

**BOROUGH OF LAVALLETTE(MINUTES)  
REORGANIZATION MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
LAVALLETTE MUNICIPAL BUILDING-COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2008 – 7:04 PM**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Walter G. LaCicero, Presiding

**MEETING NOTICE STATEMENT:**

Notice of this meeting complies with the Open Public Meetings Act. Public Notice was given to the Ocean County Observer, the Ocean Star, the Ocean County Gazette and was published in the Asbury Park Press on January 7, 2007. Notice was posted on the Municipal Bulletin.

**INVOCATION:**

Pastor John T. Collins of the Faith Lutheran Church performed the invocation.

**MOMENT OF SILENCE-SALUTE TO THE FLAG:**

The Mayor asked for a moment of contemplation for the troops in the Middle East that couldn't be home for the holidays and then asked Councilman Stogdill to lead us in the Salute to the Flag.

**ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE:**

**Michael Stogdill** elected as Councilman took his Oath of Office, which was administered by Mayor Walter G. LaCicero. Three (3) year term of office from January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008 through December 31, 2010. (Holding the Bible for Councilman Stogdill was his wife, Lori Stogdill and son Craig Stogdill)

**Robert Lamb** elected as Councilman took his Oath of Office, which was administered by Mayor Walter G. LaCicero. Three (3) year term of office from January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008 through December 31, 2010. (Holding the Bible for Councilman Lamb was his son Justin Lamb and his daughter Victoria Lamb)

Pictures were taken of the both Councilman and their families by Council President Zalom and by the reporter for the Ocean Star.

**ROLL CALL:**

Councilman Joseph Ardito  
Councilwoman Britta F. Wenzel  
Council President Anita F. Zalom  
Councilman Michael Stogdill  
Councilwoman Joanne Filippone  
Councilman Robert Lamb

Also Present:

Christopher F. Parlow, Borough Administrator/Municipal Clerk  
Phil George, Borough Attorney  
Donnelly Amico, Deputy Municipal Clerk

## **MAYOR'S ANNUAL MESSAGE:**

The Mayor focused in on the entire year of 2007 and what has been accomplished. The first set of Bi-Laws was adopted. They will be amended tonight with the Mayor's Message being inserted. Beach revenue is up due to the system implemented of the badge checkers on each street end. Thanks to Councilman Lamb for that successful system. The Magee Avenue dock was completely rebuilt as well as the upgrades to the boardwalk being halfway done. We hope to have the other half completed before the end of this year. The WPI Bridge dredging was done this year. I will be attending a meeting in Mantoloking on January 31<sup>st</sup> to discuss more dredging options with the County. We received a grant from the DOT in the amount of \$145,000 for road improvements to Kerr Avenue. The improvements to White Avenue, Coleman Lane and Ortlely Avenue will begin shortly. We purchased another T300 for the beach to clean the beaches. Having two speeds up the process. Our website is up and running the best its ever been and it is now also in house. The Parking Committee was established and the first meeting should be in the early part of January. We passed a lot of Ordinances. Self-Generation of electric power, address changes to properties for emergency purposes, the paver ordinance passed and seems to be functioning well, and the telephone pole ordinance to clean up Route 35 South. We had improvements to sidewalks and curbs on Bay Blvd. and replaced the doors on Borough Hall to handicap accessible. All lawsuits have been settled and labor contracts have all been signed and executed. I believe the moral is up in all departments. The Beautification Committee has done a marvelous job improving the town and will keep doing so in the future.

Some of the goals I hope to be fulfilled for the year 2008. Increase revenue without raising homeowner's taxes. Continue the badge checkers at the street ends for badge enforcement. I still would like to bring the construction dept. in house instead of the County. I would like to eventually lease our water tower to cell phone companies to bring in revenue. The Bay Beach Way annexation will bring in revenue. All of the above goals should bring us in at least \$300,000 in revenue for the town. We hope to look at more options considering the Tennis Court Restoration. The road improvement projects will continue through 2008 with more roads to be improved in the near future. The boardwalk reconstruction project continues at a good pace. There is going to be new regulations on the dunes which I hope will give us a little more leeway. We are having an erosion study done on our bay beach by Stevens Institute. I would also like to see the implementation of credit cards for payments of beach badges, utilities and taxes. The Beautification Committee is helping us with the news rack problem in town. They should have some options and information for us around our budget time. I would like to see a personnel policy established this year.

## **ELECTION OF BOROUGH COUNCIL PRESIDENT FOR 2008:**

Mayor LaCicero stated that he would like to see Councilwoman Zalom stay on as Council President.

Councilwoman Filippone stated that she thinks that is a wonderful idea. She thinks Councilwoman Zalom takes her job as Council President very serious and enjoys it also.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Filippone to elect Councilwoman Anita Zalom as Council President. The Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Wenzel. Vote: Council Members Ardito, Wenzel, Stogdill, Filippone and Lamb all voted "Yes". The motion passed.

**2008 BOROUGH APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR:** The Mayor appointed the following individuals to the Planning Board / Board of Adjustment.

Planning Board / Board of Adjustment

<u>Term</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Appointee</u>
1 Year	Class II Member	Christopher F. Parlow
4 Years	Class IV Member	Joseph Baginski
2 Years	Alternate #1	Joseph Palinsky

**2008 COUNCIL COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS:**

**Resolution No. 2008-01 Committee Assignments of Borough Council**

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Wenzel to approve Resolution 2008-01. The Motion was seconded by Council President Zalom. Vote: Council Members Ardito, Wenzel, Zalom, Stogdill, Filippone and Lamb all voted “Yes”. The motion passed.

**2008 BOROUGH APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR:** – (requiring advice and consent of Council)

The Mayor recommended that they reappoint Philip George from Eric Bernstein & Assoc. for another year. He feels they have done a fine job and deserve the appointment.

**Borough Attorney - Eric M. Bernstein Associates**

Resolution No. 2008-02

A Motion was made by Councilman Stogdill to approve Resolution 2008-02 appointing Eric M. Bernstein Associates to the position of Borough Attorney. The Motion was seconded by Council President Zalom. Vote: Council Members Wenzel, Zalom, Stogdill, Filippone and Lamb all voted “Yes”. Councilman Ardito abstained. The motion passed.

**Borough Auditor – Robert S. Oliwa / Oliwa & Company**

Resolution No. 2008-03

A motion was made by Councilwoman Wenzel to approve Resolution 2008-03 appointing Robert S. Oliwa / Oliwa & Company to the position of Borough Auditor. The Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Filippone. Vote: Council Members Ardito, Wenzel, Zalom, Stogdill, Filippone and Lamb all voted “Yes”. The motion passed.

The Mayor made a recommendation that even though Kim Pascarella was not the low bidder he feels that he has done a good job and deserves the position. He also just became a Certified Municipal Prosecutor.

**Borough Prosecutor –** Kim A. Pascarella, Esquire

Resolution No. 2008-04

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Wenzel to approve Resolution 2008-04 appointing Kim A. Pascarella, Esquire to the position of Borough Prosecutor. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Lamb. Vote: Council Members Ardito, Wenzel, Zalom, Stogdill, Filippone and Lamb all voted “Yes”. The motion passed.

**Various Professional Appointments -**

Bond Counsel – Dilworth, Paxson, LLP  
Special Prosecutor – Joseph Coronato / Mulvaney, Coronato and Brady  
Special Hearing Officer – Arnaldo V. Maestrey  
Alternate Prosecutor - Bonnie Peterson  
Alternate Prosecutor #2 – Holzapfel & Zabarsky  
Public Defender - Margarie Herlihy  
Conflict Public Defender - Philip G. Mylod  
Labor Attorney – Sean Gertner

Resolution 2008-05

Motion was made by Councilwoman Wenzel approve Resolution 2008-05 appointing various professionals. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Lamb. Vote: Council Members Ardito, Wenzel, Zalom, Stogdill, Filippone and Lamb all voted “Yes”. The motion passed.

**Various Advisory Committees-**

CDBG / Tourism / Grants Committee:

Anita Zalom, Liason	Judy Mrozek
Barbara Florimont	Penny Hahn
Jean Lane	Elaine Schardien
Joseph Palinsky	

Municipal Utility Advisory Committee:

Joseph Ardito, Liason	Christopher Parlow
Michael Stogdill, Liason	Al DeBenedictis
Roger Martin	Bill Zylinski
Joseph Palinsky	Dave Brown

Ordinance Committee:

Robert Lamb, Liaison  
Christopher Parlow  
Roger Martin  
Martin Morales  
Audrey Zylinski  
Rosangela Zaccaria  
Lionel Howard

Joanne Filippone, Liaison  
Shirley Buono  
Patricia Marrone  
Theresa Coleman  
Nicholas Zaccaria  
Barbara Brown  
Sheila Sharkey

Recreation Advisory Committee

Laurie O'Brien  
Leonard Calderaro  
Brian Sandy  
Katherine Sandy  
Hanna Scott  
Theresa Coleman  
Luke Cuccurullo  
Kathleen Disbrow  
Rosalie Dolinaj  
Audrey Zylinski  
Jane Garber  
Maureen Gross  
James Haag  
Joyce Hornung  
Sgt. Justin Lamb  
Vincent Marrone

Anita Zalom, Liaison  
Georgia Calderaro  
Karen Sandy  
Emanuel Calvanico  
Bart Coleman  
Harriet Sheridan  
James Disbrow  
John Dolinaj  
Rosangela Zaccaria  
Dr. Jim Enright  
Chief Cohn Grant  
Aileen Gulino  
Bruno Hornung  
Patricia Hoffman  
Patricia Marrone  
Jean Lane

Beautification Committee:

Anita Zalom, Liaison  
Patricia Marrone  
Theresa Coleman  
Leonard Calderaro  
Rich Traverso

Joanne Filippone, Liaison  
Arlene Maglionico  
Bruno Hornung  
Julie Henry  
Mark Rothlein

Parking Committee:

Chief Colin Grant  
Anita Zalom, Liaison  
Kimberlee Samarelli, LBA  
Anthony Rocco, Westmont Shores  
Michele Donato

Christopher Parlow  
Irene Kelly, WPI Civic Assoc.  
Rosangela Zaccaria, Planning Bd.  
Clem Boyers  
Deborah Ciambrone

Bill Bogdan, Lavallette Seniors      Marie Lough, VTPA  
Deborah Conner, PTA

Resolution 2008-06

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Filippone to approve Resolution 2008-06 appointing various committee members. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Stogdill. Council Members Ardito, Wenzel, Zalom, Stogdill, Filippone and Lamb all voted “Yes”. The motion passed.

**Various Board Appointments –**

Local Assistance Board

Councilwoman Anita Zalom (1 Year Term)  
Morgana Hamilton (2 Year Term)

Resolution 2008-07

A Motion was made by Councilman Lamb to approve Resolution 2008-07 appointing members to the Local Assistant Board. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Stogdill. Vote: Council Members Ardito, Wenzel, Zalom, Stogdill, Filippone and Lamb all voted “Yes”.

Health Services Advisory Board

Emanuel Calvanico (3 Year Term)  
Charles Lorenzo (3 Year Term)

Resolution 2008-08

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Filippone to approve Resolution 2008-08 appointing members to the Health Services Advisory Board. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Stogdill. Vote: Council Members Ardito, Wenzel, Zalom, Stogdill, Filippone and Lamb voted “Yes”. The motion passed.

**RESOLUTIONS – ON CONSENT:**

- 2008-09      Approving Temporary Budget
- 2008-10      Designating Official Newspapers
- 2008-11      Authorizing officials to sign checks, disbursement fund checks and drafts
- 2008-12      Appointing Internal Affairs Officers to the Lavallette Police Department
- 2008-13      Establishing 2008 Petty Cash Funds
- 2008-14      Designating Official Depositories

- 2008-15 Fixing rate of interest to be charged on delinquent taxes or assessments
- 2008-16 Adoption of Rules for the Mayor and Council-Councilwoman Wenzel asked for this to be pulled and put on off consent.
- 2008-17 Authorizing Mayor Walter G. LaCicero to sign quarterly DWI Reports
- 2008-18 Establishing 2008 Change Funds
- 2008-19 Authorizing the CFO to make certain timely payments for specific monetary obligations
- 2008-20 Establishing calendar of 2008 Council Meetings
- 2008-21 Establishing the allocation of salaries of certain employees within the Borough
- 2008-22 Authorizing Mayor Walter G. LaCicero to execute N.J. Department of Transportation Applications
- 2008-23 Authorizing execution of Schedule “C” Agreement with the County of Ocean
- 2008-24 Reaffirming Cash Management Plan
- 2008-25 Adopting federal guidelines for mileage reimbursement for Public Officials
- 2008-26 Authorizing participation in the State of NJ Cooperative Purchasing Program
- 2008-27 Authorizing professional services contract with Commerce National Risk Control Services for CDL Random Alcohol & Drug Testing Program Year 2008
- 2008-28 Authorizing Mayor LaCicero to sign and execute 2008 Municipal Alliance Agreement
- 2008-29 Approving Ocean County Animal Facilities fee schedule
- 2008-30 Endorsing submission of year 2008 Recycling Tonnage Grant Application
- 2008-31 Authorizing Software Contract – Edmunds & Associates \$9,555.00
- 2008-32 Authorization to approve seasonal appointments prior to meeting confirmation
- 2008-33 Designating Public Agency Compliance Officer in accordance with N.J.A.C. 17:27-3.5 – Borough Administrator/Municipal Clerk, Christopher F. Parlow
- 2008-34 Authorizing the Tax Assessor to act as agent for Lavallette and File Appeals for tax year 2008

- 2008-35 Approving contract for C-2 license-Theodore J. Golubowski
- 2008-36 Approving contract for T-2 and W-2 licenses-Gary K. Schlosser
- 2008-37 Appointing Councilwoman Anita F. Zalom as CDBG representative through October 31<sup>st</sup> 2008
- 2008-38 Approving contract for Animal Control Officer-Michael Maguire
- 2008-39 Approving appointment of Public Power Association of New Jersey Representatives: Administrator Christopher F. Parlow – Representative / Joseph Ardito - Alternate
- 2008-40 Approving appointment of Emergency Management Team for 2008
- 2008-41 Approving appointment of members to the Lavallette Emergency Planning Committee
- 2008-42 Approving appointments within the Lavallette Police Department for 2008: Special Police, Class I & II, Crossing Guards Matrons and Neighborhood Watch
- 2008-43 Approving appointments of ADA Coordinator – Councilmember Anita F. Zalom, Deputy ADA Coordinator - Elaine Schardien, and members to the Lavallette Community Partners for People with Disabilities for 2008
- 2008-44 Approving appointment of Theodore J. Golubowski as Lavallette Safety Coordinator
- 2008-45 Establishing annual salaries for non-contractual employees
- 2008-46 Approving appointment of Christopher F. Parlow as Ocean County JIF/Mel Fund-Fund Commissioner
- 2008-47 Approving appointment of Dr. Catherine A. Forrester, (Ocean Adult Medical Group), 65 Grand Central Avenue as Municipal Physician
- 2008-48 Establishing Fees for request for records per the Open Records Act (N.J.S.A. 47:1A-5b)
- 2008-49 Approving appointment of Donnelly Amico as Deputy Municipal Clerk
- 2008-50 Approving the 2008 Temporary Capital Budget

Mayor LaCicero opened public comment on Resolutions On-Consent, Off-Consent, and the Bills List.

Ray from the Ocean County Gazette stated that he would like the Borough to use their newspaper for our legal advertising.

Mayor LaCicero stated that the Gazette is on the list of legal newspapers and he will consider that request.

Councilwoman Wenzel asked to have Resolution 2008-16 moved to the Off-Consent Agenda.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Wenzel to approve the Consent Agenda (with the exception of Resolution No. 2008-16). The Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Filippone. Vote: Council Members Ardito, Wenzel, Zalom, Stogdill, and Filippone voted "Yes". Councilman Lamb abstained on Resolution No. 2008-12 and voted "Yes" to all the others. The motion passed.

**OFF-CONSENT AGENDA:**

Resolution No. 2008-16 Adoption of Rules for the Mayor and Council

The Mayor asked for Council discussion.

Councilwoman Wenzel stated that she feels the Council should be governed by Roberts' Rules of Order.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Filippone to approve Resolution 2008-16. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Lamb. Vote: Council Members Ardito, Zalom, Stogdill, Filippone and Lamb voted "Yes". Councilwoman Wenzel voted "No". The motion passed.

**BILLS:**

2008-51 Year End Bills List in the amount of \$233,860.35  
2008-52 Bills List for January 2008 in the amount of \$854,346.85

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Filippone to approve Resolutions 2008-51 and 2008-52. The Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Wenzel. Vote: Council Members Ardito, Wenzel, Zalom, Stogdill, Filippone and Lamb voted "Yes". The motion passed.

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:**

**BOND ORDINANCE NO. 2008-01 (1029)**

BOND ORDINANCE AMENDING IN PART BOND ORDINANCE NO. 2003-04 (920) ADOPTED ON APRIL 7, 2003, AS AMENDED BY BOND ORDINANCE NO. 2005-04 (968) ADOPTED ON APRIL 11, 2005, AS AMENDED BY BOND ORDINANCE NO. 2005-21 (985) ADOPTED ON OCTOBER 24, 2005, AS AMENDED BY BOND ORDINANCE NO. 2006-17 (1005) ADOPTED ON AUGUST 21, 2006, AS AMENDED BY BOND ORDINANCE NO. 2007-02 (1013) ADOPTED ON FEBRUARY 26, 2007, AS AMENDED BY BOND ORDINANCE NO. 2007-09 (1020) ADOPTED ON AUGUST 20, 2007, PROVIDING FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO BOARDWALKS AND DOCKS, IN ORDER TO INCREASE THE APPROPRIATION THEREFOR BY \$150,000 FOR A TOTAL APPROPRIATION OF \$900,000, TO INCREASE THE AUTHORIZED BONDS AND NOTES TO BE ISSUED TO FINANCE A PORTION OF THE COSTS THEREOF BY \$142,500 FOR A TOTAL DEBT AUTHORIZATION OF \$855,000, AND TO INCREASE THE ALLOCATION OF THE APPROPRIATION TO COSTS PERMITTED UNDER N.J.S.A. 40A:2-20, AUTHORIZED IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF LAVALLETTE, IN THE COUNTY OF OCEAN, NEW JERSEY

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Wenzel to introduce Ordinance 2008-01(1029). The Motion was seconded by Councilman Lamb. Vote: Council Members Ardito, Wenzel, Zalom, Stogdill, Filippone and Lamb voted “Yes”. The ordinance passed on first reading.

Mayor LaCicero stated that the Public Hearing and Final Adoption of Ordinance 2008-01 (1029) is scheduled for January 14, 2008.

### **CITIZENS COMMENTS:**

Clem Boyers, 20 Kerr Avenue questioned why there was a difference in the amounts on the Bond Ordinance.

Mr. Parlow stated that the difference is due to the 5% required down payment for all Bond Ordinances.

Bill Kinney, 23 Philadelphia Avenue requested an update on the violation from the DEP in reference to the pavilions.

Phil George stated that the NJDEP will be inspecting the condition of the dunes on January 3 and there is a court date scheduled for January 28. The Borough expects that the court hearing is going to be handled well. He will inform the public at the February meeting how it went.

### **COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

Councilwoman Wenzel stated that this evening’s meeting was run very smoothly. Thanks to Mayor LaCicero. She thinks the Council has been working very well together for the good of the town. She anticipates that this year will be a very productive year. She also stated that one of her goals this year to set up an environmental committee.

Councilman Lamb stated that he is very honored and privileged to serve as a Lavallette Councilman for the second time. He was proud to be a Lavallette Police Officer and now very proud to sit up here. There are a lot of agendas that need to be accomplished. He is very excited to know that he will be part of many accomplishments in the town.

Council President Zalom stated that she is very proud to begin her twelfth year as a Councilwoman. It is always challenging to plan events and celebrations here throughout the year and it always amazes me that so many organizations and individuals volunteer to help and so much is accomplished through a Community effort. We are truly fortunate to be here—some part time and especially full time.

I want to thank our Mayor for welcoming the public and respecting their views and suggestions. Giving them the chance to partake in the governance of our hometown. I want to also thank my fellow Council members and our many Citizen Volunteers for their dedicated time and service. We have accomplished many goals together and will continue this spirit in 2008.

I want to also thank Patrolman Ryan Greenhalgh and the PBA for the Toy Drive and presenting the many donations in the form of Gift cards for needed clothing to our children. This truly exemplifies the Christmas spirit.

May we up here work together and continue the cooperation with our Borough Clerk ChrisParlow and our newly appointed Deputy Clerk Donnelly Amico. May this extend to our employees and professionals—and together help us make good, independent decisions that will work the best for all.

We must place the needs of our Borough and its people above all else, we must sometimes set out on a course to change business as usual and to raise expectations.

As with any attempt at progress and change we have been faced with those who doubt—the guardians of the old ways who fear change and progress. I am not afraid of changing business as usual and of creating a better Lavallette that serves as an example for all others to follow. Decisions up here are very important for today and tomorrow

We must not jeopardize the quality of life for our hardworking taxpayers merely for selfish partisan political advantage. We must find the way to work together and agree to sometimes disagree. We must face issues and see them through the eyes of all our people, look at a broad picture and look past today when we act. It is a huge responsibility and all of us up here I believe are dedicated to that end. Please let us know your concerns--they are important —we want to here from all of you the so called silent majority not just the vocal minority. We need all of your voices-- here at the meetings, through letters, at the polls and yes even phone calls--we are all available.

We made a very weighty decision this year that caused much dissension and pitted neighbor against neighbor. We on Council ultimately decided the question but some feared repercussion with the 450 ft and Spot zoning. I'm sure this influenced many Council votes. Since then, we are now aware of the fact that the third liquor license wants to stay at Gabriella's- this might influence our choice. If we want to hear from all our people and let them decide I suggest we consider putting the question on the Ballot in November and letting the Voice of the people make this important decision, putting the onuses on all of us.

We are bound to keep Lavallette safe—in an ever-increasing dangerous world, provide the best of services, including education, and address the issues brought on by Tourism.

We look to you for help, suggestions and advice. We expect you to work with us not against us—which sometimes happens—and in that case we are all losers.

Our challenge is not merely to balance the budget during our terms in office; rather we must create the framework for balanced budgets for future generations. My idea is to carefully examine what's needed—I try to be visionary and realize —it is sometimes better to ---- Spend now then Pay later.

We up here work to encourage and bring as many Grant Dollars to Fund our projects and save our taxpayers the costs. This goal has been in operation for years and we do enjoy lower taxes compared to our Brick and Toms River neighbors.

We have recently spent down on our last three years of CDBG funding by providing a continuous sidewalk on Bay Blvd. Provided all handicapped curb cuts along the Bay and when needed in our Borough. We fixed and finished the Borough Hall door problems by making them handicap accessible. We will once again seek funding for another needed project in 2009.

Once again I would like Council to seriously consider new sources of revenue —ones that our neighboring towns are realizing—we have been redoing a section of our boardwalk each year — the burden has fallen on our taxpayers. As we continue this project —we might consider answering the call for the installation of cellular antennas on our water tower—Seaside Heights houses 5 – Seaside Park has 3 and another in the works and Island Height has 4.

Let's get on board before the area is saturated. I'm surprised no one has come to us insisting that we consider this opportunity. As I have mentioned in the past --In Jackson the planning board allowed the various Fire Companies to have an antennae erected on their buildings

So they could each realize the \$30,000 rent each year from every company. I'm sure these communities would not put their residents in harms way and we wouldn't either. This revenue could be used to keep our beautiful boardwalk safe and always in tiptop shape and keep our tax rate nearly flat.

In 2008, we will be busy continuing to complete Sewer Infrastructure-a project I have been a part of for the past 11 years.

Continuing Road Grants \$145,000-Kerr Avenue the latest project to be funded.

WRDA Act recently passed in Congress. It was long overdue. (Water Resource Development Act) provides 23 billion for needed Coastal projects. A significant portion of this funding was needed to maintain programs currently on hold in NJ. It will make possible the projects needed to protect our country's coastal areas. Currently \$25 million is dedicated yearly in NJ and matched by the Federal Government.

We will be hearing from the US Army Corps of Engineers and the NJIDEP and it will be a time to make important decisions for today and tomorrow. We are fortunate to have the Acting Head Engineer for the NJDEP as a neighbor and friend. Already we have been advised that Lavallette is in compliance with many of the demands that will accompany Beach Restoration and Replenishment Please come -and be a part of this process.

We continue to work in cooperation with the County and State Drainage and Storm Water Management. We are working to eliminate sump pump problems. We should look further into Shared Services to save tax dollars and strive for cooperative purchasing whenever possible. We work with Mayor LaCicero to save dollars in the Construction Area.

Councilman Ardito stated that he enjoyed this last year on Council and will continue to ask for clarifications on certain issues in order to get a better perspective on things.

Councilman Stogdill stated that he is honored to serve another three years as Councilman in Lavallette.

This has been a wonderful experience for him and he looks forward to all the work that has to be done in the future. This town has given me great opportunities and education in life and he looks forward to the next three years. Thank you.

Councilwoman Filippone stated that this has been an amazing year for her on Council. On occasion some decisions made may not be popular where some were very popular. She stated she has learned a lot up here. She has worked hard in trying to please everyone but sometimes that is impossible to accomplish. You have to do what you think is best for the town. She thinks the Police Dept. does wonderful police work. Our employees work wonderful together and get the job done. She depends on the employees a lot and they have never let her down. Phil George has been her right hand man with the very legal advice possible. Thanks to the Mayor who is my dearest friend and thanks to my colleagues up here.

Mr. Parlow requested that the Sherman Hospitality Place to Place Transfer be put on the February 4<sup>th</sup> agenda.

Mayor LaCicero agreed.

Mayor LaCicero congratulated Donnelly Amico on her new appointment and to all the committee appointments.

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

The Mayor asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Wenzel to adjourn the meeting. The Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Filippone. All were in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:21 pm.

#### **CERTIFICATION**

I, **CHRISTOPHER F. PARLOW**, Municipal Clerk of the Borough of Lavallette, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey do hereby attest these to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Borough Council held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of January, 2008.

**CHRISTOPHER F. PARLOW**  
Municipal Clerk