

**BOROUGH OF LAVALLETTE(minutes)**  
**CAUCUS/REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL**  
**LAVALLETTE MUNICIPAL BUILDING**  
**Tuesday September 3, 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 long time resident Florence Sonntag from White Avenue who passed away and all the families who lost loved ones in 9/11.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Council President Zalom led us in the Salute to the Flag.

**MAYOR'S WELCOMING STATEMENT:** The Mayor welcomed everyone to tonight's meeting. He stated that Founder's Day will be this Saturday and he has been told it is going to be a great time.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Caucus/Regular Council Meeting of June 3, 2024  
Regular Meeting of June 17, 2024  
Caucus/Regular Council Meeting of July 1, 2024  
Regular Council Meeting of July 15, 2024  
Caucus/Regular Council Meeting of August 5, 2024

A Motion to approve the minutes 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.

**REPORTS:**

- a) Construction Report for August 2024 -Councilwoman Filippone-read report
- b) Zoning/Code Report for August 2024-Councilwoman Filippone-read report
- c) Municipal Court Report for August 2024-Councilwoman Filippone-no report

- d) Police Overtime Report for August 2024-Councilwoman Filippone-read report
- e) Public Works Report for August 2024-Councilman Lamb-read report
- f) Fire Department Report for August 2024-Councilwoman Filippone-no report
- g) Animal Control Report for August 2024-Councilwoman Filippone-no report
- h) Public Affairs-Council President Zalom-We had great concerts and movies on the bay. Lots of crowds for all of them.
- i) Tax Account Report for August 2024-Tax Collector
- j) Revenue Transaction Report for July 2024-Chief Financial Officer

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

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

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

**RESOLUTIONS – ON CONSENT:**

- 2024-200 approving a facilities use application to Team Hill Foundation to hold a basketball camp on the new basketball courts on Tuesdays and Thursdays starting September 4<sup>th</sup> through October 3<sup>rd</sup> 2024 from 5pm to 7pm with rain dates on Wednesdays through September 2024
- 2024-201 approving the insertion of side bar agreements in conjunction with all collective bargaining agreements regarding the sections for medical benefits.
- 2024-202 approving the new model OPRA request form from the NJ Government Records Council to be effective as of September 3, 2024 with the new OPRA law
- 2024-203 awarding a contract to Foveonics Imaging Technologies for the scanning/backfire conversion of the Municipal Clerk’s permanent records (ordinances, minutes, resolutions, etc.) in the amount not to exceed \$30,000-Mr. Bennett stated we are running low on storage space for our permanent records. This is to scan in all the ordinances and minute books so we can eventually get rid of the hard copies.
- 2024-204 authorizing the CFO to issue a refund check in the amount of \$2,540.11 due to a water account being billed inaccurately
- 2024-205 awarding a contract to EB Employee Solutions, LLC doing business as The Difference Card to provide HRA Services for the Borough of Lavallette
- 2024-206 extending the 2024 beach season to the weekend only of September 7<sup>th</sup> and September 8<sup>th</sup> 2024

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, Finter and Lamb voted Yes. The Motion Passed.

**RESOLUTIONS - OFF CONSENT:**

There were no resolutions off-consent.

**APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:**

2024-207 Bills List in the amount of \$1,347,026.59

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.

: Second: Vote:

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

**ORDINANCE 2024-11 (1262)** Ordinance of the Borough of Lavallette, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, Amending, Revising and Supplementing Chapter 55B of the Borough of Lavallette Borough Code, Entitled, "Storm Water Management"

Mr. Bennett stated that we needed to amend some items in this ordinance due to new State regulations.

A Motion to adopt this Ordinance was made by Councilman Lamb. The Motion was Seconded by Councilman Stogdill.

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 and asked Council for a vote on the consent agenda.

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

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

General With No Action:

- (a) Frank Poerio/Code Enforcement Officer/Resignation letter for August 31, 2024/Received August 8, 2024
- (b) Ocean County Utilities Authority/Robert McGlaughlin, Planning Specialist/Second Quarter-2024 Metered Flow Data/Received August 9, 2024

General With Action:

- (a) Lavallette Board of Education/Dr. Lisa Gleason, Supt./inviting Mayor and Council to their first Community Connections meeting for the new school year on Thursday, September 26<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 to 6:30pm/RSVP by September 12, 2024/Received August 27, 2024

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Councilman Stogdill stated that the 2024 badge sales for the beach season ending Labor Day is \$1,274,541. We met the anticipated and unanticipated expenses and we got through any issues with ease. We had 3 rescues this season, 34 assists and 27 needing the First Aid. We also had 6 assists with lost children.

Councilman Borowski stated that he saw the facebook video about Jack and Joe Caucino and how they have been on the beach patrol since they were teenagers. It was a really great video.

Councilwoman Filippone stated that she had requested 3 years ago that the National Anthem play on the loudspeaker system on the beach daily in the mornings and it is being accomplished.

Mayor LaCicero stated that it is usually unrealistic to anticipate record sales and yet we have accomplished this.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

There was no new business.

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

Councilman Finter stated that the fall/winter garbage schedule starts next Monday.

Councilwoman Filippone stated that the plaques have been shipped to Public Works and we are still waiting on the benches. Public Works will be breaking down the old benches now that the summer season is over.

Mr. Bennett stated that progress is being made with getting a history book together. We also discussed putting some ads in the book as well and charging a fee.

Mayor LaCicero stated that it was another great summer. We look forward to completing the well project and the sump pump project into the next year.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

Landon Hoberman, 5 Washington Avenue requested an update on his proposal for an ordinance to reduce plastic.

Mayor LaCicero stated that it has to be reviewed and discussed by the Ordinance Committee. Councilwoman Filippone stated that she is looking to schedule an Ordinance Committee meeting sometime next month. Leave us your email and phone number and when it is scheduled, we will send you an email so you can attend.

Mark Speaker, 111 Brown Avenue stated that Founder’s Day is all ready to go and set up. We are booked solid with numerous vendors and rides for the kids.

Kathy Grandstrand, 1 Camden Avenue thanked Mayor and Council for approval of the facilities use application. The issues are getting better down at the pickle ball courts and the recreation badge is still a work in progress.

**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 Stogdill.

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

The Council Meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm.

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> day of **September 2024**.

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Donnelly Amico  
Municipal Clerk