

BOROUGH OF LAVALLETTE(minutes)
CAUCUS/REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
LAVALLETTE MUNICIPAL BUILDING
Monday, August 5, 2024-7:00 pm

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Walter G. LaCicero, presiding

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

Councilman Finter 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 Same Fusco who 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.

PRESENTATION FROM GIRL SCOUTS

Two young ladies from the Girl Scouts and also who attend Lavallette Elementary School made a presentation to amend the ordinance on garbage to only allow tipper cans and not garbage bags to prevent the seagulls from ripping open bags and making a mess of the town. The ordinance should also give violations in increments of \$50 to \$500 and we can put posters around town to educate people.

Mayor LaCicero stated that the process regarding the ordinances is it goes to the Attorney for him to do the amendments and then we can send it to the Ordinance Committee for their review to see if they want to add or change anything. Then it will take two meetings to introduce and then a public hearing. We will keep this in our minds for next year.

REPORTS:

- a) Construction Report for July 2024 -Councilwoman Filippone-read report
- b) Zoning/Code Report for July 2024-Councilwoman Filippone-read report
- c) Municipal Court Report for July 2024-Councilwoman Filippone-no report
- d) Police Overtime Report for July 2024-Councilwoman Filippone-read report
- e) Public Works Report for July 2024-Councilman Lamb-read report

- f) Fire Department Report for July 2024-Councilwoman Filippone-no report
- g) Animal Control Report for July 2024-Councilwoman Filippone-no report
- h) Public Affairs-Council President Zalom-August 4th was the Breast Cancer Walk and it was a big turnout.
- i) Tax Account Report for July 2024-Tax Collector
- j) Revenue Transaction Report for June 2024-Chief Financial Officer
- (k) Report of BAN Sale Certificate of Determination and Award of Bond Anticipation Notes-CFO

A Motion to approve the reports was made by Councilwoman Filippone. The Motion was Seconded by Councilman Stogdill.

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

ON CONSENT AGENDA/OFF CONSENT AGENDA, AND VOUCHERS:

RESOLUTIONS – ON CONSENT:

- 2024-180 approving a facilities use application to the McAuliffe Family to hold a family softball game on Chandler Field on Saturday, August 10, 2024 from 1pm to 5pm
- 2024-181 approving the Memorandum of Understanding between the County of Ocean and the Borough of Lavallette for use of the OC Sheriff’s Law Enforcement Training Facility for firearms training and qualification
- 2024-182 approving a facilities use application to JoAnn and Vincent Marino to hold a memorial service at our Memorial park on Saturday, October 5, 2024 from 10:30 am to 12 noon
- 2024-183 approving an hourly rate increase of \$18.00 to a badge checker due to the wrong hourly rate being given when hired
- 2024-184 supporting the Chief of Police’s request to the NJDOT for a handicapped parking space on Route 35 Northbound close to Washington Avenue
- 2024-185 authorizing the purchase of a 2023 Caterpillar Backhoe Loader from FoleyCAT through Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing in the amount of \$130,686.67
- 2024-186 authorizing the purchase of a 2025 Peterbilt 567 Rolloff truck from Hunter Jersey Peterbilt through Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing in the amount of \$278,444.13
- 2024-187 vigorously opposing the Industrial Offshore Wind Project
- 2024-188 opposing NJDEP’s proposed resilient environments and landscape (REAL) regulations

A Motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Councilwoman Filippone. 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 Borowski, Filippone, Zalom, Stogdill and Lamb voted Yes. The Motion Passed.

RESOLUTIONS - OFF CONSENT:

2024-189 approving a facilities use application to the Lavallette Yacht Club to utilize the Lavallette Fire/First Aid parking lot to park empty boat trailers starting August 18, 2024 through August 20, 2024 until 5pm

Mr. Burns stated that the applicant requested maybe the area between the gazebo and bocce ball courts to park the trailers.

All of Council was in favor of modifying the application to that parking area.

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

The Mayor opened the floor to the public and asked if anyone wished to comment on this resolution.

No one wished to comment. The Mayor closed the floor to the public and asked Council for a vote on this resolution.

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

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:

2024-190 Bills List in the amount of \$6,649,318.49

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

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Bennett stated that the water and sewer rates have not been increased in 14 years. We had to go into surplus to make up the difference in utility accounts. We can not do this next year. We need to increase the rates before the end of the year. You have the water/sewer proposals of what the increase will be so review them and let me know if you have any changes or questions.

Councilwoman Filippone stated that we can also just do a flat rate instead if we want to.

Councilman Borowski stated that there should be no increase in the annual surcharge with infiltration.

COMMENTS OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Councilman Borowski stated that he attended the skimboarding competition on July 19th and it was an impressive sight and well run event. This Wednesday is also the Waves of Impact event depending on the weather and there is no rain date.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Bill Murray, 1 Elizabeth Avenue stated that on July 4th on the Newark Beach block there were a bunch of people on the beach with fireworks and there was some type of explosion. He knows the cops were called and was just wondering if anything came of that.

Mayor LaCicero stated that he was informed that a summons was issued.

Brian Emanuel, 100 New Brunswick Avenue questioned if the tv's that are down at the recycling center work and if so, could they be offered to the residents to have.

Councilman Lamb stated he will speak to the Supt. of PW.

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 8:18pm.

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 **5th** day of **August 2024**.

Donnelly Amico
Municipal Clerk