BOROUGH OF LAVALLETTE

CAUCUS REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Monday, June 22, 2026 at 7:00pm

I. Call to Order

Flag Salute: Councilwoman Joanne Filippone led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Walter G. La Cicero requested a moment of silence for Edith Lenard.

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

Councilman Borowski -- present

Council President Zalom-- present

Councilman Stogdill -- present

Councilman Finter -- present

Councilman Shenewolf -- present

Councilwoman Filippone -- present

Mayor Walter G. La Cicero, presiding -- present

Also Present: John Bennett, Borough Administrator

Donnelly Amico, Municipal Clerk

William Burns, Borough Attorney

III. Presentations

Proclamation Honoring Sage Sakowicz:

Councilwoman Filippone and Mayor La Cicero presented a proclamation recognizing Sage Sakowicz of Point Pleasant Beach High School and a Lavallette resident as a 2026 Mayor's Scholar.

IV. Early Public Comment

Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda:

Susie Jays (121 Virginia Avenue) and **Nancy Hackbarth** (1601 Baltimore Avenue) asked about the criteria for adding a crosswalk on Route 35 South.

Mayor La Cicero recommended attending the upcoming Department of Transportation (DOT) meeting on July 13, 2026, from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM, to discuss safety improvements on Route 35 North and South.

V. Mayor's Report

Well 6 Project Update:

Mayor La Cicero reported on an emergency meeting regarding the progress of Well 6. The generator is scheduled to be set this week, and the well pumps will be delivered and installed. The Mayor noted that the license application to pump water from the state has been signed and is being expedited by the engineer.

VI. Resolutions

Consent Agenda (Resolutions #161-177):

161: Approving the employment of two lifeguards and four badge checkers for the 2026 summer season.

162: Requesting approval of items of revenue and appropriation in the amount of $63,700 for a DCA 2026 Local Recreation Improvement Grant.

163: Accepting the donation of two American flags from the Simzak family on Bond Avenue.

164: Approving a facilities use application to the Lavallette Girl Scouts to hold a car wash fundraiser in the firehouse parking lot on July 12, 2026, and August 4, 2026.

165: Approving the employment of a recreation attendant for the 2026 summer season.

166: Approving the employment of three individuals for the seasonal DPW beach crew at an hourly rate of $15.92.

167: Authorizing a proprietary services agreement between Visual Computer Solutions and the Lavallette Police Department at no cost.

168: Authorizing the disposal of surplus property through GovDeals.

169: Awarding a contract to Lester Glenn Chevrolet for the purchase of a 2026 Chevy Equinox in the amount of $30,550 for the Lavallette Construction Department.

170: Authorizing a facilities use application to lifeguard captain Jack Casino to utilize a section of the boardwalk for 10 minutes on July 2 for a triathlon.

171: Approving the employment of six individuals as class one special officers at an hourly rate of $15.92.

172: Authorizing the Borough of Lavallette to enter into the New Jersey Cooperative Pricing Agreement with the County of Bergen.

173: Authorizing the execution of change order number two to the contract with Earl Asphalt Company for drainage improvement project contract B, increasing the adjusted contract price by $25,429.01.

174: Approving the renewal of a liquor license as a pocket license to Sherman Hospitality LLC for the year 2026-2027.

175: Approving the renewal of a liquor license to Cornerstone Liquors for the year 2026-2027.

176: Approving amendments to the constitution of the bylaws of the Lavallette Volunteer Fire

Company pursuant to borough code 27-2.

177: Authorizing the proposal to provide engineering services from Remington and Vernick to update the borough's water system manual and emergency response plan in a lump sum not to exceed $16,000.

Motion: Made by Councilman Stogdill, seconded by Councilwoman Filippone, to adopt the Consent Agenda.

Vote: A roll call vote was conducted. Council President Zalom; Yes, Councilman Borowski; Yes, Councilman Finter; Yes, Councilman Shenewolf; Yes, Councilman Stogdill; Yes, Councilwoman Filippone; Yes. The motion passed.

Resolution 178: Bills List:

- Approval of the bills list in the amount of $4,164,508.61.

Motion: Made by Councilwoman Filippone, seconded by Councilman Stogdill, to approve the bills list.

Vote: A roll call vote was conducted. Council President Zalom; Yes, Councilman Borowski; Yes on all except 25-010017, Councilman Finter; Yes on all except abstain on 25-010017, Councilman Shenewolf; Yes, Councilman Stogdill; Yes, Councilwoman Filippone; Yes. The motion passed.

VII. Ordinances

Ordinance 2026-16 (First Reading/Introduction):

- An ordinance amending chapter 20, construction codes uniform, to remove all references to the Borough of Seaside Park and to terminate a shared services agreement for shared construction, zoning, and code enforcement departments.

Motion: Made by Councilwoman Filippone, seconded by Councilman Stogdill, to introduce Ordinance 2026-16.

Vote: A roll call vote was conducted. Council President Zalom; Yes, Councilman Borowski; Yes, Councilman Finter; Yes, Councilman Shenewolf; Yes, Councilman Stogdill; Yes, Councilwoman Filippone; Yes. The motion passed.

Action: Public hearing and final adoption scheduled for July 6, 2026.

VIII. Unfinished Business

Playground Update: Councilman Shenewolf reported that the playground equipment order is processing, and site work bids will open on Friday. The installation target is September 2026.

Water Usage: Councilman Finter provided an update on Well 6 and requested that residents conserve water over the Fourth of July holiday due to limited pumping capacity until Well 6 is fully operational.

Project Backboard: Councilman Borowski reported that upgraded stainless-steel basketball hoops are in production and have an estimated installation timeline of four to five weeks.

Beach and Boardwalk Rules: Councilman Stogdill stated that summer beach badges and boardwalk rules (including bicycle hours of 5:00 AM to 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM, and no dog walking) are now in effect. Beach badge sales have exceeded $901,000.

Community Events: Councilwoman Filippone noted a new yoga business, discussed local scholarships, and promoted the July 3rd bike parade starting at 9:00 AM on President Avenue.

History Book: Mr. Bennett reported that contracted groups have resumed work on the history book project.

IX. New Business

Bay Boulevard Lights: Councilman Finter reported that the lights along Bay Boulevard and around the gazebo have been changed to red, white, and blue.

Electric Rates: Councilman Borowski presented a rate comparison, noting that the borough's rate of $1,960 per 1,000 kilowatts through Laclede remains highly competitive compared to JCP&L's rate of $2,600.

Badge Sales Card Fees: Councilman Stogdill clarified that a 3% fee applies to credit card transactions at the badge office, while debit card transactions do not incur the fee. He urged purchasers to correctly identify debit cards to staff to avoid accounting issues.

Blood Drive: Councilwoman Filippone announced an upcoming American Red Cross blood drive at the Union Church next Saturday.

X. Public Comment

Bill Murray (1 Elizabeth Avenue) requested clarification on the official start of the summer season and boardwalk bicycle hours. He recommended installing clearer signage for bicycle hours on the boardwalk and reported issues with unauthorized parking in public works zones and dogs being brought into the playground.

Willie J. Corcoran (2106 Baltimore Avenue) raised concerns regarding individuals bringing dogs into the Tot Lot playground and reported hygiene concerns. He also requested strict enforcement of fireworks regulations.

Mayor La Cicero stated the police department and new special officers would be reminded to address these issues.

Bob Astorino (2 Elizabeth Avenue) inquired about retaining his personalized boardwalk plank when the boards are replaced.

Mayor La Cicero and Councilwoman Filippone explained that while DPW will return salvageable boards upon request, many boards split during removal and cannot be guaranteed.

XI. Council Comments

Councilman Shenewolf: Reminded residents to prepare for the July 13 DOT meeting regarding Route 35 and to bring constructive feedback.

Councilman Finter: Noted the recent food truck event and 5K run were highly successful

and well-attended with no issues.

Councilwoman Filippone: Reported that the REAL rules implementation has been postponed for one year. She also noted that a professional company will be hired to remove the Christmas star from the gazebo roof. She reported that several dedicated benches were moved without authorization during a recent wedding and stated that fees or fines may be implemented for such actions. Additionally, she announced a short patriotic presentation, "The Words and Voices of America," to be held during the July 5th fireworks event.

Councilman Borowski: Suggested creating stencils for the boardwalk entrances to explicitly list bicycle hours.

Councilman Stogdill: Mentioned ongoing issues with individuals attempting to walk dogs on the boardwalk.

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no executive session.

XII. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the Council Meeting was made by Councilman Stogdill. The Motion was by Councilman Shenewolf.

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 **22nd** day of **June 2026.**

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Donnelly Amico
Municipal Clerk