

**BOROUGH OF LAVALLETTE (minutes)**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL**  
**LAVALLETTE MUNICIPAL BUILDING**  
**Monday, February 22, 2016-7:00 pm**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Councilman Robert Lamb, presiding

Mayor LaCicero was ill.

**ROLL CALL:** Council Members Borowski, Zalom, Filippone, Lamb, Finter and Stogdill  
Council Members Zalom and Finter were 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 8, 2016. Notice was also posted on our municipal website and municipal bulletin board.

**MOMENT OF SILENCE:** Councilman Lamb asked for a moment of silence for long time resident and a member of the Fire Department for forty years, Billy Paul, and for all the troops overseas.

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

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

The Councilman Lamb stated that 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.

Carl Holbig, 110 Virginia Avenue questioned if there was going to be a town wide garage sale this year. It was nice to have this every year for the residents.

Mr. Parlow stated that he has not heard anything about this yet. He will reach out to the Municipal Alliance Coordinator and see what she says.

Councilwoman Filippone stated that along with the garage sale always came the bulk pickup and we are not going to be doing that this year.

There were no additional comments.

Councilman Lamb closed the floor to public comment.

## **APPROVAL OF CLERK'S MINUTES:**

Caucus/Regular Meeting of February 8, 2016  
Executive Session Meeting of February 8, 2016

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

## **RESOLUTIONS-ON CONSENT:**

- 2016-91        appointing Gary Royer as the Community Rating System (CRS) Coordinator for the Borough of Lavallette effective immediately-Councilwoman Filippone stated that this appointment is the prerogative of the Mayor and can change if necessary.
- 2016-92        authorizing submission of the application of the Lavallette Municipal Alliance Grant for the year 2016-2017 in the amount of \$21,461.00
- 2016-93        opposing A-2589, which consolidates various municipalities into the new municipalities of Seaside Township and Long Beach Island Township-Councilman Lamb stated that this seems to keep coming up and we will be opposed to it every time. Mr. Parlow stated that this Assemblyman keeps bringing this up every few years. Councilman Borowski read the opposing resolution in full aloud. Councilwoman Filippone stated that the last time he pulled this we invited him here to speak and hear from our residents why we do not agree with him. It was at the school and it was a packed house and there was not one positive comment for him. He had no particulars on any of these towns as far as us having our own utilities. He only seems to bring this up when he is running for office. There is a certain organization in town that suggested to him that he try to combine some of his Hudson County towns which is where he is from.
- 2016-94        appointing two temporary laborers for the Department of Public Works at an hourly rate of \$10.20
- 2016-94A        authorizing the state contract purchase through contract A-81713 for purchase and installation of additional office furniture for the new municipal building from Global Industries, c/o Feigus Office Furniture in the amount of \$7,499.58-  
Councilwoman Filippone stated that her and Mr. Parlow went down to this furniture store many months ago and purchased the necessities such as desks for all the departments and filing cabinets and chairs which was what we would need for the office to be move in ready when it was time. Once we got in we realized there were some additional items that were still necessary for some departments.
- 2016-94B        authorizing the Lavallette First Aid Squad to sell their 1998 Ford Ambulance to

the Freehold First Aid Squad

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Filippone to approve the consent agenda. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Stogdill.

Councilman Lamb opened the floor to the public and asked if anyone wished to comment on the consent agenda.

No one wished to comment.

Councilman Lamb closed the floor to the public and asked Council for a vote on the consent agenda.

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

**RESOLUTIONS OFF CONSENT:**

There were no resolutions off consent.

**APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:**

2016- 95 Bills List in the amount of \$334,163.02

A Motion was made by Councilman Stogdill to approve the bills list. The Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Filippone.

Councilman Lamb opened the floor to the public and asked if anyone wished to comment on the bills list.

No one wished to comment.

Councilman Lamb closed the floor to the public and asked Council for a vote on the bills list.

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Councilman Borowski stated that there is work that needs to be done on the water tower. We received a sixty two page report on repairs that will be needed. He stated that he saw an article in the NJ League Magazine regarding water infrastructure so he called the number. We might be eligible for a loan that would give us 50% loan forgiveness to take care of the repairs on the tower. He put a call in to our Engineer and he is going to take care of the paperwork. There is a deadline to get the paperwork in but Mike O'Donnell seems to think that we will meet the next week deadline.

Councilman Lamb thanked Councilman Borowski for taking care of that. The sixty two page report of repairs is probably going to cost at least \$1,000,000 for the maintenance.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Councilwoman Filippone requested that she be excused for the two March meetings as she will be away.

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

Councilwoman Filippone stated that she has four major projects going regarding the historical walls in the new Municipal Building. One wall will be consists of the model replica of the USS Lavallette and the portrait of Admiral Lavallette. Both items will be refurbished and the ship will go on a shelf that will be built along with the portrait. Outside Council Chambers, the Lavallette Quilt will hang from ceiling to floor on one wall in a plexi-glass covering. The installation will be done by Mark Fertakos from Garden State Modular. We will pay for the materials that will be needed and he is donating his time. On the brick wall in the downstairs lobby there will be a bronze sculpture. Brian Hanlon who also did the bronze statue of St. Pio in front of the church will be doing our sculpture. This will be paid for strictly by donation and the name of the sculpture will be poetic not literal. Lastly, the wall in Council Chambers will consist of vinyl on vinyl mural of historic montage of Lavallette. We also are looking for a painting of the USS Lavallette that some think was hanging on our walls in the old Municipal Building but we can not locate it and are not sure if it was in the old building.

### **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

Herb Hascher, 1307 Bay Blvd. questioned where the clam was going to go now since the trailers will be gone soon.

Councilwoman Filippone stated that the clam will be going down on the bay front probably somewhere by the dock area. It does not seem appropriate to put it in front of the new building and it is about reestablishing clams in the Bay so it should go down there.

Councilwoman Filippone stated that the old wooden police shield that was refurbished by Mike Genovese and that will be going in the new Police Department.

Jon Corney, 1 Newark Avenue stated that he has been receiving calls from some neighbors that are snow birds wanting to know when the beach is going to be fixed and completed prior to the Army Corps Project. We know that the Army Corps project is probably going to take a very long time since they still have 130 easements not approved. When we had the Blizzard Jonas it ate away the east side of the beach and the west side of the snow fence is all broken. The snow fence needs to be replaced right away.

Councilman Lamb stated that the department of public works is up there every day shoring up the dunes and beach. That area that he is talking about took a very big beating with the blizzard and the snow fence was affected. Public Works has taken care of putting higher fencing in that area already. All we can do right now is just to keep filling in and shoring it up every day.

Mr. Parlow stated that the easements are going to take years and he is not sure when the Army Project is going to get underway.

Mr. Corney questioned when the Borough is going to start taking care of the beach. What dates are they looking at to finish up the beach and what dates will it be completed.

Councilman Lamb stated that he does not have any definitive answers but he will talk to Public Works and see if they can give him some dates. It's not that easy to just pick certain dates when they have a lot of other issues to deal with as well and are short on a work force.

Mr. Corney stated that the most important thing right now is to raise the snow fencing immediately. He stated that he emailed Public Works and asked for some answers and received nothing. They act like they do not have to give us any information.

Mr. Corney questioned when the 2016 budget was going to be introduced.

Mr. Parlow stated that the budget will be introduced at the meeting of the March 21<sup>st</sup>.

Mr. Corney questioned if it would be available for review beforehand.

Mr. Parlow stated that we usually do not receive it until the day of the meeting but it will be available at the introduction for the public.

Mr. Corney questioned if the Auditor and the CFO will be available at the meeting for any questions that the public has.

Mr. Parlow stated that they will be available at the Public Hearing meeting.

Councilwoman Filippone stated that maybe if we put the storm fence at the toe of the west side of the dune at some measure and ran it up and down the dune would it hold better.

Councilman Borowski stated that would probably affect the opening of the pavilions at some point.

Councilwoman Filippone stated that if anyone sees any persons on the dunes they are to call the police immediately.

Councilman Lamb stated that he does not have an answer either except maybe if we sat a police officer up there all day long every day to monitor.

Councilman Borowski stated that he is in the process of elevating his home so he is renting an ocean front home. He sees the day to day people up there and he thinks the problem lies with not knowing where the access is.

Mr. Corney stated that if we put Christmas Trees behind the fencing that would take care of holding it in place and give some vegetation. There are a lot of options but some are very expensive.

There were no additional comments from the public.

Councilman Lamb closed the floor to public comment.

### **COMMENTS OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

Councilman Borowski stated that the Point Beach Garnet Gulls Wrestling Team won the State Championship and two of our Lavallette kids, Cody Liguori and JonCarlo Crivelli are part of that team. He just wanted to recognize them for a job well done.

Councilman Stogdill stated that a lot of people greeted them coming over the bridge. It was a great moment.

Councilwoman Filippone congratulated Councilman Lamb on his daughter Victoria Lamb graduating from the Police Academy on Friday. She is the second full-time female Police Officer for Lavallette.

Mr. Parlow stated that we need some pictures for the calendar again this year so if anyone has some please email them to us.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Councilman Lamb stated that there would not be an executive session tonight.

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

A Motion was made by Councilman Stogdill to adjourn the regular meeting. The Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Filippone. Vote: All of Council was in favor. The Motion passed.

The Regular Meeting was adjourned at 7:51 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 22<sup>nd</sup> day of **February 2016**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Christopher Parlow", written over a horizontal line.

**Christopher F. Parlow**  
**Municipal Clerk**