

BOROUGH OF LAVALLETTE(minutes)
CAUCUS/REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
LAVALLETTE MUNICIPAL BUILDING
Monday, March 17, 2025-7:00 pm

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Walter G. LaCicero, presiding

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

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 any loved ones who have passed.

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

MAYOR'S WELCOMING STATEMENT: The Mayor welcomed everyone to tonight's meeting. Happy St. Patrick's Day! It is still light out at this time and not too cold.

He stated that he participated in a zoom meeting regarding the NJDEP proposed guidelines for elevation of homes. The Commissioner feels that 2100 should be the bench mark for what flood elevation should be and the roads 1 foot above the BFE. I left the zoom meeting not far into it because it was all so crazy to even listen to. There is some proposed legislation out there allowing surfers and fisherman to be able to get on the beach at any time without purchasing a beach badge. We will be doing a resolution opposing this legislation as did most beach towns have already done.

PROCLAMATION FOR THE UPPER SHORES LIBRARY FOR NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK 2025

ON CONSENT AGENDA/OFF CONSENT AGENDA, AND VOUCHERS:

RESOLUTIONS – ON CONSENT:

- 2025-87 approving four facility use applications from the Lavallette Business Association to hold their annual 5K Run and food truck event on 6/21/2025, patriotic bike parade on 7/3/2025 and soup contest/vendor mart on 10/18/2025
- 2025-88 authorizing the acceptance of the grant funds in the amount of \$2,880 titled "Cops In Shops Summer Shore Initiative 2025 and the Lavallette Police Department's participation beginning May 21, 2025 through September 15, 2025

- 2025-89 approving a facilities use application to the Lavallette Pickle Ball Club to reserve the courts Saturdays and Sundays, beginning May 23, 2025 through September 17, 2025 from 8am to noon
- 2025-90 approving the date of Saturday, September 6, 2025 for Lavallette Founder's Day and reappointing the Founder's Day Committee
- 2025-91 adopting the risk management plan of PJM Interconnection LLC related to wholesale power supply procurement-Councilman Borowski stated that there were a lot of officials who did a lot of research on exposures, risks and reserves for this 11 page policy. We passed an ordinance regarding the capacity charge because this charge increased so much we expected that we would have to charge a fee for this charge on top of the electric usage. He is happy to report, that due to the diligence of our electric officials and specialists those increases have been absorbed for this year so there will be no increase.
- 2025-92 approving a facilities use application to Yakkity Yak Kayaks to utilize our bay beach near Vance Avenue daily from April 18th through September 7th 2025 between 10am to 4pm at various times for drop-offs and pickups
- 2025-93 awarding a contract to AccessRec for the purchase of an access mat in the amount of \$18,680.92 for the Trenton Avenue ADA Handicap Accessible Walkover
- 2025-94 approving a raffle license to the Lavallette School PTO to be held on April 28, 2025 at 8pm
- 2025-95 approving the employment of Antonio Ventura as a part-time recycling attendant beginning March 15, 2025 at an hourly rate of \$15.49
- 2025-96 approving the proposed Memorandum of Understanding between the Borough of Lavallette and the Dispatchers Association
- 2025-97 authorizing the acceptance of the NJDCA 2023 Local Improvement Grant for Chandler Field upgrades in the amount of \$63,000

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 any 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, Zalom, Stogdill, Finter and Lamb voted Yes. The

Motion Passed.

RESOLUTIONS - OFF CONSENT:

There was no resolutions off consent.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:

2025-98 Bills List in the amount of \$1,385,190.71

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

Vote: Council Members Filippone, Zalom and Stogdill voted Yes. Council Members Borowski, Finter and Lamb abstained on PO #25-00207 and yes to all others. The Motion Passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Council Lamb stated that repairs are moving forward with Well #4. Also, DPW have started building new receptacles to place the garbage cans in that are located on the boardwalk to prevent them from blowing over on windy days.

Councilman Finter stated that May 1st will start the commercial restaurants private garbage pickup for summer. Some of them liked the private pickup so much last year that they just decided to stay with them all year round.

Councilwoman Filippone stated that May 1st starts the process for outdoor seating permits so they should start getting in their schematics to the zoning department.

Mr. Bennett stated that we received two grants through the County. One was for \$2.2 million for the replacement of well #6 and the other was for \$2.6 million and that is for the drainage improvements with the sump pumps and for the new roll curbing for the bay blocks in Westmont Shores.

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilman Borowski stated that April 14th there will be an open house for the Lavallette First Aid to bring in college students and Lavallette students to give them an idea of what EMT's actually do.

Mr. Bennett stated that the introduction of the 2025 budget will be on for the next meeting on April 7th. There was no change with electric rates for this year.

COMMENTS OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Councilman Borowski stated that the Atlantic Offshore Wind pulled permits on Friday.

Councilman Finter stated that the County Connection bus will be at all our events this summer.

Councilwoman Filippone stated that she has been to a lot of the meet the candidates night for the State candidates and all of them have pledged to stop these offshore wind projects. She is going to also talk to Chris Smith regarding this NJDEP elevation issue.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Dave Geer, 104 Brown Avenue questioned if the drainage improvements with the sump pumps is for sumps pumps that drain both ways.

Mayor LaCicero stated that if the sump pumps drain into our streets they will be corrected.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

There was no executive session.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

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

The Council Meeting was adjourned at 7:53pm.

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 17th day of **March 2025**.

Donnelly Amico
Municipal Clerk