

**BOROUGH OF LAVALLETTE(minutes)**  
**CAUCUS/REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL**  
**LAVALLETTE MUNICIPAL BUILDING**  
**Monday, March 3, 2025-7:00 pm**

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

**ROLL CALL:** Council Members Borowski, Lamb, Zalom, Stogdill, Finter and Filippone  
Councilman Lamb 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 Morgana Hamilton who passed away recently. She lived on President and the ocean and was very involved with the community. Also, for Marion Hoffman from Bond and the ocean who also passed away.

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

**MAYOR'S WELCOMING STATEMENT:** The Mayor welcomed everyone in the audience for coming out to tonight's meeting. He stated that the dredging equipment is offshore now. Lavallette will be hosting the Thursday mornings right up here in Council Chambers with all the Mayor's on the barrier island and the DEP for updates.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Regular Meeting Minutes of February 18, 2025

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

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

**REPORTS:**

- a) Construction Report for February 2025 -Councilwoman Filippone-read report
- b) Zoning/Code Report for February 2025-Councilwoman Filippone-read report
- c) Municipal Court Report for February 2025-Councilwoman Filippone-no report
- d) Police Overtime Report for February 2025-Councilwoman Filippone-no report

- e) Public Works Report for February 2025-Councilman Lamb-report received
- f) Fire Department Report for February 2025-Councilwoman Filippone-no report
- g) Animal Control Report for February 2025-Councilwoman Filippone-no report
- h) Planning Board Report for 2024-Councilwoman Filippone-read report
- i) Public Affairs-Council President Zalom
- j) Tax Account Report for February 2025-Tax Collector
- k) Revenue Account Status Report for January 2025-Chief Financial Officer
- l) Tax Sale Report of 2024-Tax Collector

A Motion to approve the reports was made by Councilwoman Filippone. The Motion was Seconded by Councilman Finter.

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

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

#### **RESOLUTIONS – ON CONSENT:**

- 2025-78 approving a facilities use application to Soccer Shots to hold a children's soccer program on Chandler Field on Mondays, March 24<sup>th</sup> through May 26<sup>th</sup> 2025 from 5pm to 7pm
- 2025-79 amending the 2025 temporary budget in the amount of \$3,834,000
- 2025-80 approving a facilities use application to Team Zebra Multisport, LLC to hold a sprint triathlon on Saturday, May 31, 2025 from 6am to 11am with setup on Friday, May 30, 2025 at 4pm
- 2025-81 approving the proposal for engineering services from Van Cleef Engineering to revise and update 2025 NJDEP Lead Service Replacement Plan in the amount of \$3,000-Councilman Borowski requested this be put off consent for discussion.
- 2025-82 approving a facilities use application to North Jersey Volleyball Club to hold a two week youth volleyball clinic at the volleyball court, M-TH, August 4<sup>th</sup> -7<sup>th</sup> 2025 and M-TH, August 11<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> 2025 from 9am to 12 noon
- 2025-83 approving a proposal engineering and construction management and inspection services from Van Cleef Engineering totaling \$63,800-Councilman Borowski requested this be put off consent for discussion.

A Motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Councilman Borowski. 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.

Mark Speaker, 111 Brown Avenue stated regarding the volleyball and triathlon facility use, they need to be reminded about the parking down on the bay front. There is always a lot of parking issues down there for these sports camps with the parents just parking wherever they want, even in no parking zones. Someone needs to be down there during these times to rectify the issue.

Councilwoman Filippone stated that there will be Class I Officers and Class II Officers down there Issuing parking tickets to cars that are not parked in the correct areas and who don't have any stickers.

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 and Finter voted Yes. The Motion Passed.

### **RESOLUTIONS - OFF CONSENT:**

2025-81 approving the proposal for engineering services from Van Cleef Engineering to revise and update 2025 NJDEP Lead Service Replacement Plan in the amount of \$3,000

Councilman Borowski stated that the town is responsible for the water piping from curb to house. Did PW receive the piping information requested from all the homeowners in town yet?

Councilman Finter stated that there were very few that have reported the information as of yet.

Councilman Borowski questioned exactly what the Engineer would be providing for this.

Councilman Finter stated that the State is requesting the report of this be done by the Engineer.

Mayor LaCicero stated that he thinks we should put this on hold for now until we get more information from the Engineer.

2025-83 approving a proposal engineering and construction management and inspection services from Van Cleef Engineering totaling \$63,800-Councilman Borowski requested this be put off consent for discussion.

Councilman Borowski stated that he doesn't think it is a good idea to repave Newark Avenue Between Baltimore and Bay Blvd. until after the well replacement project is completed since the Treatment plant where the well is on that street.

Mayor LaCicero stated that we should put this on hold as well until we get more information and discuss with the Engineer.

2025-84 approving a facilities use application Shore to Please at the Beach to utilize our beach to deliver, set up and later pickup/remove beach chairs, umbrellas and tents on the beach for Lavallette beachgoers every day beginning May 2025 and ending September 2025

Councilwoman Filippone stated that she took a look at this website and she feels that this feels like We will be setting us up for commercialization. The website is all about renting all of their equipment such as chairs, tents, cabanas even coolers and fire pits. She is not comfortable with this at all.

The Mayor asked if anyone was willing to make a motion to approve this application.

No one made a motion for approval. The Motion Fails.

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

2025-85 Bills List in the amount of \$1,037,637.35

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

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

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Discussion/Update on 2025 Calendars

Mr. Bennett stated that last year we mailed the calendars to the Lavallette property addresses only and saved \$5,000 in postage. We had a lot of complaints about that because some properties didn't have a mailbox so those calendars were just thrown away by the post office which we didn't anticipate. With the printing, postage and mailing of these calendars to all mailing addresses on record it costs us roughly \$17,000 a year. This year the vendor advised us that some other municipalities opt to send a small post card to the mailing addresses advising them that they can go to the Borough Hall with their post card to pick up their calendars and this will save us \$4,300.00.

Councilwoman Filippone stated that we also eliminated 6 pages of the floodplain materials and since we won't have it ready until end of March we also eliminated the March 2025 page which saved us some money on printing as well.

A Motion to approve the post card mailing for calendars was made by Councilwoman Filippone. The Motion was Seconded by Councilman Finter.

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

Isabella Amato, 104A Vance Avenue stated that saving money is definitely essential and she thinks the post card is a great idea in doing this.

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

Mr. Bennett stated that he would like to change the hours the recreation badges will be needed this summer. Right now the hours for the badges are from 8am to 3pm but most of the people seem to be using the facilities after 3 pm. He would like to change the hours that the badge is needed from 8am to 12 noon and then from 5pm to 8pm.

A Motion to change the hours of the recreation badge from 8am to 3pm to 8am to 12 noon and 5pm to 8pm was made by Councilman Stogdill. The Motion was Seconded by Councilman Finter.

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

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

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

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Councilwoman Filippone stated that last week there was extreme flooding on Pershing Blvd. so we reached out to the County and in their investigation they found a collapsed storm drain and it was repaired immediately.

She also stated that the County's plan for late 2025 or early 2026 is to check all the storm drains on Pershing and Dickman Drive, repair any, if needed and also repave both roads. We might want to see about repaving the inside streets on WPI under the County Schedule C so they can be done all at once. We would have to have a discussion with the County.

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

Mr. Bennett stated that the shuffleboard court resurfacing looks great and is almost done.

Councilman Borowski thanked the CFO and Mr. Bennett for all the work with the electric budget. The rate increase was not as egregious as we thought.

Councilman Stogdill stated that as of today the badge sales are at \$229,000.

Mayor LaCicero stated that the Chandler Field improvements project is going out to bid soon and the Lavallette PTO has informed me that they would like to donate monies for the purchase of a new scoreboard as well.

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

Ed Stark, 8 Sterling Avenue, stated that he heard that the town was looking to put new curbing on the 3 streets of Westmont Shores and Sterling after the water pipe project that is being done by NJ American Water.

Mayor LaCicero stated that we will have some extra money left over from some grant funds that we decided would be a good idea to put new curbing on those streets before NJ American Water does the repaving. The curbs would only be done on the bay blocks of the 3 streets and Sterling Avenue.

Mr. Stark questioned if it would be the roll curbing that is already on some portions.

Mayor LaCicero stated that was correct.

**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 8:25pm.

**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 **3rd** day of **March 2025**.

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