

BOROUGH OF LAVALLETTE(minutes)
CAUCUS/REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
LAVALLETTE MUNICIPAL BUILDING
Monday, May 6, 2024-7:00 pm

CALL TO ORDER: Councilman Robert Lamb, presiding

Mayor Walter LaCicero was absent.

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
Chrissa Sierfeld, CFO
Bob Oliwa-Borough Auditor

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: Councilman Lamb asked for a moment of silence for long-time resident as well as long-time Municipal Court Administrator for Lavallette Bobbi Brown who passed away over the weekend. Also, for long-time residents Joe Romano of WPI, Gloria Simanski of White Avenue and Dr. Catherine Foster, who held her practice in Lavallette years ago.

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

MAYOR'S WELCOMING STATEMENT: Councilman Lamb welcomed everyone to tonight's meeting.

REPORTS:

- a) Construction Report for April 2024 -Councilwoman Filippone-read report
- b) Zoning/Code Report for April 2024-Councilwoman Filippone-read report
- c) Municipal Court Report for April 2024-Councilwoman Filippone-read report
- d) Police Overtime Report for April 2024-Councilwoman Filippone-read report
- e) Public Works Report for April 2024-Councilman Lamb-read report
- f) Fire Department Report for April 2024-Councilwoman Filippone-no report
- g) Animal Control Report for April 2024-Councilwoman Filippone-no report
- h) Public Affairs-Council President Zalom-This month is Military Appreciation and Older Americans Month
- i) Tax Account Report for April 2024-Tax Collector
- j) Revenue Transaction Report for March 2024-Chief Financial Officer

A Motion to approve the reports was made by Councilman Stogdill. The Motion was Seconded by Council President Zalom.

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:

- 2024-112 approving a facilities use application to This Is Yoga to hold yoga classes on the Kerr Avenue ocean beach starting May 25th through September 2nd 2024 on M-F-SAT mornings from 8am to 9am and T-W-TH nights from 6:30pm to 7:30pm
- 2024-113 establishing the official summer beach season for 2024 as Saturday, June 15, 2024 through Labor Day, September 2 2024
- 2024-114 approving a facilities use application to the Beach House Studio to hold yoga classes on the Pennsylvania Avenue ocean beach starting May 15th through September 15th 2024, T-TH-S-SUN mornings 7:30am to 8:30am and Wednesdays on the bay beach Camden Avenue in July and August from 6:30pm to 7:30pm
- 2024-115 appointing the beach badge office staff for the 2024 summer season-Councilman Stogdill requested this be put off consent.
- 2024-116 approving the new hourly rate salary guide for Class I and Class II Special Officers
- 2024-117 allowing the budget to be read by title only
- 2024-118 approval of the agreement between the Borough of Lavallette and the property owners at 902 Ocean Front Block 10 Lot 2-Mr. Burns requested this be pulled until after we go into executive session with action taken after that.
- 2024-118A approving the change in hourly rate for Class II Special Officer Elder Rivera \$15.13 to \$19.00
- 2024-118B adopting the revised risk management plan of PJM Interconnection, LLC
- 2024-118C awarding a contract to D’Erasmus Utility for the relocation of a water main in the amount of \$20,500-Mr. Burns requested this be pulled until after we go into executive session with action taken after that.

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

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

RESOLUTIONS - OFF CONSENT:

2024-115 appointing the beach badge office staff for the 2024 summer season-Councilman Stogdill requested this be put off consent.

Councilman Stogdill stated that there needs to be a change to Cathy Barkolow’s hourly rate to \$18.00 so this resolution should be approved with the change.

A Motion to approve this resolution was made by Councilman Stogdill. The Motion was Seconded by Councilwoman Filippone.

Councilman Lamb opened the floor to the public and asked if anyone wished to comment on this resolution.

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

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

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:

2024-119 Bills List in the amount of \$4,721,749.32

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.

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2024 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

A Motion to open the public hearing 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.

Mr. Oliwa stated that the 2024 budget was introduced on April 1, 2024 and was published in the Ocean Star on April 12, 2024. Since the introduction there has been an amendment to this budget that has been approved by the State. This amendment decreases the budget total by \$123,000 which has brought the increase down to a penny. Council needs to approve the amendment first then the adoption of the budget.

Councilwoman Filippone stated that she wanted to thank Chrissa and Bob Oliwa for all their help in finding the changes we needed to bring the increase down to a penny. The biggest decrease was 22 eligible employees changed their health benefits which in turn saved the Borough a substantial amount for health benefits.

Councilman Lamb asked if anyone wished to comment in the audience on the budget.

No one wished to comment.

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

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

AMENDING THE 2024 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Resolution 2024-120

A Motion to adopt the amendment 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.

ADOPTION OF THE 2024 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Resolution 2024-121

A Motion to approve the 2024 budget was made by Councilwoman Filippone. The Motion was Seconded by Councilman Finter.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business.

COMMENTS OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Councilman Stogdill stated that the last day for a pre-season badge at \$60 is May 17th.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

There were no comments.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mr. Burns stated that there is a need to go into an executive session to discuss contract negotiations. There will be action taken when we come back on record.

A Motion to adjourn the Council Meeting to go into executive session was made by Councilman Borowski. The Motion was Seconded by Councilman Stogdill.

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

The Council Meeting was adjourned to go into executive session at 8:09 pm.

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

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

The Council Meeting was reconvened at 8:25pm.

Mr. Burns stated that while in executive session there was discussion regarding the property at 902 Ocean Front and the water line issue existing on their property. There is action that will be taken now.

2024-118 approval of the agreement between the Borough of Lavallette and the property owners at 902 Ocean Front Block 10 Lot 2

A Motion to approve this resolution 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.

2024-118C awarding a contract to D’Erasmus Utility for the relocation of a water main in the amount of \$20,500

A Motion to approve this resolution 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.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

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

The Council Meeting was adjourned at 8:27pm.

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 6th day of May 2024.

Donnelly Amico
Municipal Clerk