

BOROUGH OF LAVALLETTE(minutes)
CAUCUS/REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
LAVALLETTE MUNICIPAL BUILDING
Monday, May 5, 2025-7:00 pm

CALL TO ORDER: Borough Attorney William Burns, presiding

Mayor LaCicero was absent.

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

Council Members Borowski and Lamb were not present.

Also present: 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: Mr. Burns asked for a moment of silence for Councilman Robert Lamb who passed away suddenly on Friday, May 2, 2025. Councilman Lamb was a 3rd generation lifelong resident of Lavallette. He attended Lavallette Elementary School and Pt. Pleasant Beach High School. He was a Lavallette Police Officer and a member of the Lavallette Fire Company for 26 years to go on to become an Attorney after retirement. He was loved and will be greatly missed by all.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Councilwoman Filippone led us in the Salute to the Flag.

MAYOR'S WELCOMING STATEMENT: Mr. Burns stated that due to the circumstances regarding the passing of Councilman Lamb we have scaled down the agenda to only address necessary business that pertains to the adoption of the budget. We ask that any public comment only pertain to the business that will be taken here tonight and to save any other comments for the next meeting.

ON CONSENT AGENDA/OFF CONSENT AGENDA, AND VOUCHERS:

RESOLUTIONS – ON CONSENT:

2025-129 authorizing self-examination of the 2025 budget

2025-130 authorizing the 2025 budget be read by title only

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

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

RESOLUTIONS - OFF CONSENT:

There were no resolutions off-consent.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:

2025-131 Bills List in the amount of \$4,338,408.25

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

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

ORDINANCES ON FOR FIRST READING/INTRODUCTION:

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

A Motion to approve this ordinance was made by Councilman Finter. The Motion was Seconded by Councilman Stogdill.

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

Public Hearing and Final Adoption is scheduled for May 19, 2025.

Ordinance No. 2025-06 (1270) Ordinance of the Borough of Lavallette, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey Amending, Revising and Supplementing Certain Sections of Chapter 90, Section, Entitled, "Nonconforming Structures and Uses

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

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

Public Hearing and Final Adoption is scheduled for June 16, 2025.

PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL ADOPTION OF THE 2025 BUDGET: (Budget Resolution)

Mr. Bennett stated that the total budget increase overall is 1 cent which computes to \$87.50 a year per household. The biggest increases we are had this year was contractual salaries, health insurance and the pension costs. We still have nearly a flat budget and we did cut what we needed to cut to keep it nearly flat with only the 1 cent increase.

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.

Mr. Burns asked if anyone wished to comment on the 2025 budget.

No one wished to comment.

A Motion to close the public hearing was made by Councilman Finter. The Motion was Seconded by Councilwoman Filippone.

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

2025-132 adoption of the 2025 Budget

A Motion to approve the 2025 budget was made by Councilman Stogdill. The Motion was Seconded by Councilwoman Filippone.

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

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

There were no comments.

Mr. Burns thanked the public for their support and kindness with making this meeting easier for us tonight during this difficult time.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

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

The Council Meeting was adjourned at 7:13pm.

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 5th day of May 2025.

Donnelly Amico
Municipal Clerk

