

BOROUGH OF LAVALLETTE(minutes)
CAUCUS/REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
LAVALLETTE MUNICIPAL BUILDING
Monday, June 17, 2024-7:00 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: 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 John Camera, former resident, Councilman and Borough Administrator of Seaside Heights and current Borough Administrator of Berkeley Township who passed away suddenly at 67 years old.

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 he spoke with Assemblyman Kinatra about Lavallette not receiving any funds for our boardwalk and recreation funds. He has recommended that going forward he will also sign any applications that Lavallette does for any federal or state grants/funds

Jimmy Borowski, 141 Newark Avenue stated that they are excited to hold the 2nd annual skimboarding contest again next month. Last year's event included 30 kids and we were able to raise \$1,200 for Waves of Impact to go towards their surf camp for disabled children. Our goal this year is to raise \$2,000 so we are confident we will get there.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Caucus/Regular Meeting of April 1, 2024
Regular Meeting of April 15, 2024
Caucus/Regular Meeting of May 6, 2024
Executive Session of May 6, 2024
Regular Meeting of May 20, 2024

A Motion to approve the minutes 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.

ON CONSENT AGENDA/OFF CONSENT AGENDA, AND VOUCHERS:

RESOLUTIONS – ON CONSENT:

- 2024-152 approving a facilities use from Wave of Impact to hold a skim boarding competition fundraiser to be held on Friday, July 19, 2024 from 8am to 10am on the Brown Avenue ocean beach
- 2024-153 requesting approval of items of revenue and appropriation per N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 in the amount of \$15,821.22
- 2024-154 approving renewal of liquor license to Crab’s Claw Inn for license year 2024-2025
- 2024-155 approving a facilities use application to Vincent Emiliani from 6 White Aenue to hold a corn hole tournament on the grassy area next to volley ball courts on the bay front on Saturday, August 17, 2024 from 9am to 1pm with a rain date of Sunday, August 18, 2024
- 2024-156 approving a liquor license renewal to Lavallette Liquors for license year 2024-2025
- 2024-157 approving a liquor license renewal to Lenny’s Pizzeria Restaurant, Inc. for license year 2024-2025
- 2024-158 approving a liquor license renewal to Cornerstone Wines and Liquors for license year 2024-2025
- 2024-159 approving a liquor license renewal in pocket to Sherman Hospitality, LLC for license year 2024-2025
- 2024-159A approving a proposal for professional services from Van Cleef Engineering for the NJDEP Beach Maintenance Permit regarding the presence of Sea Beach Amaranth billed hourly
- 2024-159B reappointing Arnaldo V. Maestray, Esq. as the Lavallette Municipal Court Judge for a period commencing July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2027
- 2024-159C designating the hours bicycles are permitted on the boardwalk during the 2024 “bathing season”
- 2024-159D amending the 2024 Capital Budget increasing it by \$10,000

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, Finter and Lamb voted Yes. The Motion Passed.

RESOLUTIONS - OFF CONSENT:

2024-160 approving a liquor license renewal to the Lavallette Yacht Club for license year 2024-2025

A Motion to approve this resolution 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 Filippone, Zalom and Lamb voted Yes. Council Members Borowski and Finter Abstained. The Motion Passed.

2024-161 approving eight individuals as seasonal laborers for the 2024 summer season

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

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, Finter and Lamb voted Yes. Council President Zalom, Abstained. The Motion Passed.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:

2024-162 Bills List in the amount of \$382,681.31

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.

ORDINANCES ON FOR INTRODUCTION/FIRST READING:

Bond Ordinance 2024-10 (1261) Bond Ordinance Providing for Various Capital Improvements and the Acquisition of Various Capital Equipment, Appropriating #1,240,000 therefor and Authorizing the Issuance of \$768,355 Bonds and Notes to Finance a Portion of the Costs thereof, Authorized in and by the Borough off Lavallette

The Mayor stated that we put some items in our capital budget that are needed such as a new backhoe, rolloff truck and additional police vehicles along with some records scanning of permanent records for the Municipal Clerk. By doing the bonding for these items, it will not effect the budget or the tax rate.

A Motion to introduce this ordinance 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.

Public Hearing and Final Adoption is scheduled for July 1, 2024.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilman Borowski stated that he will have a new rate comparison with Public Power at the next meeting.

Councilwoman Filippone stated that the Borough has a new lease with the Post Office for another 5 years with a slight increase in payments.

COMMENTS OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Council President Zalom stated that the Memorial Day Services were wonderful again this year.

Councilwoman Filippone stated that there is a list for memorial benches that we started roughly 3 years ago. We will be starting this program this year and have reached out to everyone on the list informing them of the cost of \$1,100 for the bench with the plaque and the monies should be by in by next Friday.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Bob Astorino, 2 Elizabeth Avenue stated that the walkovers are in dire need of cleaning.

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 7:42pm.

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 17th day of **June 2024**.

Donnelly Amico
Municipal Clerk