

BOROUGH OF LAVALLETTE (minutes)
CAUCUS/REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
LAVALLETTE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
March 11, 2013-7:00 pm

CALL TO ORDER: Councilman Robert P. Lamb, presiding

Councilman Lamb stated that the Mayor was on vacation and Council President Zalom was attending a CDBG Meeting so he was going to preside over the meeting tonight. He asked Council to excuse Mayor LaCicero.

A Motion was made by Councilman Horan to excuse Mayor LaCicero's absence. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Stogdill. Vote: All of Council was in favor. The Motion Passed.

ROLL CALL: Council Members Borowski, Stogdill, Horan and Filippone were present.

Council President Zalom was attending the CDBG meeting and was present at the start of the meeting.

Councilman Lamb stated that Councilwoman Filippone will be on vacation for the whole month of March. He asked that Council to make a motion to excuse Councilwoman Filippone.

A Motion to excuse Councilwoman Filippone was made by Councilman Borowski. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Horan. Vote: All of Council was in favor. The Motion Passed.

Also present: Christopher F. Parlow, Borough Administrator/Municipal Clerk
Philip George, Borough Attorney
Donnelly Amico, Deputy Municipal Clerk

READING OF THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT STATEMENT: Notice of this meeting was published in the Ocean Star on March 1, 2013. Notice was also posted on our municipal website.

MOMENT OF SILENCE: Councilman Lamb asked for a moment of silence for all our troops overseas and for Laurie O'Brien, a longtime resident and also the Supervisor for the Badge Checkers and Recreation Director. She will be dearly missed.

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

MAYOR'S WELCOMING STATEMENT: Councilman Lamb welcomed everyone to tonight's meeting.

COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC (Items not listed on agenda / not staying for remainder of meeting)

Councilman Lamb stated that anyone in the audience who was here to speak about anything that was not on the agenda or not storm related or if they could not stay for the remainder of the meeting could do so now.

No one wished to comment at this time.

Councilman Lamb closed the floor to public comment.

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APPROVAL OF CLERK’S MINUTES:

Regular Meeting of February 19, 2013
Executive Session Minutes of February 19, 2013

A Motion was made by Councilman Horan to approve the minutes. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Stogdill. Vote: Council Members Borowski, Stogdill, Horan and Lamb voted Yes. The Motion Passed.

REPORTS:

- a) Construction Report for January and February 2013-Mr. Parlow read reports.
- b) Revenue Transaction Report for January 2013-Chief Financial Officer
- c) Tax Account Report for February 2013-Tax Collector

A Motion was made by Councilman Horan to approve the reports. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Stogdill. Vote: Council Members Borowski, Stogdill, Horan and Lamb voted Yes. The Motion Passed.

ON CONSENT AGENDA/OFF CONSENT AGENDA, AND VOUCHERS:

RESOLUTIONS – ON CONSENT:

- 2013-96 refunding the unused balance of planning board escrow funds for to Richard and Shirley Zarrilli at 11 Pennsylvania Avenue
- 2013-97 amending the 2013 temporary budget-Councilman Lamb stated that this is to just extend our 2012 budget for us to keep running.
- 2013-98 appointing two temporary boardwalk laborers commencing February 25, 2013 through May 25, 2013 at an hourly rate of \$10.00
- 2013-99 opposing Senate Bill 2511 which is amendments to the Open Public Meetings Act-Mr. Parlow stated that we are opposed to this bill because it requires all of our volunteer committees to advertise their meetings, post their agendas and prepare minutes. That is just too much to place upon our volunteers organizations.

- 2013-100 authorizing execution of a Public Power Association of New Jersey Mutual Aid Agreement
- 2013-101 requesting that the Federal Government permits citizens to appeal the Advisory Base Flood Maps immediately
- 2013-102 authorizing the execution of a fixed cost agreement with Jersey Central Power & Light for work to be performed on the substation and switchgear in the amount of \$10,009.18-Councilman Lamb stated that during a storm in the summer we lost power and our switchgear sustained damages that needed to be repaired. We were going to have to shut down entire town in order to do the repairs. This agreement is to allow them to repair our switchgear without shutting down our power by feeding our load on their transformer.
- 2013-103 authorizing the hourly rate change for Frances Adams in the Construction Department from \$12.00 to \$15.00 effective immediately
- 2013-104 authorizing the temporary employment of Rosemary Robertson as a part time clerk typist in the Construction Department at an hourly rate of \$19.80
- 2013-105 opposing S-2364 and A-3553, "Early Voting Bill"-Mr. Parlow stated that this bill would require municipalities to have voting facilities available to residents 15 days prior to the election which would cost the Borough additional time and money.
- 2013-106 authorizing the electric collector to refund an electric credit balance of \$1,600.00 for 607 Bay Blvd.
- 2013-107 approving policies and procedures for storm related reconstruction and/or elevation of non-conforming structures (bulk dimension non-conformities) and non-conforming uses (multi dwelling units in any single-family zone) - Councilman Lamb stated that this is so the zoning officer can fast track these special areas. Mr. Parlow stated that this resolution will allow the two family non conforming structures to be fast tracked by the zoning officer to allow them to put there homes back together to pre sandy conditions and to elevate and restore. If you have two structures on a property and wish to demolish one and restore and elevate the other that would require a variance from Planning Board. There is a checklist to see if you qualify for the fast track application and there will be a \$250 application fee with the escrow fees waived.
- 2013-108 awarding a contract to Totowa Concrete Products, Inc. in the amount of \$17,500.00 for the purchase of concrete bench ends, forms and hardware to rebuild boardwalk benches damaged as a result of Super Storm Sandy-Councilman Lamb stated that we lost over 100 benches from the storm and they need to be replaced. Mr. Parlow stated that each bench will cost about \$170 compared to the other two quotes he received which were over \$500 a bench.

2013-109 authorizing the execution of an addendum to the contract with Diamond M. Lumber Co. for the purchase of various boardwalk lumber, material and supplies in the amount of \$7,452.00

A Motion was made by Councilman Horan to approve the consent agenda. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Stogdill. Councilman Lamb opened the floor to public and asked if anyone wished to speak on any items on the consent agenda. No one wish to comment on the consent agenda. Councilman Lamb closed the floor to the public and asked Council for a vote on the consent agenda.

Vote: Council Members Borowski, Stogdill, Horan and Lamb voted Yes. The Motion Passed.

Second: Discussion: Public Comment: Vote:

RESOLUTION - OFF CONSENT:

2013-110 authorizing the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to execute the required promissory note and closing documents with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) associated with the Community Disaster Loan pursuant to Section 417 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, Public Law 93-288, as amended, and FEMA Regulation in the amount of \$2,712,475-Councilman Lamb stated that the Federal Government allows a municipality to apply for this loan if they are short revenues to help close the gap. There is also a chance that loan may be waived or have a very low interest rate. Mr. Parlow stated that all municipalities located in the disaster areas have been offered this loan to help bridge the gap which we are definitely going to have. There is a provision in the agreement that allows loan forgiveness.

A Motion to approve Resolution 2013-110 was made by Councilman Borowski. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Horan. Councilman Lamb opened the floor to the public and asked if anyone wished to comment on this resolution.

John Serra, 117 Pershing Blvd. questioned if the town has to give anything up for this loan.

Mr. George stated that he has gone over the federal regulations and all the restrictions are financial they are not related to any flood zones or properties.

Mr. Parlow stated that the only requirements are disclosures and we would have to keep all records from super storm sandy but nothing is tied to any other programs.

No one else wished to comment on this resolution. Councilman Lamb closed the floor to the public and asked Council for a vote on Resolution 2013-110.

There were no additional comments from the public.

Councilman Lamb called for a vote.

Vote: Council Members Borowski, Stogdill, Horan and Lamb voted Yes. The Motion Passed.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:

2013-111 Bills List in the amount of \$2,510,286.64

A Motion was made by Councilman Horan to approve the bills list. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Stogdill. Vote: Council Members Borowski, Stogdill, Horan and Lamb voted Yes. The Motion Passed.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Legal:

- a) Eric M. Bernstein & Assoc/Phil George, Esq/Manasquan Inlet to Barnegat Inlet Storm Reduction Project/Easement for Dune and Beach Restoration and Maintenance/Received March 8, 2013

Engineering:

- a) O'Donnell, Stanton & Associates/Michael O'Donnell/Preconstruction Conference Minutes/Boardwalk Reconstruction/Received February 5, 2013
- b) O'Donnell, Stanton & Associates/Michael O'Donnell/2013 CDBG Application Submission/Received February 22, 2013
- c) O'Donnell, Stanton & Associates/Michael O'Donnell/Repair & Reconstruction of Damaged Roadways/Pay Estimate No. 1/Received March 1, 2013

New Jersey League of Municipalities:

- a) Funding Opportunities Available through the New Jersey Recovery Fund February 25 Deadline/Received February 5, 2013
- b) Urgent Senate Voting on OPRA & OPMA Legislation S-2511 & S-2512/Received February 6, 2013
- c) 2013 New Jersey Travel Guide/Received February 6, 2013
- d) 21st Annual Mayors' Legislative Day Recap/Received February 6, 2013
- e) Important Finance Notice Issued. Municipalities Could Qualify for Federal Ratable Base Revenue Loss Assistance Deadline for Filing Extended to February 15/Received February 6, 2013
- f) Clean Energy Rebate Program Expansion/Received February 6, 2013
- g) Two Matters/Information on Winter Storm Watch/Advisory/National Black HIV-Aids Awareness Day/Received February 7, 2013
- h) League Analysis On Line: State Government and Your Local Property Taxes (What Residents and Businesses Should Consider)/Received February 7, 2013

- i) Sustainable State Funding Source for Open Space and Farmland Preservation/Received February 13, 2013
- j) Health Commissioner Asks Mayors to Help Promote Cleanup Precautions Mold and Asbestos Dangers Can Be Minimized/Received February 14, 2013
- k) Economic Development Program Scheduled for Local Officials/Received February 21, 2013
- l) Social Security Announces New Online Services/Received February 22, 2013
- m) League Withdraws Opposition to “Texting While Driving” Fine Bills (Floor Amendment to “Texting While Driving” Bills Returns a Fair Percentage of Fine Proceeds to Municipalities)/Received February 21, 2013
- n) DEP Wants to Address Your Rebuilding and Recovery Issues/Received February 22, 2013
- o) New “Property Tax Dollar” Graphic Depicts Need for Property Tax Relief and Reform/Received February 22, 2013
- p) Be Sure to Prepare Before Clean-Up and Repair/Received February 26, 2013
- q) S-2114/A-3317, Prohibits Municipal Registration of Multi-Family Dwellings/Received February 27, 2013
- r) Appellate Court Decision in Keyport v. IUOE Local 68, Belmar v. CWA AFL-CIO, Mount Laurel v. CWA and AFSCME Council 71/Received February 27, 2013
- s) Governor Introduces State FY 2014 Budget/Received February 27, 2013
- t) State FY 2014 Budget Proposal Analysis Update/Received February 28, 2013
- u) League Opposes Early Voting Bills A3553 and S2364/Received March 1, 2013
- v) Public Hearing of the New Jersey Clean Water Council/Received March 1, 2013
- w) Resolution to Delegate Registration Fees, and Meal Ticket Fees for the Cancelled 2012 Annual League Conference/Received March 1, 2013
- x) Invitation to Attend 2013 New Jersey Conference on Tourism/Received March 4, 2013
- y) Survey on the Impact of Hurricane Sandy/Received March 5, 2013
- z) Mayor Mironov Testifies on Proposed State Budget/Received March 5, 2013
- aa) Follow Up to Appellate Court Decision in Keyport v. IUOE Local 68, Belmar v. CWA AFL-CIO, Mount Laurel v. CWA and AFSCME Council 71/Received March 5, 2013
- bb) Disaster Assistance Registration Deadline Extended/Received March 5, 2013
- cc) Recap of Legislative Developments on Monday, March 4/Received March 5, 2013
- dd) S2364, Early Voting Bill/Received March 6, 2013
- ee) BPU and League of Municipalities Vegetation Management Plot/March 6, 2013
- ff) PERS and PFRS Boards Adopt Valuation Reports/Received March 7, 2013

General With No Action:

- a) State of New Jersey/Board of Public Utilities/Robert Hanna, President/Clean Energy Program Incentives/Received February 4, 2013
- b) Carol & Nick Onembo/1302 Baltimore Avenue/thanking the Mayor and Council for all the work and efforts in getting the town back so quickly/Received February 4, 2013
- c) Barnegat Bay Partnership/Jim Vasslides, Program Scientist/Final Report for 2012 Sea Nettle Barrier Project/Received February 7, 2013
- d) UCEDC/Robin Preisler, Director/Storm Recovery Loan Programs/Received February 7, 2013

- e) L & R Resources, LLC/Rod Scott, Hazard Mitigation Specialist/education programs and government relations/Received February 11, 2013
- f) State of New Jersey/Department of Community Affairs/Robert Hilzer, Office of Regulatory Affairs/Borough of Lavallette Municipal Code Section 24-11D/Received February 13, 2013
- g) State of New Jersey/Department of Environmental Protection/Elizabeth Semple, Manager/Ocean County Wastewater Management Plan/Adopted Amendment/Received February 14, 2013
- h) Board of Chosen Freeholders/John Kelly, Freeholder Director/Post Sandy Recovery Efforts/Curbs and Sidewalk Repair and Catch Basin Clean Out/Received February 14, 2013-Councilman Lamb stated that the County will not be doing any repairs to curbs and sidewalks on any of the County roads in the Borough so any repairs will be the homeowner's responsibility and the Borough's.
- i) HMFA/New Jersey Housing Mortgage Finance Agency/Anthony Marchetta, Executive Director/Hope for New Jersey Event/Received February 19, 2013
- j) State of New Jersey/Department of Environmental Protection/Patrick Sinwich, Communications Officer/Bureau of Communication and Response Services/Suspected Hazardous Substance Discharge Notification NJDEP Case/February 22, 2013
- k) Update from JCP & L/Rate Increase to Offset the Hurricane Sandy Repair Costs/Received February 25, 2013
- l) Bruno & Associates, Inc./John Bruno, Chairman/CEO/Hurricane Sandy Relief/Received February 25, 2013
- m) Cablevision/R. Thurman Barnes, Area Director/Launch of a Premier South Asian Package and a la carte channels/Received February 25, 2013
- n) Ocean County Planning Board/David J. McKeon, Planning Director/Fall 2012 Beach Grass Distribution/Received February 28, 2013
- o) State of New Jersey/Department of Environmental Protection/Patrick Sinwich, Communications Officer/Bureau of Communications and Response Services/Suspected Hazardous Substance Discharge Notification NJDEP Case/Received February 28, 2013
- p) PS & S/Donald Sharp, Senior Associate/Borough of Lavallette Municipal Buildings-Hurricane Sandy Damage/Received February 20, 2013
- q) Association of State Floodplain Managers, Inc./Chad Berginnis, Executive Director/Gary Royer, Zoning Officer is now a Certified Floodplain Manager/Received March 4, 2013
- r) Cablevision/R. Thurman Barnes, Area Director/Tariffs Effective April 1, 2013/Received March 4, 2013
- s) Ocean County Health Department/Daniel Regenye, Public Health Coordinator/Opening and safe operation of recreational bathing sites throughout Ocean County/Recreational Seminar on March 25, 2013 at 10am/Received March 6, 2013
- t) BPU and League of Municipalities Vegetation Management Pilot/Received March 6, 2013
- u) Congressman Jon Runyan's Office/Anthony Ranucci, Director of Constituent Outreach/Barrier Island Post Office Updates/Received March 8, 2013-Councilman Lamb stated that the Post Office is still making a decision on a location for the post office.

General With Action:

Council President Zalom arrived at the meeting.

- a) Plymouth Rock/Jennifer L. Costello, Litigation Representative/damage to 211 Bay Beach Way during super storm sandy debris removal/Received February 11, 2013-Mr. Parlow stated that we have sent this to our insurance company and they will respond to this company.
- b) Beach Authority/Isaac Manor/requesting 15 minute no parking signs in front of his establishment/Received February 20, 2013-Councilman Lamb stated that last year we agreed that we were only going to open this ordinance every two to three years depending on how many requests we receive because it becomes very costly so we can not grant this request as of now. Mr. Parlow stated the State also indicated that we do not do annual requests.
- c) Anthony de Stefano/138 Elizabeth Avenue/questioning the \$14.75 minimum charge on electric for residents who have no electric hooked up/Received February 28, 2013-Councilman Lamb stated that every meter gets a \$14.75 minimum charge regardless of usage. If you do not want to receive a minimum charge you can request the meter to be disconnected. Mr. Parlow stated that if you want your meter disconnected you need to request it in writing and there is a \$100 fee to reconnect. Councilman Borowski questioned how this differs from sewer with vacant land. Mr. Parlow stated that the sewer charges are different. The sewer infiltration charge is charged to every 50 by 100 lot regardless of a home on it or a meter on it. It is a charge against the land not the house.
- d) Congressman Jon Runyan's Office/Anthony Ranucci, Director of Constituent Outreach/requesting the name of the designated local official in your town that will be handling ABFE mapping appeals/Received February 28, 2013-Mr. Parlow stated that this designee will be the Construction Official.
- e) Michael Goldman/1502 Ocean Front/requesting to know the plans for rebuilding dunes/Received February 28, 2013-Councilman Lamb stated that we have numerous discussions about the dune rebuilding. Once we get all the easements done construction will start on the dunes. Mr. Goldman was in the audience and questioned the time line on the rebuilding. Councilman Lamb stated probably not until the fall. Mr. Goldman stated that he believed that was too long of a wait. The town needs to address the dune rebuilding immediately for the safety of our residents. Councilman Lamb stated that a dune structure is a process to build. We have sand up there right now and will keep replacing it when it goes away. Mr. Parlow stated that to work on rebuilding the dunes right now would mean we would have to stop work on the boardwalk. The north side of the dunes held up very well but the south side we will be restoring the area with fencing and some structures for the time being. We have heavy equipment up there right now trying to repair all that was damaged and pushing the sand to make it like a dune. The Army Corp of Engineers is looking to do a project in the fall but we will discuss this item later in the agenda. Councilman Lamb stated that the piles of sand are better than loose sand for right now.
- f) State of New Jersey/Department of Environmental Protection/Cindy Randazzo/Waterway Debris Removal and Municipal Points of Contact/requesting the Municipal Point of Contact to provide daily situation reports on various

projects/Received February 28, 2013-Councilman Lamb stated that Mr. Parlow will be the point of contact.

- g) ShoreBuilders/Corey Wescoe, President/requesting the Mayor's attendance at their next general membership meeting on March 13, 2013/Received February 28, 2013-Councilman Lamb stated that the Mayor is on vacation this week so will not be able to attend.
- h) Joanne Andreach/Churchill & Forma/82 Ocean Front/requesting that funds be allocated by the Borough of Lavallette to purchase his ocean front lot that has never been developed and is being used by the Borough as one big dune with snow fencing around it/Received February 28, 2013-Councilman Lamb stated that the Borough is not in any position right now to purchase any property at this time.
- i) Garden State Modular Homes/Mark Fertakos, owner/requesting to utilize the angular parking spaces on Baltimore Avenue in front of the ball field for overnight parking with their modular homes on trailers starting early April/Received March 4, 2013-Councilman Lamb stated that there has been discussion on this request and we are going to come up with an alternate site for Mr. Fertakos when the Mayor returns. Council President Zalom questioned if there would be a fee charged for this. Councilman Lamb stated that usually it has been past practice that they make a donation to the Fire House.
- j) Peter Spoto/203 Bryn Mawr Avenue/requesting the Mayor and Council reconsider the extension of permit fee waiver/Received March 6, 2013-Councilman Lamb stated that the deadline of February 19th was appropriate for everyone. There has been no consensus with Council to extend this any longer. We need to start collecting revenues in order for the town to start running accordingly.
- k) Lavallette Business Association/Mark Speaker, President/LBA requesting to Adopt a Spot on the bay front for various events/Received March 8, 2013-Councilman Lamb stated that this is too soon to discuss right now. AshBritt is still there with there trucks and we are still trying to clean up the bay front. We will consider this request at a later date.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Council President Zalom stated that she just came back from the CDBG Meeting at the County and not many towns showed up. We put an application in requesting the funds for two handicap accessible walkovers. She was glad to report back that the Borough received \$80,000 to complete our project. We should receive the money in July.

Replacement of Pad Mounted Transformers – Authorization to advertise for bids-Mr. Parlow stated that there were 50 pad transformers that were damaged by the storm and we have a mitigation plan to elevate all of them. We spoke to FEMA and they approved the mitigation plan. With the Uniform Construction there are provisions that allow us to splice the connections to accommodate our homeowner services. There will be no cost to the homeowners for this project. He stated he would like Council's permission to advertise for bids.

A Motion was made by Councilman Horan to authorize the Municipal Clerk to advertise for bids on the replacement of the pad mount transformers. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Stogdill.

Vote: Council Members Borowski, Zalom, Stogdill, Horan and Lamb voted Yes. The Motion Passed.

Approval for a mobile unit from the US Postal Service to be placed in the Fire House Parking Lot for distribution of Post Office Box Mail-Mr. Parlow stated that the post office is asking the Borough's permission to put a trailer in the firehouse parking lot to accommodate residents who have post office box mail only.

A Motion was made by Councilman Horan to authorize the trailer from the Post Office to be placed in the fire house parking lot. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Stogdill. Vote: Council Members Borowski, Zalom, Stogdill, Horan and Lamb voted Yes. The Motion Passed.

Mr. Parlow stated that he received the first structural assessment on the police department and the municipal building and the net cost to restore both of those facilities is approximately \$750,000. We have been discussing the possibility of constructing a new municipal building that would facility the police, the administrative office and also provide retail space for the post office as possibly a bank. They have something similar in Manasquan. That would definitely offset our costs of building our complex.

NEW BUSINESS:

Council President Zalom stated that she has been in contact with Catherine Murphy and she has a lot of volunteers that are willing to help us beautify Lavallette. She stated that she is meeting with the Superintendent and Michael Visco from Public Works tomorrow and to figure out what types of projects need to get done which they could help us with. They are already doing our dune grass plantings on March 25, 2013.

Mr. Parlow stated that the dune grass plantings will take place from Reese Avenue to the north.

Army Corp of Engineers – Beach Replenishment Project-Mr. Parlow stated that we have been contacted by the state regarding the beach replenishment project. He commented that this is his third go around with this project since he has been with the Borough. The Borough has always supported this project but our neighboring towns have not. In Lavallette's case, two easements are required, both properties are owned by the Borough. The reason why this project has never got off the ground is because our neighboring towns have never been able to secure the private easements. We were provided a packet of information that we will post to the website regarding the easements for the public's review. The only thing that everyone needs to realize is that the profile of the beach is going to change. Our previous dunes before the storm were always 10 feet off of the boardwalk. With this new project the dunes will be 20 feet of the boardwalk, the dunes will be construction to elevation 22, which is approximately 8 feet above the boardwalk. The dune will be 25 feet wide at the top and have slopes 40 foot to 80 feet in width on both sides. The berm width is 75 feet in width. The plan calls for one continuous dune with only opening for vehicles access. Each street end will need an over walk but not every one of them will be handicap accessible. The requirement for handicap access is 12 foot of decking for every 1 foot of rise so we are looking at 96 feet of ramp for each side of the access ramp. We might want to think about that and say that maybe not every street end needs a ramp because the Borough would be responsible for those over looks. The

project is going from Manasquan Inlet to Island Beach State Park. It is going to cost approximately 62 million dollars with the Army Corps of Engineers being responsible for 65% and the non federal share is 35%. Based upon those percentages the Borough of Lavallette could be responsible for \$1,700,000 of the project costs. The Army Corps of Engineers will also continue to maintain the dunes; and those costs are estimated at \$49,000,000.

Council President Zalom questioned what the alternative is for the Borough.

Mr. Parlow stated that unfortunately the alternative is dealing with the effects of another Super Storm Sandy.

Councilman Borowski stated that with six counties taking over local government beaches we really do not have much of a choice.

Mr. Parlow stated that if we are the only town agreeing to this project unfortunately it is not going to happen.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Clem Boyers, 20 Kerr Avenue questioned if it was 1.1 miles of boardwalk.

Mr. Parlow stated that his estimate was based upon 1.1 miles of oceanfront.

Mr. Boyers questioned if the dunes on Westmont Shores will be redone as part of the project.

Mr. Parlow stated he did not think they would redo an established dune.

Mary Logios, 10 Sterling Avenue questioned what protection Westmont Shores was going to have since they had no boardwalk to back up the dunes.

Mr. Parlow stated that the boardwalk was a liability in the storm not an asset.

Mrs. Logios questioned the 9 street end openings and where they were going to be located.

Councilman Lamb stated that they were still considering where the openings were going to go. He believes they are going to be where the lifeguard stands are located.

Mr. Parlow stated that they are not going to close the north end without putting some street openings there also.

Kathy Serra, 117 Pershing Blvd. questioned if we are having this project done why are the homeowners being forced to raise their homes as well. She stated that this is such overkill that FEMA is creating.

Jon Corney, 1 Newark Avenue questioned why there is no enforcement with the beaches and people up there walking all over the area where the dunes are going. There is only one sign up there in the dune area.

Councilman Lamb stated that the beach is closed so there should not be any one up there. He stated he will call the Chief and have him start enforcing the issue.

Mr. Corney questioned when the ocean blocks will be beach ready.

Councilman Lamb stated that the Borough is reaching for a Memorial weekend date.

Mr. Corney stated that there is only 77 days until Memorial Day so that would require 80 feet a day to reach Dover Avenue. We still have streets that can not be driven on and no curbing.

Mr. Parlow stated that the bids to repair the ocean front street will be received on March 20th. We can not predict what exact date the streets will be ready. The weather has become a huge factor unfortunately. Albert Marine is working every day and they have to be done by the third week in May or they will be charged a fee for damages.

Mr. Corney stated that there needs to be better communication with the residents.

Mr. Parlow stated that everything that happens in town and everything that we do is put on our website lavallette.org. We do not hold anything back from our residents.

Bob Astorino, 2 Elizabeth Avenue questioned if some towns opt out is it all or nothing.

Mr. Parlow stated that he has not received an answer as of yet but it depends on how many opt out.

Michelle Novak, 118 New Brunswick Avenue stated that a lot of people are still waiting on their insurance companies and maybe extending the permit waiver would not be a bad idea.

Councilman Lamb stated that he understood that there are still quite of few people who are still in that situation but unfortunately we need to start collecting fees or we will have any revenue.

Kathy Serra, 117 Pershing Blvd. stated that FEMA already knew this storm was coming.

Steve Perna, 20 Morton Drive stated that he has been hearing that there is a six week back up with permits. He questioned why is there such a back up and maybe we should get that department more help.

Councilman Lamb stated that this is the first he is hearing this.

Mr. Parlow stated that when the extension was lifted on February 19th for permit fees they were inundated with permits that whole week so there was some what of a back log.

Councilman Borowski stated that the only thing he was hearing was that the inspections for permits was being help up and people were getting very frustrated.

Mr. Parlow stated that there have been different phases of the rebuilding process, things are being stretched as much as possible. We just put the flood ordinance on the books and the substantial damage letters were just sent out. Things will start to get progressively better there is just a lot hitting at one time.

Andrew Feranda, 3 ½ Princeton Avenue questioned when the streamlining process is going to start.

Mr. Parlow stated that it was approved tonight.

Kathy Lucciola, 140 Newark Avenue questioned if the V zone can be appealed on the maps.

Mr. Parlow stated that at this time the advisory maps are not appealable and we have been told that the new maps that will come out in the summer may be less restrictive. Once the maps are released there will be an appeals regarding the zone designation.

John Serra, 117 Pershing Blvd. stated that there is a group calling themselves “Stop FEMA Now” and it just keeps growing.

James Barrett, 131 Elizabeth Avenue questioned if the letters for substantial damage were sent out.

Mr. Parlow stated that most of the letter have been released but there are still a few that additional information is needed.

Pam Maguire, 18 Kerr Avenue questioned if there is going to be a Heritage Day this year. She is the treasurer and with Joy Grosko not in town she needs to know so she can call all the vendors.

Council President Zalom stated that since all the trailers are in the Fire house parking lot and we do not know when they are going back to their buildings so it does not seem that we will be able to.

COMMENTS OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Councilman Stogdill stated that the girls and boys basketball teams at Point Pleasant Beach High School won the State Championships.

Council President Zalom stated that Donations of Love, Inc. is in charge of the Buy a Board Program and it is a wonderful program. She gave a big thank you to Mark Speaker for always thanking our employees for a job well done. A big welcome to our new reporter from the Ocean Star and a congratulations to our Zoning Officer, Gary Royer, who is now certified as a floodplain manager. We will be having our concerts and movies on the bay again this year and the calendar will be going out shortly. The Dune Grass Plantings will be on March 25th.

Councilman Horan stated that Lavallette was in the NJ League Magazine because of our municipally owned electric utility and being a member of the Public Power Association. He read the utility report from Public Works which is attached to these minutes.

Mr. Parlow stated that the hazard mitigation letter of intent needs to be submitted by Mar 20th. As of right now, we had had approximately 600 submissions and the total amount of \$54,184,920.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

There was no executive session.

ADJOURNMENT:

A Motion was made by Councilman Horan to adjourn the Caucus/Regular Meeting. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Stogdill. Vote: All of Council was in favor. The Motion Passed.

The Caucus/Regular Meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm.

CERTIFICATION

I, Christopher F. Parlow, 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 meeting held on the 11th day of **March 2013**

Christopher F. Parlow
Municipal Clerk