

BOROUGH OF LAVALLETTE(minutes)
CAUCUS/REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
LAVALLETTE MUNICIPAL BUILDING
Monday, June 5, 2023-7:00 pm

CALL TO ORDER: Councilman Robert P. Lamb, 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: Councilman Lamb asked for a moment of silence for longtime resident Robert Black who passed away recently and for Constance Palinsky who is Joe Palinsky's mother.

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

MAYOR'S WELCOMING STATEMENT: Councilman Lamb stated that if anyone in the audience 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.

REPORTS:

- a) Construction Report for May 2023 -Councilwoman Filippone-read report
- b) Zoning Report for May 2023-Councilwoman Filippone-read report
- c) Municipal Court Report for May 2023-Councilwoman Filippone-read report
- d) Police Overtime Report for March 2023-Councilwoman Filippone-read report
- e) Public Works Report for May 2023-Councilman Lamb-read report
- g) Beach Badge Report for May 2023-Councilman Stogdill-read report
- h) Public Affairs-Council President Zalom-Memorial Day Services were wonderful
- i) Tax Account Report for May 2023-Tax Collector
- j) Revenue Transaction Report for April 2023-Chief Financial Officer

A Motion to approve the reports 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.

ON CONSENT AGENDA/OFF CONSENT AGENDA, AND VOUCHERS:

RESOLUTIONS – ON CONSENT:

- 2023-146 approving an electric refund in the amount of \$161.50 due to an overpayment
- 2023-147 approving the renewal of liquor license for year 2023-2024 to the Lavallette Yacht Club
- 2023-148 refunding an electric credit in the amount of \$63.41 due to sale of house
- 2023-149 approving the renewal of liquor license for year 2023-2024 to Lavallette Liquors,
- 2023-150 appointing Elder Rivera as a Class II Special Officer at an hourly rate of \$14.13
- 2023-151 approving a renewal of liquor license for year 2023-2024 to the Crab's Claw Inn
- 2023-152 appointing Joe Pepe as a Code Enforcement Officer at an hourly rate of \$35.00 for the Borough of Lavallette
- 2023-153 amending the approved facilities use application for Northern Habitat for Humanity changing the date of the event from Saturday, September 16, 2023 with a rain date of Saturday, September 23, 2023 to Saturday, September 23, 2023 with a rain date of Saturday, September 30, 2023
- 2023-154 approving the renewal of liquor license for year 2023-2024 to Cornerstone Wines & Liquors
- 2023-155 approving a facilities use application to the Beach House Studio to hold beach yoga classes on the ocean beach on Pennsylvania Avenue starting June 17th through September 4th 2023 from 7:30am to 8:30am
- 2023-156 approving a facilities use application to the Beach House Studio to hold sunset beach yoga classes on the ocean beach at Camden Avenue starting July 12th through August 16th 2023 on Wednesdays from 6:45pm to 7:15pm with a paint option from 7:15pm to 8pm
- 2023-156A appointing beach badge checkers for the 2023 summer season
- 2023-156B establishing a curfew effective June 1, 2023 through September 5, 2023 for minors under the age of 18 years old unless accompanied by an adult over the age of 25 years old

2023-156C appointing additional lifeguards for the 2023 summer season

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

Councilman Lamb opened the floor to the public and asked if anyone wished to comment on the consent agenda.

No one wished to comment. Councilman Lamb 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. Council President Zalom abstained. The Motion Passed.

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Mr. Burns stated that these resolutions are all contingent upon the police investigations.

A Motion to approve these resolutions was made by Councilman Stogdill. The Motion was Seconded by Council President Zalom.

Councilman Lamb opened the floor to the public and asked if anyone wished to comment on these resolutions.

No one wished to comment. Councilman Lamb closed the floor to the public and asked Council for a vote on these resolutions.

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

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:

2023-157 Bills List in the amount of \$624,223.12

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

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

ORDINANCES ON FOR PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL ADOPTION:

Bond Ordinance 2023-07 (1245) Bond Ordinance Providing for Capital Improvements and the Acquisition of Various Capital Equipment, Appropriating \$803,120, Therefor and Authorizing the Issuance of \$525,400 Bonds and Notes to Finance a Portion of the Costs Thereof, Authorized in and by the Borough of Lavallette, in the County of Ocean, New Jersey

Mr. Bennett stated that this Bond Ordinance is for some road improvements to Brooklyn Avenue and a portion of Baltimore and for some necessary equipment that is needed for Public Works.

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

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

Councilman Lamb opened the public hearing and asked if anyone wished to comment on this Bond Ordinance.

No one wished to comment.

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

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

A Motion was made by Councilman Stogdill to adopt this Bond Ordinance. The Motion was Seconded by Councilwoman Filippone.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Council President Zalom stated that we are still waiting to hear on how much we will be getting for the CDBG grant this year. We will be purchasing one of the Matrix mats to put on the New York Avenue handicap walkover.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Bill Murray, 1 Elizabeth Avenue thanked Council for the curfew of minors. There is really too much of this vandalism and it seems to be getting worse with groups of kids. We should think about installing security cameras in the areas that have already been vandalized as well.

Bob Astorino, 2 Elizabeth Avenue questioned when the dune grass that is not doing well is going to be replaced on the west side.

Mr. Bennett stated that it will be taken care of with the beach replenishment project.

Joanne Marino, 1501 Bay Blvd. stated that the walkover to the beach on NY Avenue is in desperate need of being cleaned up from rocks and stones.

Vincent Marino, 1501 Bay Blvd. stated that he agrees about the security cameras needing to be installed due to the vandalism.

COMMENTS OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Mr. Bennett stated that they didn't anticipate that Memorial Day Weekend would be more like the 4th of July with the amount of people in town this year. There were significant issues with garbage, traffic and issues on the beach.

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 Borowski.

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

The Council Meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm.

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 5th day of **June 2023**.

Donnelly Amico
Municipal Clerk

