

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

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Walter G. LaCicero, presiding

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

Also present: Bill Burns, Borough Attorney
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 Teddy Golubowski, III who passed away recently. Teddy is our Supt. Ted Golubowski's son and he passed way to young. Teddy also worked here on and off for many years since he was a teenager. Both his Aunts also work here. His grandfather, the oldest Ted was also the Supt. of PW for many years before he passed away in 1998. Teddy was also in the OC Police Academy training to be a police officer. The Sheriff's Dept. along with his classmates at the Police Academy were at his viewing today, it was really a very nice tribute in his honor. Our condolences along with our hearts go out to the Golubowski family.

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

MAYOR'S WELCOMING STATEMENT: The Mayor welcomed everyone to tonight's meeting. We had an absolute fabulous weekend here in town with great weather, great ocean conditions, great crowds, fireworks display and concert. Thankful for our beach replenishment because there was so many people on the beach it would have definitely been too crowded.

REPORTS:

- a) Construction Report for June 2025 -Councilwoman Filippone-read report
- b) Zoning/Code Report for June 2025-Councilwoman Filippone-read report
- c) Municipal Court Report for June 2025-Councilwoman Filippone-no report
- d) Police Overtime Report for June 2025-Councilwoman Filippone-read report
- e) Public Works Report for June 2025-Councilman Finter-read report
- f) Fire Department Report for June 2025-Councilwoman Filippone-no report
- g) Animal Control Report for June 2025-Councilwoman Filippone-no report
- h) Public Affairs-Council President Zalom-We had a great fireworks display and concert. The town was packed like the Mayor said. Everyone had a wonderful time and enjoyed the weekend!
- i) Beach Badge Report-Councilman Stogdill-read report
- Tax Account Report for June 2025-Tax Collector
- j) Revenue Account Status Report for May 2025-Chief Financial Officer

A Motion to approve the reports 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.

ON CONSENT AGENDA/OFF CONSENT AGENDA, AND VOUCHERS:

RESOLUTIONS – ON CONSENT:

- 2025-174 approving the employment of 6 lifeguards and 3 badge checkers for the 2025 summer season
- 2025-175 awarding a contract to Cherry Hill Winner Ford under state contract for the purchase of a 2025 Ford F250 Pickup for the Public Works Department
- 2025-176 authorizing the purchase of a Dulevo D3 Tier 4 Sweeper through our Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Agreement in the amount of \$246,928.52
- 2025-177 approving the submission of the grant application with the NJDOT for the Pennsylvania, Philadelphia and New Brunswick Avenues road improvement project
- 2025-178 accepting the award of the 2025 NJDEP GSPT Jake’s Law Grant for the inclusive ADA playground at Chandler Park in the amount of \$652,000
- 2025-179 approving the employment of a seasonal sanitation worker for the 2025 summer season
- 2025-180 authorizing the disposal of surplus property through GovDeals
- 2025-181 approving the fee proposal from Morgan Engineering for the Preliminary Assessment Report on the Chandler Park Playground in the amount of \$4,025.00
- 2025-182 approving the Proposal of Engineering Services from Van Cleef Engineering for the Washington Avenue filter plant investigation in the amount of \$7,750

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 Shenewolf voted Yes. The Motion Passed.

RESOLUTIONS - OFF CONSENT:

2025-183 approving the employment of Liam Kilmartin as a part-time dispatcher at an for the police department at an hourly rate of \$15.49

A Motion to approve this resolution 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 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 Borowski, Filippone, Stogdill, Finter and Shenewolf voted Yes. Council President Zalom Abstained. The Motion Passed.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:

2025-184 Bills List in the amount of \$2,316,145.90

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/FINAL ADOPTION:

Ordinance No. 2025-11 (1275) An Ordinance Amending Chapter 90, Article IX, Entitled, "Business District" of the Borough Code Related to Mix Use Development in the B-1 Zone

Mr. Burns stated that this is for when there is a residential and commercial building together. The residential would be upstairs and the commercial downstairs. This is to make a larger setback for the residential side to help create a little bit of balcony up there.

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

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

The Mayor opened the public hearing and asked if anyone wished to comment on this ordinance.

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

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

The Mayor closed the public hearing and asked Council for a vote on this ordinance.

A Motion to adopt this ordinance was made by Councilwoman Filippone. The Motion was Seconded by Councilman Borowski.

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

Ordinance No. 2025-12 (1276) An Ordinance Amending Chapter 90-16 Entitled, "Staircases" of the Borough Code Related to Residential Development Requirements

Mr. Burns stated that there has become an issue with respect to new construction and stairways being built in public right-of-ways. This ordinance specifically prohibits development, including stairways in the public right-of-way but allows new residential units that have stairways to go right up into to abut the right-of-way.

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

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

The Mayor opened the public hearing and asked if anyone wished to comment on this ordinance.

No one wished to comment.

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

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

The Mayor closed the public hearing and asked Council for a vote on this ordinance.

A Motion to adopt this ordinance was made by Councilwoman Filippone. The Motion was Seconded by Councilman Borowski.

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

Motion: Second: Public Hearing: Vote:

Ordinance No. 2025-13 (1277) An Ordinance Amending Chapter 90-15, Entitled, “Parking” of the Borough Code Related to Residential Development Requirements

Councilwoman Filippone stated that the construction of townhomes in Lavallette are getting larger in size with more bedrooms. This is affecting the on-street parking issues. Right now, there is requirements of how many off-street parking spaces are required for properties according to how many bedrooms. This ordinance increases the amount of spaces needed according to bedrooms. We have no choice in doing this since houses and townhomes are increasing the amount of bedrooms being included in their construction.

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

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

The Mayor opened the public hearing and asked if anyone wished to comment on this ordinance.

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

The Mayor closed the public hearing and asked Council for a vote on this ordinance.

A Motion to adopt this ordinance was made by Councilwoman Filippone. The Motion was Seconded by Councilman Stogdill.

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

Ordinance No. 2025-16 (1280) An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing the Borough Code of the Borough of Lavallette Related to Residential Requirements and Supplementing Chapter 90-7, Entitled, Height and Roof Access Restrictions

Mr. Burns stated that this is just to clarify that there will be no development above the second floor anywhere in town. This excludes any hvac, utilities, furnaces or chimneys for install and repairs to access the roof but no development of any roof decks or living space is permitted at all.

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

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

The Mayor opened the public hearing and asked if anyone wished to comment on this ordinance.

No one wished to comment.

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

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

The Mayor closed the public hearing and asked Council for a vote on this ordinance.

A Motion to adopt this ordinance was made by Councilwoman Filippone. The Motion was Seconded by Councilman Finter.

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

COMMUNICATIONS:

General With No Action:

- a) Ocean County Health Department/Overdose Mitigation Task Force/Overdose Prevention Partnership/Free Narcan Box Deployment/Received June 23, 2025
- b) Ocean County Planning Board/Tony Agliata, Planning Director/2025 Dune Fencing/Received June 27, 2025
- c) Citizens Improving Affordable Housing/James Burd, President/Requesting the Mayor to send emails and follow up with phone calls to NJ Legislators requesting their support of S4065/Received June 30, 2025

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Councilman Shenewolf stated that phase one with the Chandler Field upgrades is going to be the regrading and fixing the drainage on the infield, putting roofs over top of the dugouts and fencing around the on-deck circle. Phase Two of the upgrades is the ADA playground. We had a pre-construction meeting for phase one last week. He needed to move some things around so we gave him a little bit of a flexible start date of July 15th but want this done before school starts again so we gave him a completion date of August 15th or there will be liquidated damage fees. We are also looking to see if there are any other grants available for future projects down there like fixing up some of the sidewalks, maybe come around Baltimore and connect to the new playground to make it easier for wheelchairs and handicapped people with walkers or canes.

NEW BUSINESS:

Public Power Association of NJ Rate Comparison –June 2025

Councilman Borowski stated that that the Public Power Association prepared the annual cost comparison for the different municipalities and we are below all the other municipalities in the Association except for Butler Boro, who takes delivery of electricity and we take the delivery purposes. Just to give you an example, 1,000 kilowatts per hour, your bill would be \$1,700. Unfortunately, WPI has JCP & L and their bill annually is about \$2,600. We are not sure how long Lavallette is going to be able to sustain that reduced rate as thing move forward but it is remaining or now.

COMMENTS OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Councilwoman Filippone stated that they are pretty much done with the second wave of the bench program. She will be calling to verify what the pricing is for this new order of benches. It looks like she will only be ordering 61 benches and not 63 like last year. This second order still will not satisfy the continuing list right now but she is going to cut the list off at the end of the season. Regarding the ordinance on staircases, if the State approves the new height requirements that we have to elevate to five feet above BFE there will not be any building allowed in town until we change a lot of our ordinances. Right now, our current ordinance will not allow for very much. As it stands right now with our ordinance, if they add three or four more feet on the free board, you are going to have a 24 –foot house, which means you don’t have a second floor, a dormer, most likely, but not a full second floor. So we will have to revise those ordinances to accommodate the additional height.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Mark Speaker, 111 Brown Avenue, questioned Mr. Borowski on what the timeline is for the peak periods.

Mr. Borowski stated that the timeline is usually 3pm to 7pm on the peak days.

Mr. Speaker asked for an update on the sump pump project.

Mr. Bennett stated that the project is about 90% completed.

Mr. Speaker questioned if 23 Brown Avenue’s sump pump is still on the list.

Mr. Bennett stated that it is on the list.

Martin Drag, 104 Guyer Avenue stated that a few years ago Guyer Avenue was repaved and new curbs were put in. My driveway is not a shared driveway but it is right beside my next door neighbor’s driveway. When this project was done he believes he was shortchanged of curbing by about two feet at his edge of the driveway. Because of this, when he pulls into his driveway he has

to encroach on his neighbor's portion of their driveway. He was wondering if maybe someone from the town or the Engineer can come out and take a look to see if something can be done to fix the issue so he doesn't have to keep inconveniencing his neighbor.

Mayor LaCicero stated that he will come and take a look at the issue tomorrow and see if there is something that can be done for him.

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 Stogdill.

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

The Council Meeting was adjourned at 8:04pm.

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 7th day of **July 2025**.

Donnelly Amico
Municipal Clerk