

**BOROUGH OF LAVALLETTE(minutes)**  
**CAUCUS/REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL**  
**LAVALLETTE MUNICIPAL BUILDING**  
**Monday, October 21, 2024-7:00 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 10, 2024. Notice was also posted on our municipal bulletin board and municipal website.

**MOMENT OF SILENCE:** The Mayor asked for a moment of silence for all loved ones who have passed.

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

**MAYOR’S WELCOMING STATEMENT:** The Mayor welcomed everyone to tonight’s meeting. He stated that the beach replenishment bid was awarded finally and they are looking to start the project in the spring.

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

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ZALOM-PROCLAMATION FOR THE NATIONAL FRIENDS OF LIBRARY WEEK**

Council President Zalom read the proclamation aloud.

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

**RESOLUTIONS – ON CONSENT:**

- 2024-223 authorizing the employment of Austin Rovira to the position of full-time Electric Lineman effective October 17, 2024 at an annual salary of \$90,700
- 2024-224 approving the proposal from Van Cleef Engineering for the Design and Bidding Services for the Potable Water Supply Well #6 Project in the amount of \$23,850
- 2024-225 approving the employment of Theodore Golubowski, III to the position of part-time Recycling Attendant effective September 23, 2024 at an hourly rate of \$15.13

- 2024-226 certifying to the NJ Local Finance Board that all members of the Governing Body have reviewed, at a minimum, the “comments and recommendations” section of the annual audit
- 2024-227 authorizing the Mayor to sign and execute the shared services agreement with the County of Ocean for the recycling center use and revenue sharing
- 2024-228 authorizing the employment of Frank Poerio to the position of part-time Code Enforcement Officer at an hourly rate of \$37.05 effective October 15, 2024
- 2024-229 authorizing the cancellation of general capital fund grant receivable balances in the amount totaling \$79,488.07
- 2024-230 authorizing the Mayor to sign and execute policy endorsements for the Horizon prescription and dental plans for 2025
- 2024-230A approving a raffle license to the Lavallette School PTO to be held on December 16, 2024 at 7pm at the Lavallette School

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

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:**

- 2024-231 Bills List in the amount of \$4,257,065.12

A Motion to approve the bills list 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.

**ORDINANCES ON FOR PUBLIC HEARING/FINAL ADOPTION:**

**Ordinance No. 2024-12 (1263)** Ordinance of the Borough of Lavallette, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, Amending Chapter 63, Entitled, “Water”, Article II, Section 3(B), Entitled, “Water Usage Charge”

Mayor LaCicero stated that the water/sewer rates are going up substantially but they are still lower than NJ American Water and we haven’t increased them in 14 years.

The Mayor opened the public hearing and asked if anyone wished to comment on this ordinance.

No one wished to comment.

The Mayor closed the public hearing.

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

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

**Ordinance No. 2024-13 (1264)** Ordinance of the Borough of Lavallette, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, Amending Chapter 52, Entitled, “Sewer Use”, Article V, Entitled, “Rate Schedule”, Section 3(A), Entitled, “Sewer Usage Charge”

The Mayor opened the public hearing and asked if anyone wished to comment on this ordinance.

No one wished to comment.

The Mayor closed the public hearing.

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

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Councilman Stogdill stated that the holiday badge sale will begin on December 2<sup>nd</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup> for season and senior badges.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Discussion on Best Practices Checklist

Mr. Bennett stated that with this checklist we need to have a percentage of yes answers in order to comply with the State to receive the State Aid and we have accomplished that again this year.

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

Councilwoman Filippone stated that DPW has begun to put the new benches with the plaques out by the gazebo. We had our Ordinance Committee meeting on October 9<sup>th</sup>. The Girl Scouts and Landon Hoberman were in attendance. We discussed the requests for ordinances that were received by the Girl Scouts and Landon. We also discussed the issue of ball playing on the beach and music on outside speakers at restaurants.

Mayor LaCicero stated that he and Mr. Burns attended a court mediation session in Trenton regarding Verizon. We discussed modifying their facilities on poles to make room for our lightning detection system. We received a new proposal from them today but have not had a chance to review it yet.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

There were no comments.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

There was no executive session.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

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

The Council Meeting was adjourned at 7:52pm.

**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 **21<sup>st</sup> day of October 2024.**

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Donnelly Amico  
Municipal Clerk