecutors Office for participation in their Prosecutors Program for year 2023
- 2023.-57 approving a facilities use application to Daniel Misdea to hold youth flag football games on Chandler Field starting March 1, 2023 through May 10, 2023 on Saturdays from 9am to 2pm and two weekly night practices-Mayor LaCicero stated that we can approve this with the contingency that if we are approved for the grant to upgrade the field that we will have to rescind approval during any renovations.

- 2023-58 awarding a contract under state contract #83909 to Motorola Solutions, Inc., (Wireless Electronics, Inc.) for the purchase of portable radios for the Lavallette Fire Department in the amount of \$69,558
- 2023-59 approving facility use applications to the LBA to hold a 5K Run on June 24<sup>th</sup>, a patriotic bike parade on July 2<sup>nd</sup> and a soup competition on October 21<sup>st</sup> 2023
- 2023-60 approving the use of the bay front facilities including the gazebo, bay front and parking areas along the bay front for Lavallette Founder's Day to be held on September 9, 2023 and also re-appointing the Founder's Day Committee
- 2023-61 approving a facilities use application to the Lavallette PTO to hold an Auction and Dinner Dance on June 9, 2023 from 6pm to 10pm on Chandler Field
- 2023-62 authorizing Big Ed's Produce to exhibit merchandise outside the confines of the commercial building between May 1<sup>st</sup> and October 1<sup>st</sup> 2023
- 2023-63 authorizing the disposal of surplus property through GovDeals
- 2023-63B authorizing the submission of the CDBG application for year 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 Filippone, Stogdill and Lamb voted Yes. The Motion Passed.

**RESOLUTIONS - OFF CONSENT:**

There were no resolutions off consent.

**APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:**

- 2023-64 Bills List in the amount of \$3,989,958.54

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

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

**ORDINANCE ON FOR FIRST READING/INTRODUCTION:**

**Ordinance No. 2023-02 (1240)** Ordinance of the Borough of Lavallette, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, Amending, Revision an Supplementing Chapter 48 of the Borough Code, Entitled, “Police Department”, Chapter 48, Article I, Entitled, “Establishment and Organization”, and More Specifically, 48-2, Entitled, “Organization of Department”, and 48-3 Entitled, “Detective Bureau, Office of Detective”

Mayor LaCicero stated that this ordinance is just doing some cleanup of our code to remove the title of Public Safety Director.

A Motion to introduce this ordinance was made by Councilman Stogdill. The Motion was Seconded by Councilman Lamb.

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

Public Hearing and Final Adoption is scheduled for February 17, 2023

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

General With No Action:

a) Altice/Maria Bruzzese, Senior VP/Annual Franchise Agreement/Franchise Fee Payment in the amount of \$30,123/Received January 12, 2023.

b) Michael DeBree/138 Princeton Avenue, thanking Tom Brihn, Construction Official for his hard work and attentiveness with helping us getting a CO on time for our closing date/Received January 17, 2023

c) Board of Commissioners/John Kelly, Commissioner/2023 County Road Improvement Program/Received January 25, 2023.

d) Ocean County Utilities Authority/Keith Marcoon, Exec. Director/Certificate of 2023 Annual Charge/Received January 25, 2023.

e) Community Services, Inc. of Ocean County/James Sigurdson, Exec. Director/Meals on Wheels 2022/Received January 27, 2023

f) Lavallette Yacht Club/Pamela Phillips-McManus, Secretary/closing of Swan Point Road from 9am Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup> until 9am Monday February 13<sup>th</sup>/Received January 29, 2023.

g) Ocean County Utilities Authority/Keith Marcoon, Exec. Director/Deficiency Notification for 2022 Calendar Year/Received January 31, 2023.

h) MaryAnn & Rob Wallis/66 Pershing Blvd./expressing their disappointment in Lavallette’s exclusive agreement with Optimum/Cablevision and urges to reconsider such agreement/Received February 2, 2023

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

There was no unfinished business.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

There was no new business.

**2<sup>nd</sup> PUBLIC HEARING ON CDBG 2023 GRANT APPLICATION**

A Motion to open the public hearing was made by Councilman Stogdill. The Motion was Seconded by Councilman Lamb.

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

Mayor LaCicero stated that Lavallette can once again apply for another CDBG grant this year. We are able to apply for this grant every other year. Back in 2021 we applied for a handicap accessible mobi mat to be put at the President Avenue walkover, which is one of our handicap accessible walkovers, to add easier accessibility for the disabled. This year we will be applying for another one of these handicap accessible mobi mats to be put along another one of our handicap accessible walkovers. The Borough of Lavallette has 4 handicap accessible walkovers in town and they are located on our wider street accesses. This hearing is to get more of the public's comments on the mobi mats and also which of the other three handicap accessible walkovers should receive this additional mobi mat.

No one in our audience had any comments regarding this application for the CDBG grant.

Councilwoman Filippone stated that New York or Trenton Avenues should be one of the next handicap accessible walkovers to receive the mobi mat.

A Motion to close the public hearing was made by Councilman Lamb. The Motion was Seconded by Councilwoman Filippone.

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

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

Vincent Marino, 1501 Bay Blvd. stated that since the Borough has a franchise agreement with Cablevision/Optimum for another few years and there are no other options at this time, maybe someone should discuss with them to offer the residents better deals or more options.

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

There were no comments from Mayor and Council Members.

**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 Stogdill.

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

The Council Meeting was adjourned at 7:34pm.

**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 **February 2023**.

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