BOROUGH OF LAVALLETTE(minutes)
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
LAVALLETTE MUNICIPAL BUILDING
Monday, October 19, 2026-7:00 pm

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Walter G. LaCicero, presiding

ROLL CALL: Council Members Borowski, Zalom, Stogdill, Finter, Shenewolf and Filippone
Council President Zalom 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 9, 2026. Notice was also posted on our municipal bulletin board and municipal website.

MOMENT OF SILENCE: The Mayor asked for a moment of silence for Emily Nauerz from Camden Avenue who passed away recently.

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

PROCLAMATION FOR NATIONAL FRIENDS OF LIBRARIES WEEK

The Mayor read aloud the Proclamation and it was accepted by Jean Millerchip. She stated that at the Upper Shores Library there will be a giving tree in December, November 1st the honoring of veterans and you can make an ornament in honor of a veteran.

MAYOR'S WELCOMING STATEMENT: The Mayor stated that there is a lot going on around town. The gas company is installing new gas mains. The playground equipment is being installed and the lumber arrives tomorrow for the boardwalk replacement.

The Mayor stated that Meg Geer is in the audience and we want to honor and congratulate her for receiving the Clean Communities Award.

Meg Geer, 104 Brown Avenue thanked Mayor and Council for recognizing her achievement.

ON CONSENT AGENDA/OFF CONSENT AGENDA, AND VOUCHERS:

RESOLUTIONS – ON CONSENT:

2026-235 authorizing the execution of the final quantities change order #1 to the contract with Seacoast Construction for the Newark Avenue Road Improvement Project Phase 2 increasing the original contract price of $327,014.72 by $176.68

2026-236 authorizing the refund of a portion of a construction permit fee in the amount of $240 that was erroneously added twice in the system

2026-237 authorizing the Halloween curfew from October 30th through November 1st 2026 from 9pm to 6am for minors under the age of 18 years old except when accompanied by an adult over the age of 25 years old

2026-238 authorizing the Lavallette Recreation to sponsor a bonfire on October 30, 2026 at 6pm on the bay beach in conjunction with the "Halloween Harvest Hoedown"

2026-239 authorizing the collector to refund a water/sewer overpayment in the amount of $453.00 to the previous owner

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

RESOLUTIONS - OFF CONSENT:

2026-240 authorizing the appointment of Suburban Consulting Engineers, Inc. as a Professional Engineering Consulting Service commencing October 19th through December 31st 2026 not to exceed $10,000

Mr. Bennett stated that there are some issues regarding our well project that to us could have been prevented so we have decided to appoint an engineering firm that that specializes in this field so they can go over all our paperwork and go down and tour the well and see what should have and what still needs to be done.

A Motion to approve this resolution was made by Councilman Borowski. 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 Borowski, Finter, Shenewolf, Stogdill and Filippone voted Yes. The

Motion Passed.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:

2026-241 Bills List in the amount of $6,455,495.87

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

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

ORDINANCES ON FOR PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL ADOPTION:

Ordinance No. 2026-17 (1302) Ordinance of the Borough of Lavallette Amending Chapter 25, "Fees" Section 25-13, "Gazebo and Pavilion Fee," of the Borough Code As Amended, to Establish a Refundable Security Deposit.

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.

Councilwoman Filippone stated that there have been issues with some vandalism and some moving of our benches by the gazebo which is not supposed to be happening so adding the refundable security deposit should help prevent it and if it does happen, they don't get there deposit back.

The Mayor 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.

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

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Councilman Borowski stated that he will be part of purchasing the power next week with the Public Power Assoc. and he is hoping for no increase but will let us know.

Councilman Shenewolf stated that the playground at Chandler Park will be installed by the end of the week and will be fully completed within a few weeks.

Councilman Finter stated that he spoke with Verizon and they will be moving their anchors so we can complete the sidewalk by the playground as well. Some of the old dedication boards may not all be salvageable but we will do the best we can.

Mayor LaCicero stated that Netflix has expressed a desire to film in town. They will be doing most of their filming in a house on the Ocean Front but they would like to use some of our boardwalk and beach and film a scene on our highway with a moving vehicle. They have requested that we not put up our Christmas decorations on the highway until after December 9th. This is only roughly two days from when we usually put them up. They are willing to pay any fees necessary to compensate our inconveniences.

Councilwoman Filippone stated that the amount they are willing to pay us on a whole is $17,000 and I don't feel that is even enough money to say yes to any of this. We are not the only ones who put up decorations on the highway, the businesses do and any residential residences that are on the highway.

Councilman Finter stated that the highway is the State so they must get permission from them as well.

Mayor LaCicero stated that they will contact them as well.

Councilman Borowski stated that maybe they can use only a portion of the highway and not the entire highway in town.

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

Bob Astorino, 2 Elizabeth Avenue stated that he thinks it will be great publicity for the town.

Mark Speaker, 111 Brown Avenue stated that sometimes its more of a nuisance than not.

Jack Sauer, 405 Bay Blvd. stated that $17,000 is small potatoes for being able to use our facilities. We are a great town and if they want to use our facilities, they should be offering much more to make it less of an inconvenience.

Meg Geer, 104 Brown Avenue stated that the compensation doesn't seem adequate for recognition.

Mayor LaCicero stated that no streets will be shut down.

Judith Josephs, 114 New York Avenue stated that in New York City, one day of shooting is $50,000. The businesses look forward to Black Friday shopping so they all start decorating before then.

The Mayor stated they will discuss further with them with what has been brought to us and see how it goes.

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilman Finter stated that the beach sweeps will be this weekend.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Judith Josephs, 114 New York Avenue stated that the NJ Swim Safety Alliance thanks Lavallette for putting all our information on the website for the largest open water swim tournament.

COMMENTS OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS:

There were no comments.

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 Councilwoman Filippone.

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

The Council Meeting was Adjourned at 8:11pm.

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 **19th** day of **October 2026.**

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Donnelly Amico
Municipal Clerk