

BOROUGH OF LAVALLETTE (minutes)
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
LAVALLETTE FIRST AID BUILDING
Monday, February 23, 2015-7:00 pm

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Walter G. LaCicero, presiding

ROLL CALL: Council Members Borowski, Zalom, Filippone, Lamb, Finter and Stogdill
Council President Zalom was absent.

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

READING OF THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT STATEMENT: Notice of this meeting complies with the Open Public Meetings Act. Public Notice was published in the Ocean Star on January 9, 2015. Notice was also posted on our municipal website.

MOMENT OF SILENCE: The Mayor asked for a moment of silence for Myrtle Bean, a long time resident who passed away this week. Her husband passed away a couple weeks ago as well.

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

MAYOR'S WELCOMING STATEMENT: The Mayor welcomed everyone to tonight's meeting. He asked if anyone wished to comment on any items that were not on the agenda or if they could not stay for the remainder of the meeting they could do so now.

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

The Mayor asked if anyone wished to comment on any items that were not on the agenda or if they could not stay for the remainder of the meeting they could do so now.

No one wished to comment at this time.

The Mayor closed the floor to public comment.

APPROVAL OF CLERK'S MINUTES:

Caucus/Regular Meeting of February 9, 2015
Bid Opening Minutes for the Installation of Generator of February 19, 2015

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

RESOLUTIONS-ON CONSENT:

- 2015-91 authorizing the Treasurer to refund a 1st quarter 2015 tax payment in the amount of \$1,973.30 to Joanne Miller for 12 Vance Avenue due to the sale of the home
- 2015-92 appointing the seasonal lifeguard supervisors for the 2015 summer season-Councilman Stogdill stated that these are the same lifeguard supervisors that have been here for many years.
- 2015-93 establishing the beach badge preseason beach badge office hours for the 2015 summer season and establishing the official summer beach opening day-Mr. Parlow stated that the preseason sales start May 8, 2015 and the official beach season opens June 20, 2015. This will be the day parking sticker are required. Also, this year the beach season is an 11 week season.
- 2015-94 authorizing the Treasurer to refund a tax overpayment in the amount of \$3,129.03 to Anthony Debiasi of 2 Westmont Avenue due to a duplicate payment of 3rd quarter tax
- 2015-95 authorizing the execution of a change order to the contract with Wallace Brothers, Inc. increasing the adjusted contract price by \$77,480.22-Mayor LaCicero stated that our supervisory company, Torcon, Inc. has advised us that these are not unusual changes when you have a big project like the Municipal Complex.
- 2015-96 authorizing the Administrator to execute a contract with Log Tech, LLC for the transport and recycling of various electronic equipment-Councilman Lamb stated that we are authorizing the use of Log Tech to dispose and recycle the electronic waste and will not cost the Borough any monies. Councilman Borowski questioned if we charge a fee for electronic to be picked up. Mr. Parlow stated that we charge a fee for pickup at the curb but no fee if they drop off at recycling center.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Filippone to approve the consent agenda. 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 Borowski, Filippone, Stogdill, Finter and Lamb voted Yes. The Motion Passed.

RESOLUTIONS-OFF CONSENT:

There were no resolutions off consent.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:

2015-97 Bills List in the amount of \$1,261,070.41

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

ORDINANCES ON FOR PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL ADOPTION:

BOND ORDINANCE 2015-02(1138) REFUNDING BOND ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF LAVALLETTE, IN THE COUNTY OF OCEAN, NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR THE REFUNDING OF ALL OR A PORTION OF THE BOROUGH'S GENERAL IMPROVEMENT REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2005, DATED OCTOBER 12, 2005, APPROPRIATING AN AMOUNT NOT EXCEEDING \$2,850,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$2,850,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS OF THE BOROUGH OF LAVALLETTE FOR FINANCING THE COST THEREOF.

Mayor LaCicero stated that with this refunding bond ordinance there will be an approximate \$250,000 in savings for the Borough in interest costs.

A Motion was made by Councilman Lamb to adopt Bond Ordinance 2015-02 (1138). The Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Filippone.

The Mayor opened the Public Hearing and asked if anyone wished to comment on Bond Ordinance 2015-02 (1138).

No one wished to comment on this Bond Ordinance.

The Mayor closed the Public Hearing and asked Council for a vote on this Bond Ordinance.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mayor LaCicero stated that we had the rebid for the installation of the standby generator last week and the two lowest bids were substantially lower than the first time bids. These bids came in \$100,000 and \$200,000 range where the first bids were in the \$300,000 and \$400,000 range. It's roughly \$200,000 in savings from the first bid. We had some issues with the lowest bidder but the Attorney is in the process of reviewing the bid documents from the lowest bidder and the second lowest bidder so we should have it worked out by the next meeting to award.

Councilman Borowski questioned if the cell customers will offset those costs to the Borough.

Mr. Parlow stated that each cellular antenna provider on the water tower will be providing a one-time fee of \$25,000 for the use of the generator. We need to understand that only a portion of the project is for their benefit, most of it will be for the function of the Public Works Garage.

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilman Lamb stated that he received a letter in his mailbox from a resident at 118 Virginia about the amount of sand blowing on their property. Public Works is in the process of implementing more of the sand fencing to help curtail this problem. We were also looking into some indigenous plantings to also help with it.

Councilman Borowski stated that we can look into the bayberry bushes, also.

Mayor LaCicero stated that those bushes get way to big and tall for that area he believes.

Mr. Parlow stated that he will reach out to the homeowner and let them know we are working on a temporary solution to the problem.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Clem Boyers, 20 Kerr Avenue questioned if the beach season is 11 weeks this year then how many weeks was it last year?

Mr. Parlow stated that last year it was a 10 week season.

Brick Wenzel, 1903 Grand Central Avenue stated that his wife, Britta Wenzel, is the Executive Director for Save Barnegat Bay and is working very hard with many different agencies to bring over native plantings on the barrier island. Since you are looking for some indigenous plantings to go on the bay front maybe you should reach out to her for some input. She has always had a good working relationship with the Public Works.

Councilman Lamb thanked Mr. Wenzel and stated that he will do just that.

There were no additional comments from the public.

The Mayor closed the floor to public comment.

COMMENTS OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Councilman Borowski stated that with all the snow events that we are having it is imperative for everyone to keep their cars off the roadway for plowing. If you know there is going to be snow coming you should try your best to get all the cars off the street. He stated that the last big snow storm we sent an emergency notification to remind the residents. Maybe we should implement this every time we know there is a significant amount of snow coming.

Mr. Parlow stated that he will make sure that the notification goes out with significant storms.

Councilwoman Filippone stated that with all the snow events going on she just wanted to compliment the Public Works Department for their efficiency with the snow plowing. They have done a fabulous job with the plowing. They are out early plowing and go down all the streets more than once. Excellent job!

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

There was no executive session.

ADJOURNMENT:

A Motion was made by Councilman Lamb to adjourn the Regular Meeting. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Finter. Vote: All of Council was in favor. The Motion Passed.

The Regular Meeting was adjourned at 7:20 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 23rd day of **February 2015**



Christopher F. Parlow
Municipal Clerk