

BOROUGH OF LAVALLETTE(minutes)
CAUCUS/REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
LAVALLETTE MUNICIPAL BUILDING
Monday, June 2, 2025-7:00 pm

CALL TO ORDER: Councilwoman Joanne Filippone, presiding

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

Also present: Chris Tretola, 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: Councilwoman Filippone stated that there were no local people who passed away so let's have a moment of silence for any loved ones who have passed recently.

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

MAYOR'S WELCOMING STATEMENT: Councilwoman Filippone stated that George Shenewolf will be sworn in tonight by Mr. Bennett with his family by his side.

2025 BOROUGH APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR: (not requiring Council approval)
Planning Board / Board of Adjustment

<u>Term</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Appointee</u>
4 Year	Class IV Member	Jennifer Hartman-Sica

REPORTS:

- a) Construction Report for May 2025 -Councilwoman Filippone-read report
- b) Zoning/Code Report for May 2025-Councilwoman Filippone-read report
- c) Municipal Court Report for May 2025-Councilwoman Filippone-no report
- d) Police Overtime Report for May 2025-Councilwoman Filippone-read report
- e) Public Works Report for May 2025-Councilman Finter-read report
- f) Fire Department Report for May 2025-Councilwoman Filippone-no report
- g) Animal Control Report for May 2025-Councilwoman Filippone-no report
- h) Public Affairs-Council President Zalom
- i) Tax Account Report for May 2025-Tax Collector
- j) Revenue Account Status Report for April 2025-Chief Financial Officer

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

Vote: Council Member Borowski, Filippone, Stogdill, Finter and Shenewolf voted Yes. The Motion Passed.

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

- 2025-149 approving the employment of 11 badge checkers for the 2025 summer season commencing May 24, 2025 at an hourly rate of \$15.49
- 2025-150 requesting approval of a Chapter 159 for the insertion of an item of revenue in the 2025 budget in the amount of \$15,691.76 entitled 2025 Clean Communities Grant
- 2025-151 approving the employment of a recreation attendant for the 2025 summer season at an hourly rate of \$15.49
- 2025-152 approving the employment of badge checkers for the 2025 summer season commencing June 1, 2025
- 2025-153 designating various committee appointments for 2025
- 2025-154 approving a facilities use application to Matthew Walls to hold a youth soccer camp at Chandler Field on Mondays and Wednesdays with a rain date of Tuesday for rain dates starting July 7th through August 4th 2025 from 6pm to 9pm
- 2025-155 increasing the hourly rate of the Planning Board Secretary to \$28.99
- 2025-156 approving the liquor license renewal of Club liquor license for year 2025-2026 to the Lavallette Yacht Club-Councilman Finter requested this be put off consent.
- 2025-157 approving the liquor license renewal of Plenary liquor license for year 2025-2026 to the Crab's Claw Inn

A Motion to approve the consent agenda minus Resolution 2025-156 was made by Councilman Stogdill. The Motion was Seconded by Councilman Borowski.

Councilwoman Filippone opened the floor and asked if anyone wished to comment on the consent Agenda.

No one wished to comment. Councilwoman Filippone closed the floor to the public and asked Council for a vote on the consent agenda.

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

RESOLUTIONS - OFF CONSENT:

2025-156 approving the liquor license renewal of Club liquor license for year 2025-2026 to the Lavallette Yacht Club

A Motion to approve this resolution was made by Councilman Stogdill. The Motion was Seconded By Councilman Borowski.

Councilwoman Filippone opened the floor and asked if anyone wished to comment on this resolution.

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

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

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:

2025-158 Bills List in the amount of \$375,273.22

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

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

ORDINANCES ON FOR PUBLIC HEARING/FINAL ADOPTION:

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 acquire some necessary equipment for public works, police and the fire department as well as Newark Avenue road improvements and upgrades to the public works buildings.

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

Vote: All of Council Members were in favor of opening the public hearing. The Motion Passed.

Councilwoman Filippone 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 Borowski. The Motion was Seconded by Councilman Finter.

Vote: All of Council Members were in favor of closing the public hearing. The Motion Passed.

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

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

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 this is to give veterans 100% property tax refund. The State now requires it to be put in writing.

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

Vote: All of Council Members were in favor of opening the public hearing. The Motion Passed.

Councilwoman Filippone 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 Members were in favor of closing the public hearing. The Motion Passed.

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

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

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

Mr. Bennett stated that this is to keep people from parking their cars anywhere in the parking lot by the pickle ball courts. Some of them park on the grass as well which is not allowed. We also added some additional lined spaces.

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

Vote: All of Council Members were in favor of opening the public hearing. The Motion Passed.

Councilwoman Filippone 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 Borowski. The Motion was Seconded by Councilman Stogdill.

Vote: All of Council Members were in favor of closing the public hearing. The Motion Passed.

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

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

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

A Motion to open the public hearing was made by Councilman Borowski. The Motion was Seconded by Councilman Finter.

Vote: All Council Members were in favor of opening the public hearing. The Motion Passed.

Councilwoman Filippone 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 Members were in favor of closing the public hearing. The Motion Passed.

A Motion to adopt the ordinance was made by Councilman Stogdill. The Motion was Seconded by Councilman Finter.

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

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

Mr. Bennett stated that this is to exempt any permit fees for the Borough for any projects we have that would need a permit.

A Motion to open the public hearing was made by Councilman Finter. The Motion was Seconded by Councilman Borowski.

Vote: All Council Members were in favor of opening the public hearing. The Motion Passed.

Councilwoman Filippone 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 Members were in favor of closing the public hearing. The Motion Passed.

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

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

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

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

Vote: All Council Members were in favor of opening the public hearing. The Motion Passed.

Councilwoman Filippone 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 Shenewolf. The Motion was Seconded by Councilman Finter.

Vote: All of Council Members were in favor of closing the public hearing. The Motion Passed.

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

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

COMMUNICATIONS:

General With No Action:

- a) County of Ocean/Board of Commissioners/Lavallette's Portion of the OC Recycling Program's Revenue Sharing in the amount of \$3,503.30 for year 2024

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Councilwoman Filippone stated that she and Mr. Bennett have formally opened up the next bench program. These benches with plaque will run \$1200 each which includes the shipping. You will also be able to pick a location for your bench as well. Six of the benches can go to the Memorial Park, some at the gazebo and some at the recreation areas such as pickle ball and tennis courts, shuffle board, volleyball and basketball courts and bocce courts.

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilman Borowski stated that Waves of Impact will be holding their surf camp for disabled kids again this year on July 26th. This has always been a truly inspiring event. So many people volunteer their time to help out however they can. They would also like to have it at the Brown Avenue beach as well because Hammer Surf Camp always helps out with this event and they are hosting their surf camp during that time as well and they help out with all the in water needs for these kids.

COMMENTS OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Councilman Shenewolf thanked Mayor and Council for supporting his appointment as Councilman. He is eager to get to work and follow in Councilman Lamb's footsteps.

Councilman Borowski stated that summer hasn't even officially begun yet and already the Lavallette First Aid has had 100 calls. Some of them have been with bicycles who are going the wrong way and cars are only looking the way the cars are coming. When in the intersections of both highways force yourself to look both ways please.

Councilman Stogdill stated that some police presence up on the beach for Memorial Day Weekend was great and definitely helped with keeping people in order.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Robert Cione, 19 Ortle Avenue stated that he would like Ortle Avenue to be one of the surf beaches instead of Bryn Mawr Avenue because it's better for the surfers than Bryn Mawr.

Councilman Stogdill stated that he can reach out to the Lifeguard Captain Jack Caucino and discuss it with him.

Judith Josephs, 114 New York Avenue stated that one of the artists of the beach signs stated that winter signs are also needed. Also, we both walked the boardwalk and noticed that the summer signs are in need of repair. Fifteen of them are blank, 8 are faded and 2 are not legible and Trenton Avenue doesn't have a sign at all.

Councilwoman Filippone thanked Attorney Chris Tretola for filling in for Mr. Burns.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

There was no executive session.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

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

The Council Meeting was adjourned at 7:47pm.

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 2nd day of **June 2025**.

Donnelly Amico
Municipal Clerk