

**BOROUGH OF LAVALLETTE(minutes)**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL**  
**LAVALLETTTE MUNICIPAL BUILDING**  
**Monday, July 24, 2023-7:00 pm**

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

**ROLL CALL:** Council Members Borowski, Lamb, Zalom, Stogdill, Finter and Filippone  
Councilman Stogdill 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 any loved ones who have passed.

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

**MAYOR'S WELCOMING STATEMENT:** The Mayor welcomed everyone to tonight's meeting. He stated that the Island Mayors had their monthly meeting and one of the topics of discussion was that the County tax rate has increased substantially. 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)**

Eileen Turner, 150A Newark Avenue, stated that she just wanted to give another update on the cats. Currently we have trapped 21 adult cats and 16 kittens. The kittens will be going to foster homes until they can be adopted. She thanked all of the volunteers who have helped them with this program and the trapping. Thanks to Mayor and Council for allowing this to happen and for supporting us.

Mayor LaCicero stated that the results have been incredible and the town thanks them for all their work.

Gary Norman, 20 Westmont Avenue questioned whether they have discussed any further the subject of a dog park in town.

Mayor LaCicero stated that there was some discussion about the goose patrol and a dog park but we have not made any decisions on this yet.

Mr. Norman stated that he thinks one of the ideas that was being discussed about putting a fence up on the ballfield to separate the goose patrol and the ballfield so the dogs can continuously stay on the field without disrupting the field when in use.

Councilwoman Filippone stated that the dog owners in town should start obeying the rules we have already in place regarding no dogs on the beach and boardwalk and picking up after them. It seems to be a consistent problem with these rules.

Tammy Roselli, 108 Brown Avenue stated that there is a big safety concern regarding bicycles and pedestrian safety in town. The law is clear that bicycles are not allowed on sidewalks and yet that's all that goes in in town is bicycles on our sidewalks and the people walking risk getting run down and they have to move out of the way because the bikes never do. This needs to start being enforced.

Joan Boyle, 95 Pershing Blvd. stated that there has always been roll curbing on West Point Island and cars can park there. There was always signs that said where you can park and where you can't park and for some reason these signs have disappeared.

Mayor LaCicero stated that Pershing is a County road so we will have our Administrator contact them and see if we can get those signs posted again.

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

#### **RESOLUTIONS – ON CONSENT:**

- 2023-183 approving the hiring of four additional badge checkers and one lifeguard for the remainder of the 2023 summer season
- 2023-184 approving the annual certifications submitted by the Lavallette Fire Department for volunteers who have qualified for the LOSAP program for 2022
- 2023-185 authorizing the purchase under the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Program of a Leach 25 cubic yard rear loader to be mounted on the Borough's Peterbilt 548 Chassis in the amount of \$220,730.80
- 2023-186 authorizing the award of contract to Malouf Chevrolet Cadillac for the purchase of a 2023 Chevy Colorado in the amount of \$39,218.35 for the Department of Public Works
- 2023-187 consenting to the renewal of the liquor license for year 2023-2024 as a pocket license to Sherman Hospitality, LLC under the terms of a consent order of the NJ Division of ABC

A Motion to approve the consent agenda 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, Finter and Lamb voted Yes. The Motion Passed.

**RESOLUTIONS - OFF CONSENT:**

No resolutions off-consent.

**APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:**

2023-188 Bills List in the amount of \$2,294,337.39

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

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

There was no unfinished business.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Councilman Borowski stated that the Public Power Association has purchased the electric for Lavallette through 2024.

Council President Zalom stated that the annual Breast Cancer Walk will be on August 6<sup>th</sup>. This walk will be under the Lavallette Recreation since we do not have a Municipal Alliance anymore.

Mayor LaCicero stated that 8B Washington Avenue applied for a residential parking permit but unfortunately they do not fit the required criteria since they have a driveway and their lot is not under 50 x 100.

Mr. Bennett stated that the Borough will be selling blankets and tote bags with the Borough seal in the Administration Office if anyone is interested. He also stated that in 2026 it will be the 140<sup>th</sup> birthday for Lavallette and we are looking to have a weekend event for this and maybe coordinate it with Founder's Day.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

There were no comments.

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

Councilman Lamb stated that the repairs to the shuffleboard courts are completed. The weather has not been cooperating as of yet to fix the cracks on the pickle ball courts.

Council President Zalom stated that there were two concerts cancelled because of the rain. We also need to get more bike racks to put down on the bay front.

**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 Finter.

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

The Council Meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm.

**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 24<sup>th</sup> day of **July 2023**.

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