BOROUGH OF LAVALLETTE(minutes)
CAUCUS/REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
LAVALLETTE MUNICIPAL BUILDING
Monday, August 3, 2026-7:00 pm

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Walter G. LaCicero, presiding

ROLL CALL: Council Members Borowski, Zalom, Stogdill, Finter, Shenewolf and Filippone
Council Members Borowski and Shenewolf were 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: The Mayor asked for a moment of silence for long time resident Betsy Boylan who passed away. Betsy was most of the kids here in Lavallette going to the high school in Pt. Beach's bus driver and she was the truant officer as well.

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

MAYOR'S WELCOMING STATEMENT: The Mayor stated that the DOT has decided that changing the direction to both ways on Route 35 will not be happening so thank you to all who attended the meeting and let them know it was not a good idea.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Regular Meeting of June 22, 2026
Caucus/Regular Meeting of July 6, 2026

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

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

REPORTS:

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

g) Public Affairs-Council President Zalom -the town is so busy still. So many different things happening all over town. The breast cancer walk was a big hit with so many people who participated.
h) Tax Account Report for July 2026-Tax Collector
i) Revenue Transaction Report for June 2026-Chief Financial Officer

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

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

ON CONSENT AGENDA/OFF CONSENT AGENDA, AND VOUCHERS:

RESOLUTIONS – ON CONSENT:

2026-196 opposing certain recently enacted state laws affecting laws enforcement operations, federal-state cooperation and public safety and urging their repeal

2026-197 authorizing the collector to refund a credit due to an overpayment in the amount of $477.43

2026-198 authorizing the disposal of surplus property through Govdeals

2026-199 approving the employment of two badge checkers at an hourly rate of $15.92 for the remainder of the 2026 summer season

2026-200 approving the employment of a sanitation seasonal laborer at an hourly rate of $18.00

2026-201 awarding a contract to CFM Construction, Inc. for the purchase and installation of a strap on flow meter for the Water Treatment Plant in the amount of $16,400

2026-202 awarding a contract to Foveonics Imaging Technologies for the scanning/backfire conversion of certain permanent records that must remain archived through the cooper pricing agreement with ESCNJ in the amount not to exceed $40,000

A Motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Councilman Finter. 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 and Filippone voted Yes. The Motion Passed.

RESOLUTIONS - OFF CONSENT:

There were no resolutions off consent.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:

2026-203 Bills List in the amount of $6,039,391.24

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

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Councilman Borowski stated that Congressman Chris Smith has a bill out regarding the Verizon nodes and how bad they are for the environment and people who live close by to them and he would like to have a resolution done supporting his bill.

All of Council agreed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilman Borowski stated that the NYC bus trip will be on Saturday, December 12th. The cost is $30 per person so you can purchase your tickets now until they run out.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Jane Garrambone, 15 Vance Avenue
Alice Comer, 13 Vance Avenue

The ladies stated that all the towns around us including Brick, Ortley Beach, Seaside Heights, Normandy Beach and Ocean Beach have mobi mats on all their walkovers and entrances to the beach and they want to know why Lavallette doesn't have them on all our walkovers.

Mayor LaCicero stated that we use the CDBG grant that we get every two years too purchase mobi mats for our walkovers. We have a lot more walkovers/entrances to our beach then the other towns you mentioned so we like to use the grant money every two years. We are doing something about it and will continue to get one for every walkover as we are doing.

Kathleen Margiotta, 105 Vance Avenue stated that she hears the same words all the time every year and still nothing gets done. We need to be more proactive and vigilant and figure out at least a 10-year plan. She also would like to know why these meetings stopped being videotaped. It would make it a lot easier to have these meetings videotaped for people who don't live here all year.

Julie Kaen, 1705 Baltimore Avenue stated that she just wanted to comment about some negative comments regarding our public bathrooms at the firehouse. They are there for the public and the residents and they are very convenient.

Ed Hart, 86 Ocean Front commended the lifeguards with coming to his granddaughter's aid promptly when she was hit with an umbrella. He stated that he would like to see if the recycling bins on the boardwalk can be picked up twice a day.

Councilman Finter stated that as far as he has been told they are picked up twice a day but he will pass his request along.

John Fata, 111 President Avenue stated that the skimboarding contest was a huge success and he just wanted to thank Mayor and Council for their support.

COMMENTS OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS:

There were no comments.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

There was no executive session.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

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

The Council Meeting was adjourned at 8:16pm.

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 **3rd** day of **August 2026.**

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Donnelly Amico
Municipal Clerk