

**BOROUGH OF LAVALLETTE (minutes)**  
**BUDGET MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL**  
**LAVALLETTE MUNICIPAL BUILDING – COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**Thursday, March 4, 2010 – 4:03 pm**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Walter LaCicero, presiding

**ROLL CALL:** Council Members Borowski, Lamb, Horan were present.  
Council Members Zalom, Stogdill and Filippone were absent.

Also present: Christopher F. Parlow, Borough Administrator/Municipal Clerk  
Donnelly Amico, Deputy Municipal Clerk  
Michele Burk, Chief Financial Officer  
Gary Schlosser, Superintendent  
Diana Turrian, Secretary

**READING OF THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT STATEMENT:** Notice of this meeting complies with the Open Public Meetings Act. Public Notice was given to the Ocean Star and the Asbury Park Press. Notice was posted on the Municipal bulletin board and the Municipal Website.

**BUDGET HEARING: Public Works**

Mr. Parlow stated that the salaries are mostly contractual with the exception of some part timers. Mr. Schlosser is looking for a promotion for the office manager and to hire two laborers for this year. They are asking for an increase in the snow removal line item to \$40,000 due to the increase in the snowstorms this year.

Councilman Lamb questioned if that was put into an account by itself?

Mr. Parlow stated that we have an account called Snow Removal Trust Fund that has \$18,000 in it as of now and we have not used any of those funds as of yet.

Councilman Lamb questioned if we could use that money if we need it?

Mayor LaCicero questioned if we are getting any reimbursements back from FEMA?

Mr. Parlow stated that with the December storm the Borough has submitted expenditures to FEMA in the amount of \$53,000. If we receive that payment we do have the option of placing those funds into the Snow Trust Fund.

Diana Turrian stated that FEMA has the ability to release payment immediately for reimbursements under \$62,500.

Mayor LaCicero stated that if we get that check and put it in that account we will not need the extra \$30,000 to put in the budget for snow removal line item.

Mayor LaCicero stated that the 2009 snowstorm cut into our 2011 surplus so if we get that check that would definitely help us out.

Michele Burk stated that the December snowstorm cost about \$25,000.

Mayor LaCicero questioned how the 2009 appropriation reserve balance looks.

Michele Burk stated that the appropriation reserve balance is about \$100,000 lower than last year.

Mayor LaCicero questioned the tipping fees and how much of a decrease did we get?

Diana Turrian stated that we received a decrease of five cents per ton. Last year tipping fees came to \$178,000 and there was a balance going into 2010.

Mr. Parlow stated that we pay the landfill in advance so we have like an escrow.

Ms. Turrian stated that we were left with \$22,000 coming into 2009 and will start 2010 with a \$30,000 balance.

Mr. Parlow stated that we can put \$7,900 back in if we get the Clean Communities Grant. Public Works is not asking for any other increases in any of their line items except for street lighting because we are going to need to put at least seven or eight street lights on Bay Beach Way.

Mr. Parlow stated that the roll top curbing for the tennis courts should be put under separate cover rather than use "Schedule C".

Mayor LaCicero stated that recycling tonnage is up 35 tons.

Ms. Turrian stated that twice a year we get a payment from the county that goes into recycling trust and last year with the with those payments the Borough was able to purchase the new waste and recycling receptacles.

Mr. Parlow stated that last year we did not have enough money in gas and oil because of the fluctuation with the prices.

Michele Burk stated that with the type of agreement we have with Toms River the monies can overlap the years.

Mr. Parlow stated that it is difficult to estimate the amount needed to purchase fuel and that gas prices are expected to reach \$3 per gallon by summer. We may need to increase that item.

Mr. Parlow stated that their only capital request is to have \$100,000 boardwalk line item.

Ms. Turrian stated that we have a lot of snow fence to purchase.

Councilman Horan questioned when the small bucket truck is being delivered?

Mr. Parlow stated that it should be soon but he will check on that. He also stated that the bid opening for the sanitary sewer is March 18<sup>th</sup>.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

A Motion was made by Councilman Horan to adjourn the Budget Meeting. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Borowski. Vote: All of Council was in Favor. The Motion Passed. The Budget Meeting was adjourned at 4:35 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 Budget Meeting held on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of **March 2010**

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Christopher F. Parlow  
Municipal Clerk