

**BOROUGH OF LAVALLETTE(minutes)**  
**CAUCUS/REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL**  
**LAVALLETTE MUNICIPAL BUILDING**  
**Tuesday, February 18, 2025-7:00 pm**

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

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

Also present: Bill Burns, Borough Attorney  
Donnelly Amico, Municipal Clerk  
John Bennett, Borough Administrator

**READING OF THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT STATEMENT:** Notice of this meeting was published in the Ocean Star on January 10, 2025. Notice was also posted on our municipal bulletin board and municipal website.

**MOMENT OF SILENCE:** The Mayor asked for a moment of silence for longtime resident and the former and first Councilwoman in Lavallette. Also, former resident Alex Marino who lived on WPI. Also, Barbara Williams who was former PW employee Mitch William's mom and former Councilman Ray William's wife.

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

**MAYOR'S WELCOMING STATEMENT:** Mayor LaCicero welcomed everyone to tonight's meeting. He stated that it is way too cold and he should have stayed in Florida. The beach replenishment dredging has been pushed back to the 26<sup>th</sup>. Seaside Heights replenishment has started but they pushed back the dredging a bit.

**PROCLAMATION COMMENDING FOUR NEW MEMBERS OF THE LAVALLETTE FIRST AID SQUAD**

Councilman Finter read aloud the Proclamations for the four new members and pictures were taken.

Mayor LaCicero thanked the new members for their volunteerism as well as their dedication and time.

Councilman Borowski stated that the NJ Registry textbook for these courses is between 1500-1600 pages long and these members have to take these courses all within 4 months. That also includes 5 hour rotations at the hospital and also two 12 hour ride alongs and this all done voluntarily. They also have to recertify every two to three years.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Caucus/Regular Minutes of February 3, 2025

A Motion to approve the minutes was made by Councilman Lamb. The Motion was Seconded by Councilman Finter.

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

**ON CONSENT AGENDA/OFF CONSENT AGENDA, AND VOUCHERS:**

**RESOLUTIONS – ON CONSENT:**

- 2025-66      approving a facilities use application to Jersey Shore Running Club to utilize our boardwalk from Trenton to White Avenue on Saturday, April 5, 2025 between 8:30am and 10 am for the Special Olympics
- 2025-67      authorizing the cancellation of a fixed asset in the amount of \$3,800
- 2025-68      awarding a contract to Wilbur Witteman for securing the bands for the 2025 summer concert series
- 2025-69      authorizing the refund of a 2025 tax overpayment in the amount of \$1,972.41
- 2025-70      approving a facilities use application to Eastern Surfing Association to hold a kid's surfing competition on our Philadelphia Avenue ocean beach on September 27, 2025 or September 28, 2025 from 8am to 7pm
- 2025-71      approving the Spring Beach Sweeps on Saturday, April 12, 2025 and the Fall Beach Sweeps on Saturday, October 18, 2025
- 2025-72      authorizing a NJDOT Final Quantities Change Order #1 to the contract with Earle Asphalt Company for the Brooklyn Avenue road improvements decreasing the original contract price by \$45,300.98 bringing the adjusted contract price to \$280,912.15
- 2025-73      authorizing a NJDOT Final Quantities Change Order #1 to the contract with Earle Asphalt Company for the Brooklyn and Baltimore Avenues road improvements decreasing the original contract price by \$27,224.85 bringing the adjusted contract price to \$231,588.28
- 2025-74      appointing Council President Anita Zalom as the CDBG Representative for the year 2025
- 2025-75      awarding a contract to Earthworks, Inc. for the Drainage Improvement Project in the amount of \$943,464.00-Mayor LaCicero stated that this is the sump pump project that we received the \$2.6 million grant for. With this contract amount it looks like we can use the excess grant funds for another project as well.

2025-75A      awarding a contract to Earle Asphalt Company for the Newark Avenue Road Improvement Project in the amount of \$326,713.13

2025-75B      approving a facilities use application to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society for their annual charity bicycle ride through town utilizing the Washington Avenue parking area and the grassy area in front of the gazebo as a rest stop for their bicyclists on Saturday, May 10, 2025

A Motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Councilman Lamb. 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. 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:**

2025-76      approving a proposal from Van Cleef Engineering for additional surveying and engineering services for the drainage improvement project in the total amount of \$106,200

Mayor LaCicero stated that this is for the drainage project along with the additional project of installing new curbing on the bay blocks of Westmont Shores. With the excess grant funds.

Bob Chankalian of Van Cleef Engineering stated that the excess grant funds will help with putting New curbing on those 3 streets and also the small street of Sterling Avenue that is connected and any additional paving needed.

A Motion to approve this resolution was made by Councilwoman Filippone. The Motion was Seconded by Councilman Stogdill.

The Mayor opened the floor to the public and asked if anyone wished to comment on this Resolution.

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

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

2025-76A approving the annual certifications for all First Aid volunteer members who have qualified for credit under the LOSAP program for year 2024

A Motion to approve this resolution was made by Councilman Lamb. 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. The Mayor closed the floor to the public and asked Council for a vote on the consent agenda.

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

#### **APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:**

2025-77 Bills List in the amount of \$662,691.71

A Motion to approve the bills list was made by Councilman Lamb. The Motion was Seconded by Councilman Finter.

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

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

There was no unfinished business.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Councilman Borowski stated that the ordinance for the LOSAP needs to be revamped. The new members should be receiving the higher end of the steps as well as any current members who aren't at that step yet. All should receive the maximum amount because they are volunteers who give up their time to do this. It will be on a referendum as well in November.

Mr. Burns stated that he is looking to present all of this at the April Meeting which gives us significant amount of time for the referendum.

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

Councilman Lamb was questioning some updates regarding well #6 replacement and also well #4 repair.

Bob Chankalian, Van Cleef Engineering stated that the bid opening for well #6 replacement is scheduled for April and well #4 repairs is being handled by our water expert and he has some ideas.

One of the ideas was using a fire hydrant to blow it out but I will check with him and have him get in touch with you for updates.

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

Judith Josephs, 114 New York Avenue stated that Anita has asked her to give an update on some things for her. Thanks for the repairs on the shuffleboard court it looks great. The only issue down there is striping for the parking because people just park wherever they want and it causes issues. It would also help to have some more handicap spaces down there as well. We will be having our first ADA Committee meeting soon and will be starting to have Recreation Committee meetings soon as well. She stated she has been checking to see where more handicap parking should be added in town especially for the handicap vans. We are looking into applying for a possible grant to add more ADA handicap parking down by the Memorial Park. She will keep everyone updated.

Brian Hughes, 11 Princeton Avenue stated that the garbage receptacles on the boardwalk are not being emptied and he just wanted to know why.

Mayor LaCicero stated that they should be so this will be passed on to the DPW.

Mr. Hughes stated that the racks for the receptacles that are used in the summer should also be used in the winter. It would make it easier.

Ken Meiser, 13 Brown Avenue stated that he has been a full time resident for some time now and has been slowly becoming involved in the community. He is thankful to be a volunteer EMT for the Lavallette First Aid. It is a very small squad but we get a lot of calls. This has been a very enriching and rewarding experience for us.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

There was no executive session.

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

A Motion to adjourn the Council Meeting was made by Councilman Lamb. The Motion was Seconded by Councilman Stogdill.

Vote: All of Council was in favor. The Motion Passed.

The Council Meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.

**CERTIFICATION**

I, Donnelly Amico, 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 Council meeting held on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of **February 2025**.

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