

BOROUGH OF LAVALLETTE(minutes)
CAUCUS/REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
LAVALLETTE MUNICIPAL BUILDING
Monday, June 16, 2025-7:00 pm

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Walter G. LaCicero, presiding

ROLL CALL: Council Members Borowski, Zalom, Stogdill, Finter, Shenewolf 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, 2025. 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 Ed Raposa of WPI who passed away. Also for Maureen Williams who was Aileen Gulino's sister and our long time Borough electrician, Lee Williams, who retired many years ago. Maureen's maiden name was Helmstetter and the Helmstetter's and Williams families all grew up in this town.

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 NJ State Assembly has done a Proclamation for Bob Lamb that he will read tonight.

The Mayor read aloud the NJ State Assembly Proclamation for Councilman Robert Lamb and presented it to his wife, Karen, who was present in the audience.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Caucus/Regular Meeting of May 5, 2025

Regular Meeting of May 19, 2025

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

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

ON CONSENT AGENDA/OFF CONSENT AGENDA, AND VOUCHERS:

RESOLUTIONS – ON CONSENT:

- 2025-159 awarding a contract to AccessRec for the purchase of two access mats for the President and Philadelphia Avenues ADA handicap accessible beach access ramp/walkovers in the amount totaling \$44,164.68
- 2025-160 approving Michael Ford's application for active membership in the Lavallette Volunteer Fire Company
- 2025-161 authorizing Morgan Engineering to seek competitive bids for repairs to the Lavallette well building
- 2025-162 approving a facilities use application to Soccer Shots to hold youth soccer programs on Chandler Field from June 16, 2025 through August 4, 2025 from 5pm to 7pm
- 2025-163 approving the employment of seasonal sanitation workers and clean communities beach crew for the DPW
- 2025-164 approving a facilities use application to Laxkids to hold a youth lacrosse clinic on Chandler Field on Thursdays in July 2025
- 2025-165 approving the seasonal employment of two badge checkers effective June 14, 2025 at an hourly rate of \$15.49
- 2025-166 approving a facilities use application to Toms River Little League to hold softball games on Chandler Field, Mondays through Fridays, starting June 9th through June 25th 2025 at 7pm
- 2025-167 approving the 2025-2026 liquor license renewal to Sherman Hospitality as a pocket license from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026
- 2025-168 approving the 2025-2026 liquor license renewal to Castaway's Pub from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026
- 2025-169 approving the 2025-2026 liquor license renewal to Cornerstone Liquors from July 1 2025 through June 30, 2026
- 2025-170 approving the 2025-2026 liquor license renewal to Lavallette Liquors from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026
- 2025-171 approving a facilities use application to Waves of Impact to hold a free surf camp for special needs children on Thursday, July 24, 2025 from 6am to 4pm at the Brown Avenue beach
- 2025-171A authorizing the employment of Hector Bonti as a part-time fill-in electrical inspector and fill-in mechanical inspector at an hourly rate of \$38.13

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

RESOLUTIONS - OFF CONSENT:

There were no resolutions off-consent.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:

2025-172 Bills List in the amount of \$795,526.04

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

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

ORDINANCES ON FOR PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL ADOPTION:

Ordinance No. 2025-06 (1270) An Ordinance of the Borough of Lavallette Amending, Revising and Supplementing Certain Sections of Chapter 90 Section 9 Regarding Nonconforming Structures and Uses

A Motion to open the public hearing was made by Councilman Borowski. The Motion was Seconded by Councilwoman Filippone.

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

Councilwoman Filippone stated that this ordinance will allow all pre-existing nonconforming secondary seasonal structures to install central air conditioning only. This ordinance does not allow the installation of heating but pre-existing nonconforming secondary seasonal structures who, as of this date, already have approved heating can still repair or replace those heating elements as necessary.

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 this ordinance.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilman Borowski stated that since the commercial businesses have been having their garbage picked up by an outside vendor our tonnage percentages and fees have decreased by 20%. Our bulk waste has gone down as well.

Mayor LaCicero stated that the businesses have had such positive effect with this new system that they have opted to stay with the outside vendor all year round.

Councilman Borowski stated that our reverse 911 system will be going out to our residents once again advising them of the 5 highest heat days so they can try and conserve electric during these days.

Mayor LaCicero stated that he is thankful we are part of the Public Power Association and have our own electric because that has allowed the Borough to be able to not have an increase in electric rates for this year.

Mr. Bennett stated that the curbing project for Westmont Shores is 80% complete so far and also we have started a new bench program so if you are interested and couldn't make the 1st bench list you can try again.

Mr. Burns stated that the Memorial Day Speaker wanted him to thank Mayor and Council for allowing her to be part of the services and stated that she was very impressed how we handle our Memorial Day Services.

COMMENTS OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Councilwoman Filippone stated that the 200 Club honored our three officers for their bravery in saving the life of a man who was having a heart attack.

John Bennett asked every to pray for Ted Golubowski and his family as his 27 year old son is fighting for his life right now.

Mayor LaCicero stated that Rite-Aid closing is going to cause some big changes in town. Concerned about what will happen with the building vacancy. We might need to look into readjusting our ordinances if necessary.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Brian Hughes, 11 Princeton Avenue stated that he came to one of the February 2025 Council meetings about the trash not being picked up from the garbage receptacles on the boardwalk and since then it has gotten slightly better but still needs some improvement.

Councilman Finter stated that he will discuss this with our Public Works Supt.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

There was no executive session.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

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

The Council Meeting was adjourned at 7:49pm.

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 20th day of **June 2025**.

Donnelly Amico
Municipal Clerk