

**BOROUGH OF LAVALLETTE (minutes)
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
ISLAND HEIGHTS MUNICIPAL BUILDING – COUNCIL CHAMBERS
Monday, December 17, 2012-8:00 pm**

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Walter G. LaCicero, presiding

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

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 complies with the Open Public Meetings Act. Public Notice was published in the Asbury Park Press on December 14, 2012. Notice was also posted on our municipal website.

MOMENT OF SILENCE: The Mayor asked for a moment of silence for Sheriff Bill Polhemus, John Marra from Magee Avenue, Barbara Houser of Bay Blvd., Helen Lucciola, mother of Gary Lucciola and those 26 people in Connecticut who all passed away recently.

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

MAYOR'S WELCOMING STATEMENT: The Mayor welcomed everyone to tonight's meeting. Two days after the Governor gave us permission to repopulate Lavallette as of Saturday there were 71 homes that were repopulated full time. Mr. Parlow stated that as of today there were 108.

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

Mayor LaCicero stated that he will hold this part until the end of the meeting. During the meeting, you will hear a lot of information throughout this meeting that might answer your questions.

APPROVAL OF CLERK'S MINUTES:

Caucus/Regular Meeting of December 3, 2012
RFP Minutes for Borough Attorney of December 13, 2012
RFP Minutes for Borough Auditor of December 13, 2012
RFP Minutes for Borough Engineer of December 13, 2012
RFP Minutes for Borough Prosecutor of December 13, 2012
Bid Opening for Boardwalk Lumber of December 13, 2012
Bid Opening for Repairs and Reconstruction to Damaged Roadways of December 13, 2012
Bid Opening for Timber Bulkhead Reconstruction and Replacement of December 13, 2012
Bid Opening of Water Distribution System Repairs of December 13, 2012

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

REPORTS:

As per the Tax Collector, due to Super Storm Sandy, she is unable to complete a Tax Sale for 2011 delinquencies in accordance with NJSA 54:5 et seq.

RESOLUTIONS-ON CONSENT:

- 2012-311 authorizing payment of invoice to Pemberton Electrical Supply Company, LLC for the purchase of electrical supplies due tot damage from Super Storm Sandy
- 2012-312 awarding a contract for the purpose of purchasing a law enforcement vehicle for the police department to Beyer Ford through the Cranford Police Cooperative Purchasing System
- 2012-313 reaffirming the award of contract to Power Delivery Alliance, Inc. for the emergency assistance regarding our electric utility for damages sustained due to Super Storm Sandy
- 2012-314 reaffirming the award of contract to Certified Speedometer Service for the emergency assistance regarding the police department for damages sustained due to Super Storm Sandy
- 2012-315 requesting its federal government leaders to act expeditiously in approving an increase in the reimbursement rate from 75% to 90% for towns affected by Super Storm Sandy
- 2012-316 reaffirming the award of contract to Oswald Enterprises, Inc. for emergency assistance regarding our sewer utility system for damages sustained due to Super Storm Sandy
- 2012-317 awarding a contract to Bayway Lumber Co. for the purchase of boardwalk lumber, materials and supplies as a result of damaged caused by Super Storm Sandy in the amount of \$62,706.70-Councilman Lamb questioned why such a low amount. Mr. Parlow stated that we only had so much available funds before the end of the year. We will be going out to bid again for the pilings as well as additional lumber. Mayor LaCicero questioned if we are running out of the \$4,000,000. Mr. Parlow stated that we will be getting that money back but it will go into an account to reserve the payment of bonds. Mr. Parlow stated that we will have another bond ordinance on for the reorganization meeting. The contracts we have awarded tonight will take care of our south end streets that were severely damaged.

- 2012-318 awarding a contract to Eagle Paving Corporation for the reconstruction and repairs to roads as a result of damaged caused by Super Storm Sandy in the amount of \$183,014.00
- 2012-319 awarding a contract to Albert Marine Construction, Inc. for the Newark Avenue Bayside Aluminum Bulkhead repair as a result of damaged caused by Super Storm Sandy in the amount of \$16,500.00
- 2012-320 awarding a contract to Albert Marine Construction, Inc. for timber bulkhead reconstruction at Oceanside Streets as a result of damaged caused by Super Storm Sandy in the amount of \$83,500.00.
- 2012-321 awarding a contract to DSC Construction for water services and hydrants / repair and replacements as a result of damaged caused by Super Storm Sandy in the amount of \$56,300.00
- 2012-322 appointing two temporary laborers for the Department of Public Works at an hourly rate of \$10.00 commencing December 14, 2012 and ending January 15, 2013
- 2012-323 appointing two Class I Officers for the Lavallette Police Department at an hourly rate of \$9.00 commencing December 1, 2012
- 2012-324 approving the annual certifications submitted to the Borough by emergency service organizations of all volunteer members who have qualified for credit under the LOSAP program for the previous year-Councilman Borowski asked that this resolution be put off consent.
- 2012-325 authorizing the CFO to make budget transfers between budget appropriations from the 2012 budget
- 2012-326 appointing two temporary laborers for the Department of Public Works at an hourly rate of \$10.00 commencing December 1, 2012 and ending June 30, 2012
- 2012-327 authorizing the CFO to make budget cancellations from the 2012 budget
- 2012-328 authorizing the temporary closing of the beaches for repair and establishing a pedestrian curfew from 6 pm to 5 am in the Borough of Lavallette-Mr. George stated that the pedestrian curfew portion would be discussed with County OEM. Mayor LaCicero stated that the letters that we sent to repopulate had to be sent to the County OEM and the Governor. These are pedestrian curfews and it does not mean that you can not go and come as you please. Mr. Parlow stated that it was done for safety purposes for our residents. There are still contractors working into the night and it is to make our residents safe. The Mayor stated that beach closings are for more security on our beaches. We need to get control and prevent

any damage on our beaches. Mr. Parlow stated that we are going to be purchasing some fencing and that will be put on the east and west sides of our dunes.

Councilwoman Filippone stated that she was very disappointed to hear that the Federal Government reimbursements from the money that was bonded for super storm sandy went to pork barrel projects, one in Alaska, one in Washington D.C. Some 600,000 billion or whatever it was. It seems like the Federal Government is still up to its tricks. Mayor LaCicero stated that it was \$60,000.

A Motion was made by Councilman Borowski to approve the consent agenda minus Resolution 2012-324. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Stogdill. The Mayor opened the floor to public comment and asked if anyone wished to comment on the consent agenda.

Jack Sauer, 405 Bay Blvd. stated that Resolution 2012-322 should be January 15, 2013. He also questioned if there was any anticipation on how long the curfew might last.

Mayor LaCicero stated that he did not have any anticipation on how long it was going to last. It really is going to depend on what happens to the other towns. Seaside Heights is looking to repopulate in January. We will be keeping it in effect until necessary.

Chris Chamberlain, 401 Grand Central Avenue, stated that we will not be able to go and get a pizza after 6pm when Lenny's opens up.

Mayor LaCicero stated that it is not going to be that much of an issue or that much of enforcement.

Mr. George stated that it should be long enough to reach the next meeting. Chief Grant thought that at least 30 days was appropriate so people do not trip over the debris. It is basically to cut down on unnecessary sight seeing trips while contractors are working.

Councilman Borowski stated that we should leave it as thirty days and evaluate it each meeting if we want it lifted we can rescind the resolution.

Councilwoman Filippone stated that we should at least give the residents a time frame. Let's leave it at thirty days and talk about it again at our next meeting.

Mayor LaCicero stated that we will leave it at thirty days and talk about it at our next meeting.

The Mayor closed the floor to the public and asked Council for a vote on the consent agenda with 2012-324 removed.

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

Mr. Parlow requested that Mayor and Council call for a special meeting to approve the sewer lateral repair contract. The receipt of bids is scheduled for December 19th and he requested a meeting for the next day to approve the contract.

A Motion was made by Councilman Lamb to have a special meeting on Thursday, December 20, 2012 at 2pm to award a contract for the emergency sewer cleanouts. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Horan. Vote: Council Members Borowski, Filippone, Zalom, Stogdill, Horan and Lamb voted Yes. The Motion Passed.

RESOLUTIONS-OFF CONSENT:

2012-324 approving the annual certifications submitted to the Borough by emergency service organizations of all volunteer members who have qualified for credit under the LOSAP program for the previous year

Councilman Borowski this LOSAP program has been in place for many years. The residents voted to put this program in place for our volunteers. We have numerous volunteers in town that do so much for this town. During the storm, Lee and Joe kept the First Aid running and he thanked them. He stated that all of our volunteers do a wonderful job.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Filippone to approve Resolution 2012-324. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Lamb. Vote: Council Members Filippone, Zalom, Stogdill, and Lamb voted Yes. Council Members Borowski and Horan abstained. The Motion Passed.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:

2012-329 Bills List in the amount of \$970,916.87

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

ORDINANCES ON FOR ADOPTION:

Bond Ordinance No. 2012-16 (1115) BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION CENTER IMPROVEMENTS, APPROPRIATING \$5,000,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$5,000,000 BONDS AND NOTES TO FINANCE A PORTION OF THE COSTS THEREOF, AUTHORIZED IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF LAVALLETTE, IN THE COUNTY OF OCEAN, NEW JERSEY

Mayor LaCicero stated that our electric utility is self liquidating and all the finances has to be done on its own so whatever the repairs that need to be done we need to refinance them by their own utility bonds rather than general taxpayers bonds. We do not anticipate that we will need the entire \$5,000,000.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Filippone to approve Bond Ordinance 2012-16 (1115). The Motion was seconded by Councilman Horan. The Mayor opened the public hearing and asked if anyone wished to comment on Bond Ordinance 2012-16 (1115).

Councilman Borowski questioned if was accurate to state that some of this bond will be offset by our FEMA reimbursements.

Mr. Parlow stated that hopefully it will be offset by between 75 and 90% just on the damage to the electric utility.

There were no comments from the public.

The Mayor closed the public hearing and asked Council for a vote on Bond Ordinance 2012-16 (1115).

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Establishing a date for which residents must remove debris from property and place at curbside

Mayor LaCicero stated that this is the end date having AshBritt pickup the rest of the debris due to the storm. Seaside Heights has an end date of January 15th. He would recommend January 31, 2012.

Mr. George stated that there has been anything that we found with any deadlines so any end date that is recommended should be fine.

Mayor LaCicero stated it is going to make the town look a little uglier for a little longer but we will be reimbursed 75 to 90% by FEMA.

Mr. Parlow stated that he is going to put on the website that the last day debris can be put to the curb is January 31, 2012.

NEW BUSINESS:

FEMA – Sheltering and Temporary Essential Power (STEP) Program

Mr. Parlow stated that this is the program that the Governor released in the newspapers and failed to let the municipalities and DCA know about it first. Some of the answers he has found at some seminars. He has not received any information from the State on financing and how we are going to finance this program. First step is that Mayor and Council would have to decide whether the Borough is going to implement this program. This program is only for full time residents who reside in Lavallette to get them out of their temporary housing and into their home. There are three types of repairs that the municipality can do and offer to their residents. The

municipality would have to actually perform the work to the house. There are three different items that the Borough can utilize the funds for. They include residential electric meter repairs, shelter essential measures or rapid temporary exterior repairs. The shelter essential measures would be if you lost your water heater or your furnace and those particular mechanicals needed to be in place before you could move back into the Borough. The program would permit the hiring of contractors to perform those repairs. There is a cap of \$10,000 per resident and the Federal Government will pay 75% and the taxpayers will have to pay the 25% share. In order to be FEMA eligible the work would have to be bid out. Once we get the listing of all property owners and the work they are requesting we would have to create the specifications and go out to bid. It is not an easy program to implement.

Mayor LaCicero questioned if the homeowner has flood insurance are they still eligible for this program.

Mr. Parlow stated that even if they get other help from FEMA they can still participate in this program.

Mayor LaCicero questioned what time period to adopt this program, go out to bid and get the work done.

Mr. Parlow stated that it has to be done within 60 days.

Mayor LaCicero questioned what is the shortest time period.

Mr. Parlow stated that he needs to find out who is going to fund this program to start with. He stated he needs to get the answer regarding the funding mechanism that is missing. He provided a scenario that if ten people request this service and they are eligible for \$10,000 a piece, we do not have that money just sitting in an account to do this right now. There has been no direction on that as of yet. We could put something on our website if anyone is interested in this program they can notify us and we can start there. Remember the taxpayer is responsible for 25%.

Mayor LaCicero stated that we should see how many are interested before we approve this program.

Councilman Borowski stated that we should include the frequently asked questions on the website.

Councilwoman Filippone stated that she does not want the public to think we are going to allow this program. She stated that she is really concerned about the already possible burden on the spending we already have to do but to ask taxpayers to fund some individuals on top of everything else. She stated that she understands the sympathetic view on this but if we put something on the website and it applies that this program is a sure deal.

Mr. Parlow stated that we could word it in such a way saying the Borough may be considering the STEP program. Here is some information if you are interested please fill out the form.

FEMA – Disaster Assistance Policy – Debris Removal from Private Property

Mr. George stated that we contacted AshBritt inquiring what the requirements were to do this program and how we could go about that. We received that information and prepared the information and it was adopted on December 3, 2012. Subsequent to that time, the State has drafted a model executive order which goes into more detail concerning statutory public health. At this point of time it seems to have the same information that we have plus additional information and they have released FEMA guidelines with regard to relating more to reconstruction of buildings but also has some debris removal. We are not sure if FEMA will want us to readopt or issue it as an executive order or whether they will continue to review it. Right now the Borough is moving on with its approval until further notice.

Mayor LaCicero questioned if this document will also be used as our mechanism to remove houses that have had no attention done to them.

Mr. George stated that the FEMA guidelines that are attached go into the removal. They talk about insurances and no double dipping. Homeowners are primary and the release they have that we do not have is the identification of the insurance company and the authorization for the insurance company to release information to FEMA and the Borough. There are some additional requirements with the removal of homes that we need to review more.

Mayor LaCicero questioned the time frame of being able to remove the debris from private property.

Mr. George stated that he thinks it is just an approval of the release form from FEMA. We used the exact language with regards to the release of contractors.

Mr. Parlow stated that the program exists but there are a number of red tapes that we need to go through in order to get to the point where we can authorize AshBritt to start removing houses or debris. There is nothing saying that we have to remove complete houses but there are mechanisms that are available. We can also stipulate what type of debris that we will remove but we do not have to demolish unsafe structures. The cost ratio is the same with this program as it is with the STEP program 75% the Federal Government will pay but 25% will be paid by the Borough.

Mayor LaCicero stated that if the homeowner is willing to pay the 75% we will not get that from the Federal Government.

Mayor LaCicero questioned what steps need to be taken to be able to get these properties cleaned up.

Mr. Parlow stated that everything is about identifying your damages. He would like to put on the website that the Borough is looking to adopt a debris removal policy and if anyone would be interested fill out this form. We need to get that information out there. We might not have anyone who wants us to remove anything but it will satisfy the FEMA side of this and how much the Council wants to set aside to pay our share.

Mayor LaCicero stated that the only issue we are facing right now is just the boardwalk debris on people's property. We will see what happens.

FEMA - Increased Cost of Compliance Program (ICC) – Repairs to Substantially Damaged Structures

Mr. Parlow stated that there will be a form put on our website. This is a program that you could use up to \$30,000 to bring your home or business up to compliance with your town's flood plain ordinance. The conditions are that you need a declaration that the structure has been declared substantially damaged by the storm. Substantially means that your home was damaged by at least 50%. There is a form we have come up with and we are going to post it on our website if you are interested in this program. You will submit that form along with all the substantial paperwork to the Construction Official and they will determine if you qualify.

Mayor LaCicero stated that if you qualify for this program the federal government will give you up to \$30,000 to raise your home. Eight foot is most of the town except for the bay front and the ocean blocks. Most houses in town that have been recently built are above that anyway. If you are below eight you are going to need to raise your home.

Council President Zalom stated that she thought the whole town was going to need flood insurance but only the homeowners who have mortgages on their homes will need flood insurance.

Councilwoman Filippone stated that you can not go through the ICC program if you have not had 50% or more damage to your property.

Draft – Flood Hazard Areas Ordinance

Mr. George stated that Mr. Parlow is working on the flood elevation and we are working on the height and bulk.

Mr. Parlow stated that before there were two zones in Lavallette which was AO, one block from the ocean and is the required base flood elevation for your first floor in that zone was 1 foot above the highest adjacent grade of the property. The other zone for the rest of the town is AE, with the exception of the oceanfront, which was the V zone, and that elevation is 5 which is how much above sea level. Most of the lands in the AE zone are now going to be elevation 8, with the exception of the properties along the water front on West Point Island and Westmont Shores. Those areas are going up to elevation 10 from elevation 5.

Mayor LaCicero questioned what the V zone consists of.

Mr. Parlow stated that he has not even got to that zone as of yet.

Mayor LaCicero stated that Mr. Sica gave us a handout on it could we get it on our website.

Mr. Parlow stated that if you look at the link on our web page it brought you over on the new maps and it gives you a lot of information on building your house. It is also interesting that they changed the ocean block. It use to be AO and the elevation is now an 8, which in most case and elevation 8 is less that what the house are currently elevated to a the beginning of the block. These maps do not make sense at this point of time. There is a caviat in this, the ordinance is going to say that if the 2006 maps are more restrictive than these new maps the old maps will be the effective maps. The ocean block in the old maps is more restrictive than the new maps.

Mayor LaCicero stated that he is looking at the maps and a lot of houses are going to be impacted by these new maps.

Mr. Parlow stated that if you go to the link from our website and put in your address it will tell you exactly where you are on the map and what you are required to do.

Councilman Lamb stated that some of these lines seem to meander through these properties. What do we adhere to.

Mr. Parlow stated that the best way to find out what zone your property is in is to insert your address into the program and it will tell you exactly what zone you are in.

Mayor LaCicero stated that a new draft ordinance on the height restrictions will be out soon.

Mr. George stated that some of the changes would decrease the height significantly. It is complicated based upon these maps. The ones that are now lower are unworkable but we are in process of engineering this. We will get this to the ordinance committee as soon as it is done.

Mayor LaCicero stated that the change will not be in the house itself, just with the pilings and the foundation. There are a lot of issues and we are hoping to get all of them worked out within the next couple months.

Mr. Parlow stated that he has an assignment from the governing body. We need to make a determination on what the boardwalk and all the other structures part of that boardwalk is going to look. He ask the Council if they want to reinstall the access ways, walkovers or pavilions. We need to know sooner than later.

Councilman Lamb questioned if the DEP has had any say on what is going to be built up there yet.

Mr. Parlow stated that they have not said anything as of yet but they could do so.

Mayor LaCicero stated that we still have the Individual Permit so we can put back exactly what was there.

Mr. Parlow stated that they will work with us as long as we make things the same or better. We are going to start on rebuilding the boardwalk first. Some one made a suggestion to cut the access ways in half but these are the things we need to know now.

Mayor LaCicero questioned if we will need to put railings on the boardwalk if the homeowners on the ocean front properties do not fill in that gap with our decking. Do we require them to do so or do we just go with the railings. Then we will have to worry about putting the spindles so far apart so children's heads do not get caught in between.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Clem Boyers, 20 Kerr Avenue stated that he thought we were still in violation with some of our access ways.

Mayor LaCicero stated that we were nearly resolved with that.

Mr. Parlow stated that we were not in violation with the structures just the action.

Elaine Schardien, 221 Newark Avenue stated that she would like to thank the employees and volunteers of Lavallette for trying to get us in our homes as soon as possible. She stated that she would like to mention a few facts about the ICC that she heard about from FEMA. It has to be your primary resident and the total amount is \$31,900. If you receive any FEMA money at all they will subtract that money from that \$31,900.

Councilwoman Filippone stated that she has a friend that heard the same information that she just said and his FEMA agent told him that it was not true and even though he is not a primary resident he will still qualify.

Michael Aiello, 232 Bryn Mawr stated that if we are encouraged to raise our home by 10 feet and put it on pilings we will have to knock it down. Are we still eligible for the grant.

Mayor LaCicero stated that he believes so.

Michael Melillo, Architect stated that in the V zone everyone has to go to elevation 10. If you do not want to do this you will have to pay that \$9,500 in flood insurance.

Mary Lou, Crossroads questioned what is going to happen to the homeowners who are not permanent residents and are non-conforming with two houses on a lot in the V zone.

Mayor LaCicero stated that we discussed this at the Planning Board Meeting last week. If you have non-conforming use and you are going to rebuild the buildings to the current codes and footprints you can do it. There will be an expedited approved process as long as you bring the proper paperwork.

Mary Lou stated that if you have flood insurance now at the policy renewal date you will have to pay new rates.

Councilman Horan stated that he just renewed his policy and it went up \$150.

Councilwoman Filippone stated that on that non-conforming property you still have to come to Planning Board but we will expedite your case.

Joe Palinsky, Washington Avenue stated that the Borough should look at the boardwalk in Spring Lake that have this cast aluminum railings that must be approved and are quite architecturally pleasing.

Andrew Feranda, 3A Princeton Avenue stated that the residents only have until January 31st to get our debris to the curb. We are going through this process of trying to get the boardwalk removed from our home. We have to wait for the form to allow the Borough to remove it to be approved by FEMA so what if we ca not get our debris out to the curb by that time.

Mayor LaCicero stated that we will see how it goes and maybe we can work something out to get it removed ahead of time.

Sandy Feranda stated that she is so frustrated that nothing has been done as of yet. The boardwalk took our house and yet we still have not received any help in getting it removed. Our insurance company will not even deal with us until we get it removed and they are saying that the Borough should be removing it. Now the debris removal end date is set for January 31st and yet we need to still get the boardwalk off of our house.

Mr. George stated that one of the recommendations is once the release form is approved by FEMA we can get it done immediately. Unfortunately, there is a process that we must follow.

Mayor LaCicero stated that we thought the electric on the south end of town was going to take months and yet we have already the poles are up and wires are being put up. We are trying to do the best we can.

Jim Duerbig, 117 New York Avenue stated that he is thinking about demolishing his house and if we can demolish it before January 31st can we put that debris out to the curb.

Mayor LaCicero stated that we will take the inside stuff but not the demo debris. You will need a private contractor to do that.

Kathy Lucciola, 140 Newark Avenue stated that FEMA requested her to find out who the Community Rating System Coordinator is for the Borough.

Mayor LaCicero questioned Mr. Parlow if he was that person.

Mrs. Lucciola asked if the state has any mitigation grants that the Borough would know of.

Mayor LaCicero stated that everything that we know is on the website. It seems to me that the residents seem to get more information than we can quicker.

Mrs. Lucciola questioned if this 50% is for the structure only.

Mayor LaCicero stated that is correct.

Mrs. Lucciola stated that she has friends from Seaside Park and they want to know why they do not have a voice like yours trying to get them back in their homes so she just wanted to thank him for that.

Marilyn Popper, 1600 Bay Blvd stated that she moved back today. She asked when is the post office and the pharmacy going to be open.

Mayor LaCicero stated that the post office is looking towards January and the drug store is having some of their workers come over to set up the store and hopefully they will be opening soon.

Mark Speaker, 111 Brown Avenue stated that regarding the STEP program he takes exception to having to pay 25% for someone else's coverage. As for the disaster assistance policy for debris removal to private property it's a wonderful idea. These people up here will bend over backwards for everyone in this town and they try hard doing it just bare with them. They will get it done.

Mike Tornambe, 108 Princeton Avenue questioned who makes the determination whether you had 50% in damage.

Mayor LaCicero stated that you bring all your paperwork to the Construction Official and between your assessment and your damages there's the math.

Mr. Tornambe stated that he spoke to his contractor today that he would have to take down all his sheetrock from top to bottom for the inspection.

Mayor LaCicero stated that this was the first he is hearing that.

Mike Melillo, Architect stated that FEMA will accept an appraisal of their home to determine the damages but keep in mind that the Borough has a document from you saying that your house has been damaged 50% so you could be made to raise your house.

Elaine Schardien, 221 Newark Avenue questioned when the school is going to open.

Mayor LaCicero stated that he had a conversation with Dr. Morris today and they are very anxious to get back here. It is costing the Board of Education \$1,000 a day to be where they are. They are hoping that after the New Year they will start to come over. They will be having their Board of Education meeting so you can talk to them about it.

Mark Speaker, 111 Brown Avenue stated that he is the President of the LBA in town. We wanted to present to the Mayor a plaque for his dedication to the town during Hurricane Sandy.

Council President Zalom thanked Mark Speaker for the wonderful holiday party he had on December 14th and it was loved by all.

Mayor LaCicero stated that we should have a big party to thank everyone for all the help and work they have done during this crisis. He wanted to thank Mark Speaker for a lot of his help for everything he did to make his life much easier.

There were no additional comments from the public.

Mayor LaCicero closed the floor to public comment.

COMMENTS OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Council President Zalom stated that the bus trips went very well. Last year we participated in Wreaths Across America. They were supposed to bring the wreaths tonight but she did not see him. Lavallette is having their 125th Birthday Party on December 21st at Tiffany's. There are already 70 people coming and if anyone would still like to come there are 10 seats still available.

Mr. Parlow stated that the Board of Education meeting is on Wednesday at St. Barbara's and their Reorganization meeting will be on January 2nd at the school. Unfortunately, our Municipal Building will not be ready in time so we are going to have our Reorganization Meeting at the school on January 2nd. We are all happy that you are back but please do not come down to Public Works and thank them all. They are all so very busy and they will not turn you away but they are very busy with what they are doing. As far as how much debris we have moved out and this is just the number of what AshBritt has picked which was 9,868 tons of debris which is more than 18,000,000 pounds of debris. Also, this is going to be a balancing act for the next few months and we need to do a lot work still on the electric and the roads and you are going to want us to get to your roads first. We will need your patience and we need to work together. Please stay away from our construction areas because it is very dangerous.

Councilman Borowski stated that after the gas lines went in and people started to repopulate, the checkpoints were finally gone. When the sun goes down in Lavallette there is a very eerie feeling. There are only a few houses lit up that he sees. There are checkpoints in Seaside Heights and Park and checkpoints in Toms River but none in Lavallette. He recommends a check point before entrance into Lavallette at night.

Mayor LaCicero stated that the agreement was that if we repopulate the town we can not stop anyone including tourists from coming in. Now we have the curfew so that might help us out.

Councilman Lamb stated that with the repopulation the homeowners are calling if they see something going on that looks strange.

Councilwoman Filippone stated that if your car does not have the permanent resident sticker the police will be pulling you over.

Mark Speaker stated that the speed limit on both highways is 25 miles per hour for your safety and the safety of the construction workers.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

The Regular Meeting was adjourned at 10:06pm.

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 and correct copy of the minutes of the regular meeting held on the 17th day of December 2012

Christopher F. Parlow
Municipal Clerk