BOROUGH OF LAVALLETTE

CAUCUS AND REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Monday, May 4, 2026 at 7:00pm.

I. Call to Order

- **Flag Salute**: Led by Councilman Borowski.
- **Moment of Silence**: Observed in remembrance of Steve, a longtime employee of Lavallette Hardware.
- ***Open Public Meeting Notice:*** *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.*

II. Roll Call

- Mayor Walter G. Lacicero -- absent
- Council President Anita Zalom -- present
- Councilman James Borowski -- present
- Councilman David Finter -- present
- Councilman George Shennable -- present
- Councilwoman Joanne Filippone -- present
- Councilman Michael Stodghill -- absent

Also Present: William Burns, Presiding

- **Excused Absence:**
  - **Motion:** Made by Councilman Finter, seconded by Councilman Borowski, to accept Councilman Stogdill's absence as excused.
  - **Vote:** All of Council was in favor. The Motion Passed.

III. Proclamations and Presentations

- **National Water Safety Month:**
  - A proclamation was read declaring May 2026 as National Water Safety Month in the Borough of Lavallette. Judy Josephs from the New Jersey Swim Safety Alliance and New Jersey Recreation and Park Association accepted the proclamation and commended the Borough's ongoing commitment to water safety education.

IV. Approval of Minutes

- **Regular Meeting of March 23, 2026, and Caucus/Regular Meeting of April 6, 2026:**
  - **Motion:** Made by Councilman Finter, seconded by Councilwoman Filippone, to approve the minutes.

- **Vote:** A roll call vote was conducted. Council President Zalom: Aye, Councilman Borowski: Aye, Councilman Finter: Aye, Councilman Shenewolf: Aye, Councilwoman Filippone: Aye. The Motion Passed.

V. Reports

- **Construction and Police Report:** Councilwoman Filippone reported on April 2026 construction activity, noting 47 permits issued. A partial police report for overtime hours in March and April was also provided.
- **Public Works Report:** Councilman Finter reported on beach cleanup, walkovers, water department activities, lead line material surveys, the completion of road repaving on Newark Avenue and West Point Island inner streets, and ongoing construction at Well 6.
- **Tax Account and Revenue Transaction Report:**
  - **Motion:** Made by Council President Zalom, seconded by Councilman Finter, to accept the reports.
  - **Vote:** A roll call vote was conducted. Council President Zalom: Aye, Councilman Borowski: Aye, Councilman Finter: Aye, Councilman Shennable: Aye, Councilwoman Filippone: Aye. The Motion Passed.

VI. Consent Agenda

The following resolutions were considered on the consent agenda:

- **2026-122:** Approving a facilities use application to North Jersey Volleyball Club to hold a two-week youth clinic at the volleyball court August 3-6 and August 10-13, 2026.
- **2026-123:** Approving appointments for part-time Class I and II special police officers for 2026.
- **2026-124:** Approving a facilities use application to Vive Sessions with Kate for meditation and sound bath classes on Virginia Avenue Beach starting May 26 through September 11, 2026.
- **2026-125:** Appointing Susan Kilcheski as a fill-in part-time building inspector at an hourly rate of $38.13, effective May 4, 2026.
- **2026-126:** Approving a facilities use application to Monica Borsella (Ocean County Superior Court) to utilize Chandler Field for a judges and law clerks softball game on August 27, 2026.
- **2026-127:** Establishing the official beach season for 2026, opening June 20.
- **2026-128:** Approving the appointment of three seasonal laborers at an hourly rate of $18.
- **2026-129:** Awarding a contract to Renard Ford Cherry Hill under state contracts for the lease purchase of two F250 pickup trucks for public works in the amount of $117,158.
- **2026-130:** Urging state leaders to implement fair and equitable reforms to mitigate the unsustainable increase in health benefit premiums for public sector employees.
- **2026-131:** Approving a facilities use application to Waves of Impact Skim fundraiser on Brown Avenue Beach on July 25, 2026.
- **Public Comment on Consent Agenda:** A member of the public requested clarification on Resolution 2026-124 regarding the nature of sound baths.

- **Action on Consent Agenda:**
    - **Motion:** Made by Councilman Finter, seconded by Councilwoman Filippone, to adopt the consent agenda.
    - **Vote:** A roll call vote was conducted. Council President Zalom: Aye, Councilman Borowski: Aye, Councilman Finter: Aye, Councilman Shennable: Aye, Councilwoman Filippone: Aye. The Motion Passed.

VII. Approval of Vouchers

- **Resolution 2026-132:** Bills list in the amount of $5,156,868.13.
    - **Motion:** Made by Councilman Finter, seconded by Council President Zalom.
    - **Vote:** A roll call vote was conducted. Council President Zalom: Aye, Councilman Borowski: Aye, Councilman Finter: Aye, Councilman Shennable: Aye, Councilwoman Filippone: Aye. The Motion Passed.

VIII. Ordinances for Public Hearing and Final Adoption

- **Ordinance No. 2026-04:** Amending Chapter 90 entitled "Zoning" of the Borough Code to add Article 14 providing for municipal exemption from zoning and planning restrictions for borough-owned property for municipal government functions.
    - **Motion to Open Public Hearing:** Made by Councilman Borowski, seconded by Councilman Finter. Vote: All in Favor. The Motion Passed.
    - **Public Comment:** None.
    - **Motion to Close Public Hearing:** Made by Councilman Borowski, seconded by Councilman Finter. Vote: All of Council was in favor. The Motion Passed.
    - **Motion to Adopt:** Made by Councilwoman Filippone, seconded by Councilman Finter.
    - **Vote:** A roll call vote was conducted. Council President Zalom: Aye, Councilman Borowski: Aye, Councilman Finter: Aye, Councilman Shennable: Aye, Councilwoman Filippone: Aye. The Motion Passed.
- **Ordinance No. 2026-06:** Amending Chapter 90 entitled "Zoning" for permit fees for roofing and siding, and separately amending all chapters in the Borough Code to exempt the Borough of Lavallette from all permit, license, and application fees when the Borough is the applicant for work performed within the Borough.
    - **Motion to Open Public Hearing:** Made by Council President Zalom, seconded by Councilman Shenewolf. Vote: All of Council was in favor. The Motion Passed.
    - **Public Comment:** None.
    - **Motion to Close Public Hearing:** Made by Councilman Shenewolf, seconded by Councilman Finter. Vote: All of Council was in favor. The Motion Passed.
    - **Motion to Adopt:** Made by Councilman Borowski, seconded by Councilwoman Filippone.
    - **Vote:** A roll call vote was conducted. Council President Zalom: Aye, Councilman Borowski: Aye, Councilman Finter: Aye, Councilman Shennable: Aye, Councilwoman Filippone: Aye. The Motion Passed.

IX. Unfinished Business

- **West Point Island Basketball Courts:** Councilman Borowski provided an update on the removal of wood and upcoming asphalt repaving by the County following Memorial Day. The Borough is finalizing an installation agreement with no installation cost to the Borough. Final designs and product specifications will be reviewed prior to approval.
- **Memorial Day Service:** Council President Zalom shared details regarding the upcoming Memorial Day service on May 25th at 11:00 AM at Memorial Field, including musical performances and readings.
- **Memorial Field Benches and Backup Inspector:** Councilwoman Filippone discussed the need to slightly relocate benches at Memorial Field due to conflicts with sprinkler heads. She also clarified the necessity of rehiring Susan Kilcheski as a backup building inspector to cover absences.
- **West Point Island Repaving and Chandler Field:** Councilman Shenewolf reported on the successful repaving of interior lots on West Point Island. He announced that Chandler Field playground equipment will be installed around September. Additionally, a grant was received for sidewalks extending along Baltimore Avenue, which will soon go out for bid.

X. New Business

- No new business was presented.

XI. Public Comment

- No comments were made by the public. It was noted that Memorial Day is 21 days away.

XII. Comments from Mayor and Council

- Councilman Borowski and Councilwoman Filippone reported on their attendance at a recent DEP rules hearing in Trenton regarding flood elevations and structural requirements. They expressed concern over the potential impact on local building, structural aesthetics, and costs.
- Councilman Shenewolf wished a Happy Mother's Day to all mothers.

XIII. Action Items

1. No explicit action items were recorded.

XIV. Adjournment

- A motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Finter and seconded by Councilman Borowski. Vote: All of Council was in favor. The Motion Passed.
- The Council Meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.
- The next meeting is scheduled for May 18, 2026.

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 **4th** day of **May 2026.**

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Donnelly Amico, Municipal Clerk