

**BOROUGH OF LAVALLETTE(minutes)**  
**CAUCUS/REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL**  
**LAVALLETTE MUNICIPAL BUILDING**  
**Monday, May 19, 2025-7:00 pm**

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

**ROLL CALL:** Council Members Borowski, 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:** Councilwoman Filippone led us in the Salute to the Flag.

**MAYOR'S WELCOMING STATEMENT:** The Mayor welcomed everyone to tonight's meeting. He stated that it has been a rough couple of weeks with the passing of Councilman Bob Lamb. It was unexpected and a definite shock and we are all trying to grasp the fact that he will no longer be up here with us like he has been for almost 20 years.

With Councilman Lamb's passing, it created a vacancy on Council and under the State vacancy law, there are guidelines that we have to follow in order to fill his position on a temporary basis until the General Election in November. The County Committee is in charge of interviewing applicants that put their name in to be considered and then they have to pick three of the applicants to present to Mayor and Council. Mayor and Council then choose one of the three names presented to fill the vacancy temporarily.

The Committee interviewed 7 applicants and presented us with three names which were, William Burns, Michael Vastola and George Shenewolf. Mr. Burns is our Borough Attorney and would like to remain as our Attorney for a few more years so he was not interested in taking the position as of right now. Out of the other two names, we choose George Shenewolf to fill this vacancy. George lives on West Point Island and has also been a member of our Planning Board for a number of years. He is also a Real Estate Agent and Regional Manager for Crossroads Realty.

**RESOLUTION 2025-148**

Appointment of a Council Person to Fill the Current Vacancy from May 19, 2025 through December 31, 2025 or the Reorganization meeting of the Borough of Lavallette, Whichever Occurs Later.

Mr. Burns read aloud the resolution appointing George Shenewolf as Council Member for the Borough of Lavallette.

A Motion was made by Councilman Stogdill to appoint George Shenewolf to the vacant position of Council Person. The Motion was Seconded by Councilwoman Filippone.

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

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Caucus/Regular Meeting of April 7, 2025  
Regular Meeting of April 21, 2025  
Executive Session Meeting of April 21, 2025

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

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

### **REPORTS:**

- a) Construction Report for April 2025 -Councilwoman Filippone-read report
- b) Zoning/Code Report for April 2025-Councilwoman Filippone-read report
- c) Municipal Court Report for April 2025-Councilwoman Filippone-no report
- d) Police Overtime Report for April 2025-Councilwoman Filippone-read report
- e) Public Works Report for April 2025-Councilman Finter-read report
- f) Fire Department Report for April 2025-Councilwoman Filippone-no report
- g) Animal Control Report for April 2025-Councilwoman Filippone-no report
- h) Public Affairs-Council President Zalom- Memorial Day Services preparations are going well.
- i) Tax Account Report for March April-Tax Collector
- j) Revenue Account Status Report for February 2025-Chief Financial Officer
- k) Dilworth Paxson/Bond Anticipation Notes/\$1,852,449-CFO

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

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:**

- 2025-133      awarding a contract to Minuteman Security and Life Safety for the purchase of a computer server, software and programming services through the Mercer County Special Services School District Cooperative Pricing Agreement in the amount of \$28,835.51
- 2025-134      approving a facilities use application to Lavallette Friends of Beautification to hold a bocce ball tournament fundraiser at the bocce ball courts on Saturday, August 16, 2025 from 8:30am to 12 noon with a rain date of Sunday, August 17, 2024
- 2025-135      approving the employment of 6 Class I Officers and 4 Class II Officers for the Lavallette Police Department
- 2025-136      approving OC Park and Recreation to hold their traveling tennis and pickleball clinics on our courts starting Monday, July 14<sup>th</sup> through Thursday July 17, 2025 from 9:30am to 12 noon
- 2025-137      designating the week of May 18<sup>th</sup> through May 24<sup>th</sup> 2025 as “Emergency Medical Services” Week in the Borough of Lavallette
- 2025-138      authorizing the refund of a 2025 tax overpayment in the amount of \$1,287.17
- 2025-139      requesting approval of a Chapter 159 in the amount of \$6,299.61 from the NJ 2025 Recycling Tonnage Grant
- 2025-140      approving the employment of 4 individuals as Recreations Attendants for the 2025 summer season
- 2025-141      approving the employment of 7 individuals as the badge office staff for the 2025 summer season
- 2025-142      adopting the OC Multi-Jurisdictional All Hazard Mitigation Plan for 2025
- 2025-143      approving a refund of water/sewer charges in the amount of \$226.50 due to a change in ownership
- 2025-144      approving a facilities use application to Beach House Studio to hold yoga classes starting May 23<sup>rd</sup> through September 1<sup>st</sup> 2025 on the Pennsylvania ocean beach on M-F-Sa-S from 7:45am to 8:45am and on the Camden Avenue grassy area/bay beach on Wednesdays
- 2025-145      approving a facilities use application to John Fata to hold a Skim Board Camp starting June 23, 2025 through August 7, 2025, Mondays through Thursdays on the Guyer Avenue ocean beach

- 2025-146      awarding a contract to AccessRec under State Contract for the purchase of an access mat for the Trenton Avenue ADA Walkover in the amount of \$21,097.85
- 2025-146A    approving a summer curfew starting May 23<sup>rd</sup> through September 1<sup>st</sup> 2025 for minors under the age of 18 years old, except when accompanied by an adult over the age of 25 years old
- 2025-146B    approving the employment of lifeguards for the 2025 summer season
- 2025-146C    approving the employment of the Lifeguard Captain, Badge Checker Supervisor and Lifeguard Lieutenants for the 2025 summer season

A Motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Councilman Finter. 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, Zalom, Stogdill and Finter voted Yes. The Motion Passed.

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

There was no resolutions off consent.

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

2025-147      Bills List in the amount of \$1,166,365.37

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

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

#### **ORDINANCES ON FOR INTRODUCTION/FIRST READING:**

**Bond Ordinance No. 2025-07 (1271)** Bond Ordinance for Various Capital Improvements and the Acquisition of Various Capital Equipment, Appropriating \$1,185,000 Therefor Authorizing the Issuance of \$745,475 Bonds and Notes to Finance a Portion of the Costs Thereof

Mr. Bennett stated that this is to purchase some equipment for the fire department and public works.

A Motion to introduce this ordinance was made by Councilwoman Filippone. The Motion was Seconded by Councilman Finter.

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

Public Hearing and Final Adoption is scheduled for June 2, 2025.

**Ordinance No. 2025-08 (1272)** An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Chapter 59 Entitled, "Taxation" Creating Section 3, Entitled, "100% Disabled Veterans Tax Refund

Mr. Bennett stated that this is mandatorily required by the State due to a court decision.

Councilwoman Filippone stated that this also protects us from anyone being able to go back multiple years which would have cost us more money.

A Motion to introduce this ordinance was made by Councilman Finter. The Motion was Seconded by Councilwoman Filippone.

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

Public Hearing and Final Adoption is scheduled for June 2, 2025.

**Ordinance No. 2025-09 (1273)** An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Chapter 89 of the Borough Code Restricting Parking to Designated Lines Spaces in Municipal Parking Lots 1,2 and 3, Within the Borough of Lavallette

Councilwoman Filippone stated that this is to take care of the parking issue down by the pickle ball and tennis courts with cars not parking correctly. We added some additional lined spaces as well.

A Motion to introduce this ordinance was made by Councilwoman Filippone. The Motion was Seconded by Councilman Borowski.

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

Public Hearing and Final Adoption is scheduled for June 2, 2025.

**Ordinance No. 2025-10 (1274)** An Ordinance Making Single-Use Cutlery Available Only Upon Request In Restaurants in the Borough of Lavallette Supplementing Chapter 34, Article 3, Entitled, "Retail Food Establishments

Mr. Bennett stated that Landon Hoberman who is a resident on Washington Avenue pushed for this ordinance to be done. Some of our food establishments already have this in place.

A Motion to introduce this ordinance 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.

Public Hearing and Final Adoption is scheduled for June 2, 2025.

**Ordinance No. 2025-11 (1275)** An Ordinance Amending Chapter 90, Article IX, Entitled, “Business District” of the Borough Code Related to Mix Use Development in the B-1 Zone

Councilwoman Filippone stated that this is to allow mixed use in the B-1 District with commercial use on 1<sup>st</sup> floor and residential on 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.

A Motion to introduce this ordinance 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.

Public Hearing and Final Adoption is scheduled for July 7, 2025.

**Ordinance No. 2025-12 (1276)** An Ordinance Amending Chapter 90-16 Entitled, “Staircases” of the Borough Code Related to Residential Development Requirements

Councilwoman Filippone stated that this is to keep any exterior stairs from encroaching on the right of way.

A Motion to introduce this ordinance was made by Councilwoman Filippone. The Motion was Seconded by Councilman Stogdill.

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

Public Hearing and Final Adoption is scheduled for July 7, 2025.

**Ordinance No. 2025-13 (1277)** An Ordinance Amending Chapter 90-15, Entitled, “Parking” of the Borough Code Related to Residential Development Requirements

Councilwoman Filippone stated that right now the current ordinance only requires two off street parking spaces for all single family homes. This ordinance increases the number of off street parking spaces allowed according to how many bedrooms the dwelling has.

A Motion to introduce this ordinance was made by Councilwoman Filippone. The Motion was Seconded by Councilman Finter.

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

Public Hearing and Final Adoption is scheduled for July 7, 2025.

**Ordinance No. 2025-14 (1278)** An Ordinance Amending Chapter 20-3 Entitled, “Fees” of the Borough Code Related to Municipal Fee Exemptions

Councilwoman Filippone stated that this is just to make it official in writing for the waiver and/or exemption of any construction fees for any permits for any public buildings in the Borough of Lavallette for any state, federal or local government as well as the Board of Education.

A Motion to introduce this ordinance was made by Councilwoman Filippone. The Motion was Seconded by Councilman Stogdill.

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

Public Hearing and Final Adoption is scheduled for June 2, 2025.

**Ordinance No. 2025-15 (1279)** An Ordinance Supplementing Chapter 15-20, Entitled, “Exemptions” of the Borough Code

Mr. Burns stated that this ordinance is to amend a section to delete the section requiring residents needing a film permit to film on their own property.

A Motion to introduce this ordinance was made by Councilman Stogdill. The Motion was Seconded by Councilwoman Filippone.

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

Public Hearing and Final Adoption is scheduled for June 2, 2025.

**Ordinance No. 2025-16 (1280)** An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing the Borough Code of the Borough of Lavallette Related to Residential Requirements and Supplementing Chapter 90-7, Entitled, Height and Roof Access Restrictions

Councilwoman Filippone stated that this is to clarify and make it much clearer that there is no construction allowed above any 2<sup>nd</sup> level of a home.

A Motion to introduce this ordinance was made by Councilwoman Filippone. The Motion was Seconded by Councilman Finter.

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

Public Hearing and Final Adoption is scheduled for July 7, 2025.

**ORDINANCES ON FOR PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL ADOPTION:**

**Capital Ordinance No. 2025-05 (1269)** Capital Ordinance Amending in Part Capital Ordinance 2017-05 (1165) Adopted on March 20, 2017, Providing For Trenton Avenue ADA Crossover Project, In Order to Expand the Scope of the Improvement to Include Additional Crossovers, Authorized in and By the Borough of Lavallette

Mr. Bennett stated that this is to be allowed to transfer some monies from one ordinance to another to expand the same project for additional crossovers to be able to use those monies for some access mats so every ADA crossover has one.

A Motion to open the public hearing was made by Councilwoman Filippone. The Motion was Seconded by Councilman Stogdill.

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

The Mayor opened the public hearing and asked if anyone wished to comment on this ordinance.

No one wished to comment.

A Motion to close the Public Hearing was made by Councilman Stogdill. The Motion was Seconded by Councilman Finter.

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

The Mayor closed the public hearing and asked Council for a vote on this ordinance.

A Motion to adopt this ordinance was made by Councilwoman Filippone. The Motion was Seconded by Councilman Stogdill.

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Councilman Stogdill stated that the Lifeguard Captain has expressed some concern about Memorial Day Weekend and how he thinks that for this weekend there should be some lifeguards on as well as badge checkers and we should be charging for badges just for that weekend until the opening of the beach a few weeks later for the summer season. He is concerned about the safety issues with the swimming and because last year there were a numerous amount of people here that weekend.

We can only have some beaches open and some badge checkers and lifeguards. We will have to sweep the beach those days as well and the badge office will need to be open for badge sales.



Councilwoman Filippone stated that our ordinance does not allow us to require badges for Memorial Day so I am not sure if we can do this.

Mr. Burns stated that it can be done. If people already bought badges there is no issue and if they didn't then they can do it this weekend.

Councilman Borowski stated that we will have to use all avenues to advise of the badges being required.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

There was no new business.

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

Councilwoman Filippone stated that Newark Avenue has been repaved and it looks good.

Council President Zalom stated that we have a new 25 foot movie screen and new speakers for our movies on the bay and we are taking care of viewing these movies now as well. Also, our Memorial Day Services will be on May 26<sup>th</sup> at 11am.

Mr. Bennett stated that there were trees that were removed on the bay but it was not done by our employees so we will be investigating this to see who was responsible. We received the grant for the new ADA playground by Chandler Field in the amount of \$630,000 with \$135,000 of that being a loan for 20 years. The sump pump project is 80% complete and the curb project in Westmont Shores is also almost done. Both projects will be completed before July 4<sup>th</sup>.

Councilman Finter stated that the Lavallette PTO donated a new scoreboard for Chandler Field.

Mayor LaCicero stated that Brian Bonti from Baltimore Avenue has won a scholarship from the Ocean County Mayor's Association so Congratulations to him.

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

Ken Meiser, 13 Brown Avenue asked for an update on the sump pump project.

Mayor LaCicero stated that the project seems to be so far seems to be moving along. They are taking care of the storm drains and putting in the plastic pipes to connect the sump pumps to the storm drains

Mr. Meiser stated that there was a house with a missed sump pump that I guess wasn't on the list maybe so it's still a mess down there.

Mayor LaCicero stated that it does seem that they are finding another sump pump here and there that we weren't informed of as well.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

There was no executive session.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

Vote: All of Council Members were in favor. The Motion Passed.

The Council Meeting was adjourned at 8:27pm.

**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 19<sup>th</sup> day of May 2025.

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