

BOROUGH OF LAVALLETTE (minutes)
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
LAVALLETTTE MUNICIPAL BUILDING – COUNCIL CHAMBERS
Monday, July 23, 2012-7:00 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 given to the Asbury Park Press and was published in the Ocean Star on January 6, 2012. Notice was also posted on the municipal bulletin board and the municipal website.

MOMENT OF SILENCE: The Mayor asked for a moment of silence for long time resident Jerry Dolan who passed away recently, for the 12 year boy who past away in Long Branch from the tunnel collapse on the beach. He also asked for a moment for all the victims in the Colorado shootings and for our troops overseas.

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

MAYOR’S WELCOMING STATEMENT: The Mayor thanked everyone for coming out to tonight’s meeting.

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

Mayor LaCicero 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 speak at this time.

Mayor LaCicero closed the floor to public comment.

APPROVAL OF CLERK’S MINUTES:

Caucus/Regular Meeting of July 9, 2012
Executive Session of July 9, 2012

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

RESOLUTIONS-ON CONSENT:

- 2012-211 authorizing the submission of the application of the Lavallette Municipal Alliance Grant for the year 2013 in the amount of \$21,000-Council President Zalom stated that Lavallette gets a big amount with this grant for such a small town. We have so many events for the children and the seniors and our volunteers do so much for the residents in this town.
- 2012-212 authorizing the Mayor to sign an application for special permit for social affairs to the Lavallette First Aid Squad for the sale of alcoholic beverages in conjunction with the Lavallette Heritage Day Festival to be held on the grounds of the First Aid/Firehouse on September 8, 2012-Councilman Borowski requested that this Resolution is put off consent.
- 2012-213 authorizing the disposal of surplus property to auction on Govdeals.com-Mr. Parlow stated that bicycles are being auctioned in lots of around ten.
- 2012-214 opposing Senate Bill S-820 and Assembly Bill A-1978 to establish a stormwater utility in Ocean County
- 2012-215 authorizing the Mayor to sign an application for special permit for social affairs to the Lavallette Volunteer Fire Company #1 for the sale of alcoholic beverages in conjunction with the Lavallette 125th Anniversary Party to be held on the grounds of the First Aid/Firehouse on September 23, 2012-Councilman Borowski requested that this Resolution is put off consent
- 2012-216 authorizing the refund of 2012 taxes for Block 8 Lot 13 that was inadvertently paid in error
- 2012-216A authorizing the change in hourly rate for Class II Special Officer Anthony Amalfa from \$13.97 to \$14.50 effective immediately-Councilwoman Filippone stated that when we had the wage freeze a couple of years ago this one officer missed the grid of a increase so this is just partially adjusting his hourly wage.

A Motion was made by Councilman Stogdill to approve the consent agenda with the exception of Resolutions 2012-212 and 2012-215. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Horan. The Mayor opened the floor to the public and asked if anyone wished to comment on the consent agenda.

Clem Boyers, 20 Kerr Avenue questioned whether the two events in September were sponsored by the First Aid and the Fire Department together?

Councilman Borowski stated that the Heritage Day Festival is a co-event with the Fire Department and the First Aid but the 125th Anniversary Barbeque is strictly sponsored by the Fire Department as a fundraiser.

There were no additional comments from the public. The Mayor closed the floor to public comment and asked Council for a vote on the consent agenda.

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

RESOLUTIONS-OFF CONSENT

2012-212 authorizing the Mayor to sign an application for special permit for social affairs to the Lavallette First Aid Squad for the sale of alcoholic beverages in conjunction with the Lavallette Heritage Day Festival to be held on the grounds of the First Aid/Firehouse on September 8, 2012

A Motion was made by Councilman Stogdill to approve Resolution 2012-212. The Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Filippone. Vote: Council Members Filippone, Zalom, Stogdill and Lamb voted Yes. Council Members Borowski and Horan abstained. The Motion Passed.

2012-215 authorizing the Mayor to sign an application for special permit for social affairs to the Lavallette Volunteer Fire Company #1 for the sale of alcoholic beverages in conjunction with the Lavallette 125th Anniversary Party to be held on the grounds of the First Aid/Firehouse on September 23, 2012

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Filippone to approve Resolution 2012-215. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Stogdill. Vote: Council Members Filippone, Zalom, Stogdill, Horan and Lamb voted Yes. Councilman Borowski abstained. The Motion Passed.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:

2012-217 Bills List in the amount of \$464,065.59

A Motion was made by Councilman Horan 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.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mayor LaCicero stated that he has the exact savings from the refunding of the bonds. The savings from the water bonds was \$513,334.86 and the savings from the sewer bond was \$986,443.94 which is a total of \$1,499,788.80. He stated that these savings will be passed on to the ratepayers.

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilman Borowski stated that during a game last week at the ball field a foul ball knocked out one of the mercury vapor lamps. He stated that he had two contractors come and try to see

what could be done as far as protecting Baltimore Avenue as well as the lamps and both contractors seemed to shy away from dealing with it. He spoke with Councilman Stogdill and they are going to sit down with other contractors and try to take a fresh approach and get some proposals. We need to take safety precautions to prevent a serious accident from happening.

Mayor LaCicero stated that seems to be a good idea and wished them luck. He also stated that he received a call that the gate at the ball field on the Baltimore Avenue side was damaged.

Mr. Parlow stated that it was already taken care of and repaired properly.

Council President Zalom stated that she is so excited about this parade and there are so many people who want to participate. The USS Lavallette Alumni will be participating in our parade, also. She was advised that the bell from the USS Lavallette that is in front of Borough Hall is in fact the original bell. The Wallace House, which is across the street from Lavallette Hardware is in its original state and has some historic value according to the owner Mr. Bober. She was also told that Councilman Lamb's mother, Mildred, is the oldest resident in town who was born here. She is 96 years old. She thanked all the people and businesses in town that sent letters in favor of the Transportation Enhancement Grant. She also stated that she was watching her grand son crab in the bay and was shocked at how many sea nettles there are in the bay. There use to be a pipe that linked the ocean and the bay so that it kept if flowing and clean.

Mayor LaCicero questioned Mr. Parlow on whether we had any new information from the netting?

Mr. Parlow stated that he has no new information as of yet. He stated that he does know that they are doing it a different way this year which seems to be working better.

Mayor LaCicero stated that he sees an improvement from last year so it must be working better.

Council President Zalom stated that Monsignor Troiano from the St. Pio heard about our 125th Anniversary Parade and Barbeque and wanted to do something also. He proposed that on the Friday or Saturday before open the Parish Hall to the residents and have a big free music event. She stated that Councilwoman Filippone will be setting that up with the Monsignor.

Councilwoman Filippone stated that she is going to recommend the Saturday night before because she thinks it will work better.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

There were no comments from the public.

COMMENTS OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Councilwoman Filippone stated that there are many concerns about the crosswalks and pedestrians versus vehicles on Route 35 North and South. She advised the Chief to send a letter to the State DOT advising them that if they want us to enforce the pedestrian law then we are

requesting them to paint crosswalks at every intersection on the north and south bound highways. The State needs to recognize how difficult it is for our police to enforce this law when the pedestrians just walk across the street without taking precautions and the drivers are so confused they stop even when there is a green light. She also told the Chief that we should get a few more of those barrels and put some on the southbound highway also. She is also fed up with the bicycles going the wrong way and is going to have to figure something out. The police are not enforcing as strictly as they should.

Councilman Borowski stated that he was on a first aid call where a 20 year old Eastern European girl who got banged up riding her bike and a car side swiped her. She was not seriously injured just banged up a bit. After the First Aid cleaned her up we explained to her that she must ride with the flow of traffic so to get back to where she lived in Seaside Heights she needed to go onto the southbound highway. She answered by saying that she was told that last week when she got hit by a car. Obviously, they know the law but they just do not follow it and knowingly risk their lives as well as others.

Councilman Stogdill stated that his grandparents do not live here anymore but still have their 65th anniversary proclamation hanging up in there room at the nursing home they are in. They are always telling me to thank Mayor and Council for the honor.

Councilman Lamb stated that the weather has a lot to do with the sale of beach badges. After two days of rainy, bad weather Sunday they sold 600 daily badges. He stated that most of the events down at the firehouse/first aid parking lots are for the most part very responsible at cleaning up after their event is over. However, sometimes they need to be a little bit more aware of their surroundings. One of the events did not clean up as well as they should and he stated he made a phone call and the person did not seem very happy that he was questioning their clean up. He stated it is nothing personal but we need to make sure that the grounds are kept the way they were given to them.

Councilman Borowski stated that he had the same problem last year and he had his family out there cleaning it up with him.

Council President stated that there is a cancer walk on August 5th and the WPICA will have their golf tournament on August 13th. She stated that the wire baskets on the beach itself need to be addressed as far as emptying them mid afternoon because she was actually fighting with a seagull who was trying to grab the bags in there.

Mayor LaCicero stated that he thought the lifeguards were going to take care of that again this year.

Councilman Borowski stated that they become filled after the lifeguards leave. He stated that he just wanted to acknowledge the retirement of Jamie Monroe who has worked for Public Works for twenty years. Good Luck to him.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

There was no executive session.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

The Regular Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

CERTIFICATION

I, Christopher F. Parlow, Municipal Clerk of the Borough of Lavallette, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey does hereby certify these to be a true and correct copy of the minutes of the regular meeting held on the **23rd** day of **July 2012**

Christopher F. Parlow
Municipal Clerk