

BOROUGH OF LAVALLETTE(minutes)
CAUCUS/REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
LAVALLETTE MUNICIPAL BUILDING
Monday, August 7, 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 Lt. Governor Sheila Oliver who recently passed away.

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 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)

Meryl Baccarro, 19 New Brunswick Avenue stated that this was the first year she attempted to play pickleball down at the courts with four of her friends. They were continuously harassed by the pickleball club. They told us that the courts are not supposed to be reserved. It really has become a problem with them versus the rest of the taxpayers in town.

REPORTS:

- a) Construction Report for July 2023 -Councilwoman Filippone-read report
- b) Zoning Report for July 2023-Councilwoman Filippone-read report
- c) Municipal Court Report for July 2023-Councilwoman Filippone-read report
- d) Police Overtime Report for June 2023-Councilwoman Filippone-read report
- e) Public Works Report for July 2023-Councilman Lamb-read report
- g) Beach Badge Report through August 7, 2023-Councilman Stogdill-read report
- h) Public Affairs-Council President Zalom-Our concerts are wonderful and so many people attend as well as our movies on the bay.
- i) Tax Account Report for June 2023-Tax Collector
- j) Revenue Transaction Report for May 2023-Chief Financial Officer

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

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:

- 2023-189 hiring 5 additional badge checkers and 2 lifeguards for the remainder of the 2023 summer season
- 2023-190 awarding a contract to T & R Electric for the purchase of 22 pole top transformers in the amount of \$39,172.00
- 2023-191 awarding a contract (S-83921) to Wilmac Business Equipment Co., Inc. for the upgrade to the NICE audio recording system for the Lavallette Police Dept. in the amount of \$30,990.80
- 2023-192 awarding a contract (T-3031) to Drager, Inc. for the purchase of an alcotest system for the Lavallette Police Dept. in the amount of \$19, 305.00

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, Stogdill, Finter and Lamb voted Yes. The Motion Passed.

RESOLUTIONS - OFF CONSENT:

There were no resolutions off consent.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:

- 2023-193 Bills List in the amount of \$4,095,919.78

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

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

ORDINANCES ON FOR INTRODUCTION/FIRST READING

Ordinance No. 2023-09 (1247) Ordinance of the Borough of Lavallette Amending Chapter 89 of the General Ordinances Entitled, “Vehicles and Traffic”

Mayor LaCicero stated that this is to put a 15 minute parking space in front of 1901 Grand Central Avenue.

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

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

Public Hearing and Final Adoption is scheduled for August 21, 2023

COMMUNICATIONS:

General with No Action:

- a) Lavallette Seniors Club/Jim Peeney, President/thanking Mayor and Council for their continued generous support/Received July 10, 2023
- b) Judith Leblein Josephs/114 New York Avenue/thanking Chief of Police Christian LaCicero for his interest and determination in helping the residents of NY Avenue in obtaining an additional crosswalk and turning arrows/Received July 12, 2023
- c) Dan Pollera/401 Bay Blvd./requesting the trees and bushes across from Bond Avenue on Bay Blvd. be cut down and trimmed due to overgrowth and has become a hangout for teenagers and is mess with litter/Received July 12, 2023
- d) Meals on Wheels of Ocean County/James Sigurdson, Exec. Director/Summer 2023 Newsletter/Received July 14, 2023

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Vince Marino, 1501 Bay Blvd. stated that the parking spaces on the ocean block are 18 feet apart and need to be decreased so we can fit more spaces.

Councilwoman Filippone stated that State law is 18 feet.

Mr. Marino stated that if we decreased to 15 feet we can get more spaces.

COMMENTS OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS:

There were no comments.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

There was no executive session.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

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

The Council Meeting was adjourned at 8:01pm.

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 7th day of **August 2023**.

Donnelly Amico
Municipal Clerk