BOROUGH OF LAVALLETTE(minutes)
CAUCUS/REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
LAVALLETTE MUNICIPAL BUILDING
Monday, July 6, 2026-7:00 pm

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Walter G. LaCicero, presiding

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

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 long time resident Sally Strazza of WPI.

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

MAYOR'S WELCOMING STATEMENT: The Mayor thanked everyone for coming to tonight's meeting. Unfortunately, we had to cancel the concert and the fireworks due to storm notifications and the Chief was worried about power outages during this as well.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Regular Meeting of May 18, 2026
Caucus/Regular Meeting of June 1, 2026

A Motion to approve the minutes was made by Council President Zalom. The Motion was Seconded by Councilman Stogdill.

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

REPORTS:

a) Construction Report for June 2026 -Councilwoman Filippone-read report
b) Zoning/Code Report for June 2026-Councilwoman Filippone-read report
c) Municipal Court Report for June 2026-Councilwoman Filippone-read report
d) Police Overtime Report for June 2026-Councilwoman Filippone-read report
e) Public Works Report for June 2026-Councilman Finter-read report
f) Fire Department Report for June 2026-Councilwoman Filippone-read report
g) Public Affairs-Council President Zalom-Last Sunday's concert was well attended and the

bicycle parade on July 3rd was a big hit.

h) Tax Account Report for June 2026-Tax Collector
i) Revenue Transaction Report for May 2026-Chief Financial Officer
j) Certificate of Determination and Award of BAN-Chief Financial Officer

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

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

ON CONSENT AGENDA/OFF CONSENT AGENDA, AND VOUCHERS:

RESOLUTIONS – ON CONSENT:

2026-179 approving the submission of the grant application with the NJDOT for the Pennsylvania, Philadelphia and New Brunswick Avenue Road Improvement Project

2026-180 requesting approval of items of revenue and appropriation for insertion of 2026 Recycling Tonnage Grant in the amount of $6,018.30

2026-181 awarding a contract to Water Service Professionals of PA, Inc. in the amount of $25,000

2026-182 appointing Ted Golubowski as a backup Water Distributor, Water Treatment and Sewer Collection Operator and as a Consultant for the Borough on an as needed basis

2026-183 approving the employment of two individuals as seasonal beach crew and one individual as a seasonal sanitation laborer

2026-184 rejecting the bids for the Jake's Law Grant Inclusive Playground at Chandler Field due to the two bids exceeding the cost estimates for the goods and services

2026-185 confirming the appointment of Charles Farrah as the Acting Public Works Supt. with an annual salary of $168,240.00-Mayor LaCicero stated that this will be pulled to discuss in executive session.

2026-186 approving the appointment of Vincent Percella as the Acting Assistant Public Works Supt. with an annual salary of $100,000 effective July 1, 2026-Mayor LaCicero stated that this will be pulled to discuss in executive session.

2026-186A approving a facilities use application to LaxKids to hold a youth lacrosse clinic on Chandler Field on Thursdays in July 2026 with a rain date of Thursday, August 6, 2026

A Motion to approve the consent agenda minus Resolutions 2026-185 and 2026-186 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 Zalom, Borowski, Finter, Shenewolf, Stogdill and Filippone voted yes. The Motion Passed.

RESOLUTIONS - OFF CONSENT:

2026-187 approving a stipend of $5,000 for 2026 summer season for Craig Stogdill for his Supervisory position with the Beach Badge Office

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

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:

2026-188 Bills List in the amount of $1,369,064.27

A Motion to approve the bills list was made by Council President Zalom. 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 Zalom, Borowski, Finter, Shenewolf, Stogdill and Filippone voted yes. The Motion Passed.

ORDINANCES ON FOR PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL ADOPTION:

Ordinance No. 2026-15 (1300) Ordinance Amending Chapter 90 (Zoning) to Permit Fitness Facilities and Instructional Studios in the B-1 Business District and the B-2 Downtown Business District and to Establish Off-Street Parking Standards for Such Uses

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 Zalom, Borowski, Finter, Shenewolf, Stogdill and Filippone voted Yes. The Motion Passed.

Ordinance No. 2026-16 (1301) Ordinance Amending Chapter 20 "Construction Codes, Uniform," of the Code of the Borough of Lavallette to Remove All References to the Borough of Seaside Park and to the Terminated Shared Services Agreement for Shared Construction, Zoning, and Code Enforcement Departments

Mayor LaCicero stated that this is just to cleanup our code book.

A Motion to open the public hearing was made by Councilman Shenewolf. 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 Stogdill.

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

COMMUNICATIONS:

General With No Action:

a) Lavallette Senior Club/James Peeney, President/thanking Mayor and Council for their support in helping with their subsidy of $1300 towards transportation for their annual trip to the Surflight Theater/June 21, 2026

b) NJ State Legislature/10th District/letter to the NJDOT regarding their Concept Development Study recommendations requesting that they take into consideration the Borough of Lavallette's responses to these recommendations before advancing to a formal design phase/June 26, 2026

General With No Action:

a) Karen Lamb/121 Philadelphia Avenue/letter requesting a formal review of the current arrangement regarding access to the Lavallette Firehouse restrooms along with idling vehicles in their parking lot/June 30, 2026

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Ken Meiser, 13 Brown Avenue stated that he just wanted to comment on the letter regarding the public bathrooms. Without open bathrooms somewhere in town would make it become a sanitation issue and we certainly don't want that either.

Meg Geer, 104 Brown Avenue stated that even with the flash flood we had in town, our sanitation guys still came in that deep water in the street and emptied our cans so we are very grateful for the employees.

COMMENTS OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS:

There was no comments.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mr. Burns stated that there is a need to go into executive session to discuss some personnel matters. There may be action taken when we return.

A Motion to adjourn the Council Meeting to go into executive session 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 to go into executive session at 7:40pm.

A Motion to reconvene the Council Meeting was made by Councilwoman Filippone. The Motion was Seconded by Councilman Stogdill.

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

The Council Meeting was reconvened at 7:53pm.

Mr. Burns stated that while in executive session there were two employees that were discussed regarding promotions and salaries. There is action that will be taken now.

2026-185-confirming the appointment of Charles Farrah as the Acting Public Works Supt. with an annual salary of $168,240.00

A Motion to approve this resolution was made by Councilman Borowski. The Motion was Seconded by Councilman Stogdill.

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

2026-186 approving the appointment of Vincent Percella as the Acting Assistant Public Works Supt. with an annual salary of $100,000 effective July 1, 2026

A Motion to approve this resolution was made by Councilman Stogdill. The Motion was Seconded By Councilman Finter.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

A Motion was made to adjourn the Council Meeting by Councilwoman Filippone. The Motion was Seconded by Councilman Borowski.

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

The Council Meeting was adjourned at 7:54pm.

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 **July 2026.**

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Donnelly Amico
Municipal Clerk