

**BOROUGH OF LAVALLETTE(minutes)**  
**CAUCUS/REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL**  
**LAVALLETTE MUNICIPAL BUILDING**  
**Tuesday, November 12, 2024-7:00 pm**

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

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

Councilman Borowski was absent.

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 longtime resident Maryann Baginski from Trenton Avenue. She was the Board of Education President for 33 years.

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

**MAYOR'S WELCOMING STATEMENT:** The Mayor welcomed everyone to tonight's meeting. He stated that the bench dedication ceremony luncheon this past Saturday went very well.

Councilwoman Filippone stated that the dedication ceremony went wonderful. Sixty-three benches were purchased and 300 family member for those memorial benches attended.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Regular Meeting of August 19, 2024  
Caucus/Regular Meeting of September 3, 2024  
Regular Meeting of September 16, 2024  
Caucus/Regular Meeting of October 7, 2024

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

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

**REPORTS:**

- a) Construction Report for October 2024 -Councilwoman Filippone-read report

- b) Zoning/Code Report for October 2024-Councilwoman Filippone-read report
- c) Municipal Court Report for October 2024-Councilwoman Filippone-no report
- d) Police Overtime Report for October 2024-Councilwoman Filippone-read report
- e) Public Works Report for October 2024-Councilman Lamb-read report
- f) Fire Department Report for October 2024-Councilwoman Filippone-no report
- g) Animal Control Report for October 2024-Councilwoman Filippone-read report
- h) Public Affairs-Council President Zalom-The Halloween Harvest Hoedown was a big hit.
- i) Tax Account Report for October 2024-Tax Collector
- j) Revenue Transaction Report for September 2024-Chief Financial Officer

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

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

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

**RESOLUTIONS – ON CONSENT:**

- 2024-232 authorizing the employment of Christine Nunziato to the position of part-time Planning Board Secretary at an hourly rate of \$25.00
- 2024-233 authorizing the disposal of surplus property through GovDeals
- 2024-234 setting fees for 2025 beach badges under Chapter 7-9 of the Borough Code
- 2024-235 establishing the official holiday pre-season badge sale dates
- 2024-236 awarding a contract to T&R Electric Supply for the purchase of six pole mount transformers for the electric department in the amount of \$24,552.00
- 2024-237 authorizing two applicants to attend the OC Police Academy SLEO II training commencing January 3, 2024
- 2024-238 establishing protocol for dealing with beaching of marine mammals and sea turtles
- 2024-239 accepting the donation of a matrix mat for our bay beach from Bloomin Properties, LLC of 153 Pershing Blvd. valuing in at \$9,000
- 2024-240 accepting a donation of \$5,000 from Jessica Krill of Beaches For All for acquiring additional matrix mats for our beaches
- 2024-240A approving a facilities use application to the Union Soccer League to hold a men’s soccer games on Chandler Field on Sunday, November 17, 2024 from 7:30am to 5pm

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

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

**RESOLUTIONS - OFF CONSENT:**

There were no resolutions off-consent.

**APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:**

2024-241 Bills List in the amount of \$786,339.42

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.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Mr. Bennett stated that our History Book Committee has completed one chapter for the history book.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

There was no new business.

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

There were no comments.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

Landon Hoberman, 5 Washington Avenue stated that he just wanted to get an update regarding preparing an ordinance for reduce by request plastic utensils.

Mayor LaCicero stated that any new ordinances like this will not be done until the beginning of next year.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Mr. Burns stated that there was a need to go into executive session to discuss Verizon litigation and there may be some action taken when we come back on record.

Councilman Finter will be recused from this meeting.

A Motion to close the Council Meeting to go into executive session 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 to go into executive session at 7:48pm.

A Motion to reconvene the Council Meeting was made by Councilman Stogdill. The Motion was Seconded by Councilman Finter.

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

Mr. Burns stated that while in executive session there was discussion regarding a settlement agreement with Verizon that we have updated. We will be voting on the approval of the settlement tonight and then there will be a resolution memorializing it at the next meeting at which time we will discuss what was in the settlement agreement.

A Motion to approve the settlement agreement with Verizon was made by Councilman Lamb. The Motion was Seconded by Councilman Stogdill.

Vote: Council Members Zalom, Stogdill and Lamb voted Yes. Councilwoman Filippone voted No. Councilman Finter Abstained. Mayor LaCicero voted Yes. The Motion Passed.

**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 8:08pm.

**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 **11<sup>th</sup>** day of **November 2024**.

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Donnelly Amico  
Municipal Clerk