

**BOROUGH OF LAVALLETTE(minutes)**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL**  
**LAVALLETTE MUNICIPAL BUILDING**  
**Monday, April 18, 2016-7:00 pm**

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

**ROLL CALL:** Council Members Borowski, Zalom, Filippone, Lamb, Finter and Stogdill

Also present: Christopher F. Parlow, Borough Administrator  
Eric Bernstein, Borough Attorney  
Donnelly Amico, Acting 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:** The Mayor asked for a moment of silence for anyone who has passed away recently.

**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. The sun is out and the weather is great. We are all back from vacations up here. The barrels seem to be down on the highway and there is a welcome sign on the southbound highway so things are starting to come around. He had a man come see him on Friday about a paving issue and we will make sure it gets put on the punch list. He 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.

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

Dolores Sheptock, 103 New York Avenue thanked Mayor and Council for the bench that was put up on boardwalk in between New York and Pennsylvania Avenues. They have been residents here for 75 years. It is important for all the seniors to have the benches up there at every opening. Also, are there any updates on the beach replenishment?

Mayor LaCicero stated that the bench up on the boardwalk is up there on a trial basis. It may not be staying in that location for the entire summer. We will see how it goes. As far as the beach replenishment, we have no updates from the Army Corps. of Engineers as of yet. The last we heard they might be going out to bid in 2016.

Council President Zalom stated that there was a lot of discussion about the bench and where it should go. She agrees that it is nice for the seniors to sit up there on the benches and look at the ocean.

**2016 BOROUGH APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR:** (not requiring Council approval)

**Planning Board / Board of Adjustment**

1 Year                      Class I Member-Mayor's Designee                      John Borowski

Mayor LaCicero stated that John Borowski is a resident on Princeton Avenue and an Attorney. He has known him for a few years and thinks he will be a good fit with the Board.

Councilman Borowski stated that John appreciates the opportunity to serve the Board as well as the Mayor.

Councilwoman Filippone stated that she too sits on the Planning Board and John was present at the meeting in March for a case he was interested in hearing and he made some great comments and was on target. She was very impressed and looks forward to working with him.

**APPROVAL OF CLERK'S MINUTES:**

Caucus/Regular Meeting of April 4, 2016

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

**RESOLUTIONS-ON CONSENT:**

- 2016-141      authorizing Donnelly Amico to sign all checks and drafts for the Municipality as the Acting Municipal Clerk
- 2016-142      appointing Christine Sierfeld as the Qualified Purchasing Agent for the Borough of Lavallette
- 2016-143      approving a facilities use application to Sherri Paris for her Marine Science Camp held on the bay front Monday through Friday, 9am to 2pm on various dates in July and August-Mayor LaCicero stated that this is an annual request
- 2016-144      approving a facilities use application to Matthew Walls for use of the Chandler Field for soccer games to be held on Sundays, April 10<sup>th</sup> through April 24<sup>th</sup> and May 22<sup>nd</sup> from 8am to 11am-Mayor LaCicero stated that this is an annual request.
- 2016-145      appointing Jeffrey Zach as a Building Inspector for the Construction Department at an hourly rate of \$25.00 effective immediately-Councilwoman Filippone stated

that we have advertised for all Subcode licenses. Our State DCA Inspectors are all leaving at the end of the month and they have been here since Sandy. We didn't pay them the State did. We are in discussions with another town as far as doing shared services for our guys to do inspections there as well. Nothing is finalized as of yet. Mayor LaCicero stated that he had a Mayors Meeting last week and was also discussing the shared services with Seaside Park Mayor. We can handle it and there is a definite need for them. Financially, it will be advantageous for us as well. We already have a shared services agreement with Mantoloking Court for the use of our facilities for their Court sessions.

2016-146 requesting that the Department of Transportation adopt the required regulation establishing two-hour and fifteen-minute parking spaces on Route 35 Northbound-Council President Zalom stated that she spoke with the DOT after the last meeting and they stated that as long as they receive a resolution from us they will take care of the fifteen minute and two hour parking in front of our Municipal Building before they finish up the highway project.

2016-147 authorizing the execution of an agreement to relocate a certain utility box located between properties located at 1104 and 1106 Ocean Front-Mayor LaCicero stated that this topic has been ongoing for a couple of years now. This utility box seems to restrict access at 1104 Ocean Front. The agreement allows for this to be replaced in a better location for everyone. The homeowners have agreed to pay for the materials if we supply the manpower.

A Motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Councilman Finter. The Motion was Seconded by Councilman Stogdill.

The Mayor opened the floor to the public and asked if anyone wished to comment on the consent agenda.

No one wished to comment at this time. The Mayor closed the floor to the public and asked Council for a vote on the consent agenda.

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

## **RESOLUTIONS OFF CONSENT**

There were no resolutions off consent.

## **APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:**

2016-148 Bills List in the amount of \$321,768.116

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

**ORDINANCES ON FOR ADOPTION:**

ORDINANCE NO. 2016-01 (1145) ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)

Mr. Parlow stated that this ordinance allows us to exceed the appropriation limit from 2 ½% to 3 ½% if needed . We always do this ordinance every year but have never had to use it. Our cap bank right now is roughly \$700,000 and it expires within three years.

A Motion to adopt Ordinance 2016-01 (1145) was made by Councilman Lamb. The Motion was Seconded by Councilwoman Filippone.

The Mayor opened the Public Hearing and asked if anyone wished to comment on this Ordinance.

No one wished to comment on this Ordinance.

The Mayor closed the Public Hearing and asked Council for a vote on Ordinance 2016-01 (1145).

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Council President Zalom stated that on Wednesday, April 20<sup>th</sup> there will be a senior lunch and movie at the firehouse at 12 noon. Make sure you sign up with Borough Hall. We use to have these every month but the new rules with the State has only allowed us four of these a year from now on. Memorial Day is nearing and she has already scheduled the Lakehurst Colorguard, my girls who do the singing, and my father and son who do the echo taps. She still needs a speaker so if anyone knows of anybody let her know. The Beautification Plant Swap will be on June 4<sup>th</sup> and the town wide garage sale will be on June 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. Also, the plantings on the median on Bay Blvd. will be starting soon.

Councilman Lamb stated that the Supt. has guys to help with cleaning out the trailers to get them out by the end of the month.

Councilwoman Filippone stated that she told the Chief that the Mayor wants the trailers out by the end of the month. We also talked this morning myself and Donnelly about getting some organization in their office as far as needing more storage.

Councilman Lamb stated that we are probably going to need a trailer up there for a little while or for the whole season. We still are unsure if the building will be completed by the time the season starts. Even if we get a trailer down there for a month or so until the building is complete because Bob always starts his paperwork and getting everything together in May.

Mayor LaCicero stated that he had a meeting with Wallace and the Architect and they seem to think that the building will be ready by the season opening day so we shall see.

Councilwoman Filippone stated that we should be able to rent a trailer for up there on a month to month basis for them like last year.

Councilman Lamb stated that he will get Public Works going on getting a trailer up there.

Council President Zalom stated that there is still about 26,000 left from the 2015 CDBG Grant and we have looked into those EZ Docks for some of the beach openings. We had a meeting with the owner, Gary, me and Dave and we are going to go with them for a couple of street openings. The proposal is roughly around \$16,000 to do this which still leaves us with roughly \$10,000 left to play with. Someone was saying that we need an automatic front door for the handicapped. We could maybe use the extra money for that.

Councilwoman Filippone stated that it has been discussed with the Architect and they were trying to determine where the button would go. They were considering putting the button on the pillar outside.

Councilman Lamb stated that he has spoke with Supt. and he is still not sure about these ez dock walkways. He doesn't think they are going to work for what we are looking to do.

Mr. Parlow stated that we had an automatic door in the old building and it would never close after it opened because of the wind. It was more of a hassle for everyone then easier.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Councilman Lamb stated that he was over by the gazebo on Saturday and noticed a lot of those drone that people were flying. He thinks that they are going to cause a big problem if someone is not skilled in flying them. They are very large in size and could really hurt someone. We should think about doing an ordinance restricting them from use in town.

Mr. Bernstein stated that he will check into it and get back to us.

Mayor LaCicero stated that there have been a lot of issues with them all around.

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

Mayor LaCicero stated that tonight is Mr. Parlow's last meeting with us before his retirement. He met Chris back in 1999 when he was still a Lavallette Police Officer so he has had both kinds of appreciation for him. He stated that he had much more respect for him when he became

Mayor. He thinks that the town would be a whole lot different financially if Chris wasn't here and not in a good way. To me, he is irreplaceable but he hopes his replacement is going to be good enough to fill his shoes. Thank you, Chris for all you have done for us and for this town.

Councilman Borowski stated that he had the pleasure of meeting Chris back in 1998 when he was on Council the first time around and he was part of the Selection Committee for the Administrator. His first encounter with him was at the Public Power Meetings and he was so helpful and very knowledgeable. He is a remarkable Administrator as well as a person. He thanks him for all his knowledge and for all the time he put in to this town. He also thanks his wife for allowing him to devote so much time to us.

Councilwoman Filippone thanked Chris for the many outstanding years of service he has given to the town, the residents and to the Governing Body. She has learned so much from him and they have come along way together. He is a man of great integrity and notable expertise as well as a wonderful husband and fabulous father. We wish you all that is good in your future. You will be missed tremendously.

Councilman Lamb stated that after the storm this town had to start all over again from scratch and he has remarkable respect for Chris because he took on that task with such ease and strength. He was here every single day, all day on the computer, on the phone making decisions and getting things done. He took this town and brought it back to what it was and kept it going. He did a amazing job and we all appreciated it all. Thank you for all your expertise.

Councilman Finter stated that he is the newest Councilperson and Chris always helped me with anything I needed or any questions I had. He kept me on the straight and narrow. I'm sure your wife has a very long honey do list for you. Wish you the best with all you do.

Councilman Stogdill stated that he has so much respect for Chris and all the advice he has given to him and has appreciated all of it. He has always been honest and upfront and always gave the right answer whether you wanted to hear it or not. He will be greatly missed!

Eric Bernstein stated that he has worked with Chris for more than a decade. He has worked with a lot of Administrators but his service and work has been impeccable. He was not surprised by how well you brought this town back so quickly after the storm. Best wishes going forward!

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

Mark Speaker, 111 Brown Avenue stated that when he was running the LBA and had a lot of questions for Chris, he would always give it to straight whether it was what you wanted to hear or not. He has always been a straight shooter. You will be missed.

Joe Palinsky, 122 Washington Avenue stated that he had the opportunity to work with Chris on the Planning Board and he was always right to the point and always told you the truth. We all have great respect for you and best of luck with everything.

Clem Boyers, 20 Kerr Avenue stated that it has always been a pleasure always with Chris. He always gave me the right answer with anything I asked of him. Good Luck! Also, we are missing the barrels on the highway but what about the stripping they are supposed to do?

Mayor LaCicero stated that they took away 50 parking spaces but gave us back 26 and they are not budging as of yet.

Mr. Boyers stated that he appreciates all of Mayor and Council as they also all do a great job.

Pat Marrone, Beautification stated that Chris has always been helpful with their Committee for the 11 years they have been here. They have always appreciated all his help. Best of Luck.

Mr. Parlow stated that his least favorite thing is everyone thanking him for all he has done. Truly from the bottom of his heart he has been honored and it has been a pleasure working with Mayor and Council, the employees and all the residents. Even socializing outside of Lavallette, so many people would say oh you work for Lavallette, we love that town. Everyone knows this town one way or another and he always felt honored that he was able to be a part of this community. He didn't just do the core duties of the Administrator, he has also snow plowed, assembled water meters, contracted and negotiated cell tower agreements and lease agreements with the Post Office. For a small town, it is true that we do it all! When you are the Administrator of a large town you really are just the Administrator but in Lavallette it goes beyond that. He remembers having to call a homeowner after Sandy and tell them that there house was sitting in the middle of the highway. It has been one of my greatest honors to serve this town and he thanks all for putting up with me.

Mayor and Council presented Mr. Parlow with a watch inscribed as a token of their gratitude for a job well done.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

There was no executive session.

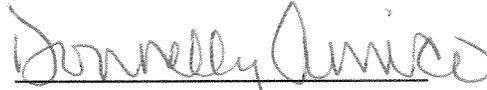
**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

The Regular Meeting was adjourned at 8:02 pm.

**CERTIFICATION**

I, Donnelly Amico, Acting 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 18<sup>th</sup> day of April 2016

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Donnelly Amico". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

**Donnelly Amico**  
**Acting Municipal Clerk**