

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

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Walter G. LaCicero, presiding

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

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 any loved ones that have passed.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Council President Zalom led us in the Salute to the Flag.

MAYOR'S WELCOMING STATEMENT: The Mayor welcomed everyone to tonight's meeting. He stated that we have an organization that will be taking care of our feral cat issue and will be implementing the trap neuter and release program. We also have been given a sample ordinance designed to discourage the feeding of feral cats that we will be reviewing. We are also going to be putting \$1,000 into our budget for this to go towards any costs.

The Mayor stated that anyone who wished to comment on any items that are not on the agenda or if they cannot 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.

2023 BOROUGH APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR: (not requiring Council approval)

Planning Board / Board of Adjustment

<u>Term</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Appointee</u>
2 Year	Alternate Member #1	Mary Chyb (Unexpired Term through 12/31/2023)

REPORTS:

- a) Construction Report for February 2023 -Councilwoman Filippone-read report
- b) Zoning Report for February 2023-Councilwoman Filippone-read report
- c) Municipal Court Report for February 2023-Councilwoman Filippone-read report
- d) Police Overtime Report for January 2023-Councilwoman Filippone-read report
- e) Public Works Report for February 2023-Councilman Lamb-read report
- f) Public Affairs-Council President Zalom-Sorry I wasn't here in February. We received the \$2,500 grant to go towards our concerts and applied for the CDBG grant this year to purchase another matrix mobi mat for another one of our handicap walkovers and asked for \$40,000 so hopefully we will hear back on that soon. The LBA will be holding the easter egg hunt next month before good Friday
- g) Tax Account Report for February 2023-Tax Collector
- h) Revenue Transaction Report for January 2023-Chief Financial Officer

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

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:

- 2023-76 approving a facilities use application to Breathe Life Yoga to hold yoga classes on Trenton and Philadelphia Avenues ocean beaches starting May 26th through September 30th 2023, Monday through Sunday, 7am to 8:45pm
- 2023-77 authorizing the Mayor to sign and the Municipal Clerk to attest to the Intergovernmental Agreement with the County of Ocean to provide funding for the beach re-nourishment project
- 2023-78 approving a facilities use application to Yakkity Yak Kayaks to utilize the bay beach near Vance Avenue daily from May 15th through September 30th 2023 at various times from 10am to 4pm for only drop-offs and pickups
- 2023.-79 approving a residential parking permit to new homeowners James & Patricia Witte of 22 Philadelphia Avenue
- 2023-80 approving a facilities use application to the LBA to hold a soup competition in the fire department parking lot on Saturday, October 21, 2023 with a rain date of Sunday, October 22, 2023

- 2023-81 approving the use of our pickeball and tennis courts to the County of Ocean Parks & Recreation, Monday, August 7th through Thursday, August 10th with pickle ball times of 9:30am to 10:30am and tennis times 11am to 12 noon
- 2023-82 authorizing Sharon Morgan to provide coverage of Planning Board meetings in the absence of Joyce Deutsch, Planning Board Secretary at the hourly rate of \$25.47
- 2023-83 appointing Tom Brihn, Construction Official as the Zoning Official with five days of vacation for the position and no increase in salary
- 2023-84 approving an application for re-numbering of properties to Peter Paftinos renumbering 2200 Grand Central Avenue to 98A and 98B Elizabeth Avenue
- 2023-85 approving the annual certifications of all Lavallette First Aid Members who have qualified for credit under the LOSAP Program for 2022-Councilwoman Filippone stated that she discussed increasing this amount by \$200 the first year and \$100 each additional year. Councilman Borowski stated that statutorily there are limits to how high the credit can be increased. Mr. Burns stated that he will need to take a look at the ordinance to see exactly what was done at that time. He stated that we should pull this resolution off for tonight so he can review the ordinance and we can put it on for the next meeting.

A Motion to approve the consent agenda minus resolution 2023-85 was made by Councilman Lamb. The Motion was Seconded by Councilwoman Filippone.

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 was no resolutions off consent.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:

2023-86 Bills List in the amount of \$363,922.31

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

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

COMMUNICATIONS:

General With No Action:

- a) John Roesler/152A Newark Avenue/letter of thanks to the public works employees, Lori, Chuck and the water dept. employees who helped with assisting with our water cutoffs in a polite and professional manner/Received January 2023
- b) State of New Jersey/Department of Environmental Protection/2023 Beach Season and Ensuring Water Quality and Open Beaches/Received March 1, 2023

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilman Borowski stated that the State is pushing for electric car chargers in towns. Our electric department as well as our Public Power Association will need to be made aware where and how many we will have in town if we decide to do this.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Bill Murray, 1 Elizabeth Avenue stated that Mayor and Council continue to do a great job. Just wants to say that there are still so many people bringing their dogs on our beach and he still does not see any enforcement being done to stop it.

Alex Barletta, 16 Sturgis Road thanked Mayor and Council for all they do. He has been a permanent full time resident here since 2016 and has the honor of being a member of the Planning Board as well. He stated that he was curious to know if there has been any movement regarding a change in the garbage service in town.

Mayor LaCicero stated that we will have a presentation from a tipper can company at the next meeting.

COMMENTS OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Councilman Finter stated that we need to make sure our current ordinances do not allow any hookah lounges in town.

Mr. Burns stated that he will review the ordinance and make sure it includes this.

Mr. Bennett stated that we will have the introduction of our 2023 budget at our next meeting. Our Supt. of Public Works will be applying for a stormwater grant since the new guidelines require some additional work on the infrastructure, mapping and updates of ordinance.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

There was no executive session.

ADJOURNMENT:

A Motion to adjourn the Council Meeting was made by Councilman Lamb. The Motion was Seconded by Councilman Stogdill.

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

The Council Meeting was adjourned at 8:04pm.

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 6th day of **March 2023**.

Donnelly Amico
Municipal Clerk