BOROUGH OF LAVALLETTE(minutes)
CAUCUS/REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
LAVALLETTE MUNICIPAL BUILDING
Monday, April 6, 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: Mayor stated there were no residents who have passed recently but let's keep our troops in our thoughts and prayers.

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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Caucus/Regular Meeting of February 9, 2026
Regular Meeting of February 23, 2026
Caucus/Regular Meeting of March 9, 2026

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

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

REPORTS:

a) Construction Report for March 2026 -Councilwoman Filippone-read report
b) Zoning/Code Report for March 2026-Councilwoman Filippone-read report
c) Municipal Court Report for March 2026-Councilwoman Filippone-read report
d) Police Overtime Report for March 2026-Councilwoman Filippone-read report
e) Public Works Report for March 2026-Councilman Finter-read report
f) Fire Department Report for March 2026-Councilwoman Filippone-read report
g) Public Affairs-Council President Zalom-

h) Tax Account Report for March 2026-Tax Collector
i) Revenue Transaction Report for February 2026-Chief Financial Officer

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

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

ON CONSENT AGENDA/OFF CONSENT AGENDA, AND VOUCHERS:
RESOLUTIONS – ON CONSENT:

2026-100 approving a facilities use application to This Is Yoga NJ to hold yoga classes on the Kerr Avenue beach starting May 23rd through September 7th 2026 Mon through Fri mornings 6am to 9am and M-Tu-W and Th nights from 6pm to 7:30pm

2026-101 accepting the retirement of Peter Kane and authorizing payment of unused sick and vacation time

2026-102 approving a facilities use application to Kidding Around Yoga with CC to hold chair yoga on the grassy area on the bay front starting June 29th through September 3rd 2026 Mon mornings at 8:30am and Thurs nights at 6pm

2026-103 approving participation with the State of NJ, Dept. of Law & Public Safety Cops In Shops Grant for 2026

2026-104 approving a facilities use application to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society for their annual charity bicycle ride through town and use of the Washington Avenue parking lot/gazebo grassy area on May 9, 2026 at various times between 7:30am to 1pm

2026-105 recognizing the month of April 2026 as Child Abuse Prevention Month

2026-106 awarding a contract to Chap Mechanical, LLC for the purchase and installation of an air conditioning condenser and air handler in the amount not to exceed $11,200

2026-107 recognizing the month of April 2026 as National Autism Acceptance Month

2026-107A approving the date of September 12, 2026 as Founder's Day and re-appointing the Founder's Day Committee for 2026

A Motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Councilman Finter. 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:

There were no resolutions off consent.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:

2026-108 Bills List in the amount of $569,769.82

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

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

ORDINANCES ON FOR INTRODUCTION/FIRST READING:

Ordinance No. 2026-07 (1292) Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Ordinance 2024-08 (1259) and Chapter 55 of the Code of the Borough of Lavallette Entitled, "Solid Waste," To Provide for the Year-Round Prohibition on Municipal Collection of Garbage and Solid Waste From Commercial Retail Food Establishments and to Require Year-Round Private Collection by Such Establishments

Mayor LaCicero stated that back in 2024 we did an ordinance for private collection for food establishments just for the summer. The feed back we received from them was very positive and they decided that they were going to keep using private all year round so we need to do an ordinance as well so they can do this.

A Motion to introduce this ordinance was made by Councilwoman Flippone. The Motion was Seconded by Councilman Finter.

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

Public Hearing and Final Adoption is scheduled for April 20, 2026.

Ordinance No. 2026-08 (1293) Ordinance to Amend Chapter 21 of the Borough Code Entitled, "Court, Municipal," To Provide for the Issuance of Administrative Search Warrants

Mayor LaCicero stated that this is to be able to get into a home that needs to be checked to see if they have created another living area with a kitchen since we have had a few of these come up because they rent for summer as two family when they are not. This enhances our ability to be able to assess the situation.

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

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

Public Hearing and Final Adoption is scheduled for April 20, 2026.

Ordinance No. 2026-09 (1294) Ordinance Amending Chapter 56 Entitled, "Streets and Sidewalks," and Article I, Entitled "Excavations In Streets," of the Borough Code to Transfer Street Opening Permit Authority to the Clerk of the Department of Public Works and to Establish Road Restoration Standards

Mr. Bennett stated that the road openings were always down at public works and it makes more sense that they should be down there since they have to call down there for the markouts anyway.

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

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

Public Hearing and Final Adoption is scheduled for April 20, 2026.

Ordinance No. 2026-10 (1295) Ordinance Amending Chapter 50, Entitled, "Sales", Article II, Entitled, "Outdoor Food and Beverage Service" of the Borough Code Adding Article III to Establish Outdoor Bench Seating Limitations for Properties Bordering State, County and Municipal Roads.

Councilman Finter stated that he thinks we need to amend this to include any Borough owned benches and only benches that are on the highway. It should only affect Borough owned benches on the highway not private property or benches that are their own benches.

Mayor LaCicero stated that all of Council seem to agree that we go back and amend this ordinance a little more before we even discuss further so we will not be introducing this ordinance tonight.

Public Hearing and Final Adoption is scheduled for April 20, 2026.

ORDINANCES ON FOR PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL ADOPTION:

Bond Ordinance No. 2026-02 (1287) Bond Ordinance Providing for the Chandler Park Jake's Law Improvements Project, Appropriating $163,000 Therefor and Authorizing the Issuance of $154,850 Bonds and Notes to Finance a Portion of the Costs Thereof

Mayor LaCicero stated that we need to do this Bond Ordinance in order to spend the money.

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

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.

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

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

Ordinance No. 2026-03 (1288) Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriations Limits and To Establish a Cap Bank

Mayor LaCicero stated that this is done in conjunction with the budget every year just in case.

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

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 Councilwoman Filippone. The Motion was Seconded by Councilman Stogdill.

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.

Ordinance No. 2026-05 (1290) Ordinance Amending Chapter 7 entitled, "Bathing and Beach Control" and Chapter 9 entitled, "Bicycles and Skateboards" of the Code of the Borough of Lavallette to Prohibit the Operation of All Motorized Vehicles on the Borough Boardwalk, with the Exemption for Mobility Devices Use by Persons With Disabilities or Handicaps

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 Finter. The Motion was Seconded by Councilman Stogdill.

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 Finter.

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

COMMUNICATIONS:

General With Action:

a) Watr Boutique/1800 Grand Central Avenue/Melissa Pierro, Owner/inviting the Mayor to attend the grand opening to participate in the ribbon cutting for her new business, Watr Boutique on Thursday, May 21, 2026 at 12 noon/Dated March 24, 2026

b) Luke Mazza/Ortley Beach Homeowner/requesting Lavallette revisit our ordinance prohibiting golf carts on Borough roads/email dated March 23, 2026/response to email request from Chief LaCicero/dated March 25, 2026-Mayor stated that the Chief of Police responded to this email.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mr. Bennett stated that we need to make a decision regarding the mailing of the calendars for this year. Last year we did a post card to all homeowners telling them they had to pick up their calendars with that post card at Borough Hall or badge office. It didn't go over very well with the residents.

Councilwoman Filippone stated that she doesn't recommend we do this again for this year. She thinks they should just be mailed.

A Motion to mail the calendars this year 1st Class through the post office was made by Councilwoman Filippone. The Motion was Seconded by Councilman Borowski.

Vote: Council Members Borowski, Shenewolf and Filippone voted Yes. Councilman Finter and Stogdill voted No. The Motion Passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilman Borowski stated that Public Power Assoc. will be purchasing energy for years 2027 through 2029 and hopefully we can secure a decent rate. Gas prices are going down right now but it seems that electricity rates are increasing.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Robert Cione, 19 Ortley Avenue stated that he would like Ortley Avenue to be put on the next list for repaving because it needs it. The bay side section is basically collapsing.

Mayor LaCicero stated that Ortley Avenue is a county road so we will reach out to the County Road Dept. and have them add it to the paving they will be doing on WPI.

Mark Speaker, 111 Brown Avenue stated that he was sorry to see Ted and now Pete retiring. They were so instrumental with Sandy in getting our electric up so quickly. We have been losing a lot of great employees lately and it's sad to see.

COMMENTS OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Councilman Stogdill stated that to date our badge sales are $255,520.00. As of May 1st, our pre-season price will go from $60.00 to $65.00.

Mayor LaCicero stated that next meeting will be our budget adoption. He read that Seaside Park's tax rate went up 2 cents and Brick Township went up 3 cents so he thinks we are doing a good job so far.

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 Finter.

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

The Council Meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm.

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 **6th** day of **April 2026.**

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Donnelly Amico
Municipal Clerk