BOROUGH OF LAVALLETTE(minutes)
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
LAVALLETTE MUNICIPAL BUILDING
Monday, August 24, 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 Margaret De Benedictis who is Al's wife who passed away recently. She fostered over 70 babies during her lifetime and was a member of Simon's Kitchen. Also, Jackie Hazard from WPI who also passed away.

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

RECOGNIZING THE LAVALLETTE LIFEGUARDS FOR THEIR TOURNAMENT WIN

The Mayor along with Councilman Stogdill handed out Certificates of Recognition to the lifeguards who participated in the tournament.

MAYOR'S WELCOMING STATEMENT: The Mayor welcomed everyone to tonight's meeting.

ON CONSENT AGENDA/OFF CONSENT AGENDA, AND VOUCHERS:

RESOLUTIONS – ON CONSENT:

2026-204 appointing Kelly Mahony to the position of a part-time fill-in Municipal Court Administrator at an hourly rate of $25 on an as needed basis.

2026-205 requesting approval of a Chapter 159 for the 2026 Cops In Shops Grant in the amount of $3,360

2026-206 approving the employment of two lifeguards and two badge checkers for the remainder of the summer season

2026-207 authorizing the approval of a raffle license to St. Pio of Pietrelcina to be held on November 7, 2026

2026-208 appointing Michael Cutitta to the position of Electrical Supervisor for the Dept. of Public Works at an annual salary $109,706 effective August 24, 2026

2026-209 appointing Jacob Franzoso to the position of Public Works Supervisor for the Dept. of Public Works effective at an annual salary of $104,558 effective August 24, 2026

2026-210 approving the employment of a sanitation laborer for the DPW at an hourly rate of $18.00 effective immediately

A Motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Councilman Stogdill. The Motion was Seconded by Councilman Finter.

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:

There were no resolutions off consent.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:

2026-211 Bills List in the amount of $1,434,953.24

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

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Councilman Shenewolf stated that the Chandler Park playground should be being delivered on September 15th.

Mayor LaCicero stated that he had a meeting with DPW regarding the boardwalk reconstruction. The materials and lumber will be ordered soon and we are hoping to get at least 4 blocks down before the end of the year.

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilman Stogdill stated that the beach badge office is now downstairs in Borough Hall, 9am to 4pm, 7 days a week today through Labor Day. We also had to close some beaches due to some understaffing and you can get which beaches are open on our website. The revenue right now from the badge sales is roughly $1.4 million.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

There were no comments.

COMMENTS OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Councilman Finter stated that well #3 is shut down but wells 5 & 6 are online.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

There was no executive session.

ADJOURNMENT:

A Motion to adjourn the Council Meeting 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 at 7:33pm.

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 **24th** day of **August 2026.**

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Donnelly Amico
Municipal Clerk