BOROUGH OF LAVALLETTE(minutes)
CAUCUS/REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
LAVALLETTE MUNICIPAL BUILDING
Monday, October 5, 2026-7:00 pm

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Walter G. LaCicero, presiding

ROLL CALL: Council Members Borowski, Zalom, Stogdill, Finter, Shenewolf and Filippone
Council Members Shenewolf and Stogdill were 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 9, 2026. Notice was also posted on our municipal bulletin board and municipal website.

MOMENT OF SILENCE: The Mayor asked for a moment of silence for long-time resident Pat Hoffman of Bond Avenue and for Lois Schlosser who was Matt Schlosser's grandmother and Andrea Schlosser's mother.

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

MAYOR'S WELCOMING STATEMENT: The Mayor welcomed everyone to tonight's meeting. He stated that the playground equipment has been delivered for Chandler Park and the boardwalk upgrade will be starting soon.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Regular Meeting of August 24, 2026
Caucus/Regular Meeting of September 8, 2026

A Motion to approve the Minutes was made by Councilwoman Filippone. The Motion was Seconded by Councilman Borowski.

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

REPORTS:

a) Construction Report for September 2026 -Councilwoman Filippone-read report
b) Zoning/Code Report for September 2026-Councilwoman Filippone-read report
c) Municipal Court Report for September 2026-Councilwoman Filippone-read report
d) Police Overtime Report for August 2026-Councilwoman Filippone-read report
e) Public Works Report for September 2026-Councilman Finter-read report
f) Fire Department Report for September 2026-Councilwoman Filippone-read report

g) Public Affairs-Council President Zalom-the beach sweeps will be on October 24th and the Halloween Harvest Hoedown will be on October 30th.
h) Tax Account Report for September 2026-Tax Collector
i) Revenue Transaction Report for August 2026-Chief Financial Officer

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

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

ON CONSENT AGENDA/OFF CONSENT AGENDA, AND VOUCHERS:

RESOLUTIONS – ON CONSENT:

2026-231 certifying the expenditure of the recycling tax in the amount of $5,236.68

2026-232 supporting the NJDOT's Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) regulating 2-hour parking along Route NJ 35 Northbound as per N.J.S.A. 39:4-8.4c

2026-233 authorizing the Mayor to sign the shared services agreement with the OC Dept. of Solid Waste for the OC Recycling Center Use and Revenue Sharing through December 31, 2031

2026-233A authorizing the Mayor to sign and execute the interlocal service agreements with the OC Prosecutor's Officer for the DWI Enforcement Program and the Drug Recognition Expert Callout Program

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

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

RESOLUTIONS - OFF CONSENT:

There was no resolution off-consent.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:

2026-234 Bills List in the amount of $480,910.65

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

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

ORDINANCES ON FOR FIRST READING/INTRODUCTION:

Ordinance No. 2026-17 (1302) Ordinance of the Borough of Lavallette Amending Chapter 25, "Fees" Section 25-13, "Gazebo and Pavilion Fee," of the Borough Code As Amended, to Establish a Refundable Security Deposit.

Councilwoman Filippone stated that an issue has risen regarding people rearranging our benches down by the gazebo and bay front area and they don't even put them back where there were. Our benches are not part of the gazebo use for them to use as seating. They are to provide their own chairs. So we will now be adding a refundable security deposit of $500 within the application for the gazebo rental on top of the non-refundable rental fee of $300 just in case things like this keep occurring we will be able to keep their deposit.

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

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

Public Hearing and Final Adoption is scheduled for October 19, 2026.

COMMUNICATIONS:

General With No Action:

a) Mantoloking Shores Property Owner's Association/Maria D'Onofrio Ferguson, Secretary/Mantoloking Shores Expressing Some Interest in Succeeding with Lavallette
b) Julie Mulry Kaen/1705 Baltimore Avenue/Comments Regarding Pickleball Issues

General With Action:

a) Ocean County Administrator/Michael Fiure, Administrator/requesting Mayor and Council Discuss the Referendum in the General Election Regarding Ocean County Natural Lands Trust Fund and Supporting this ballot referendum with a resolution of support

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilman Borowski stated that the Public Power Association has updated that safety manual regarding disaster management.

Mr. Bennett stated that our spending freeze with the department seems to be working well right now. The trees and sidewalks on Elizabeth Avenue next to Chandler Field will be replaced soon.

There have been some bumps with our well #6 project but we are working through them little by little.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Jen O'Reilly, 1701 Bay Blvd. stated that she is a member of our Environmental Committee and was the Director of Save Barnegat Bay for many years. She would like to become more involved and be useful regarding native plants and any environmental issues or whatever is needed.

Mayor LaCicero stated that she would put her in touch with some of the environmental committee members and see if they can use her expertise.

Councilwoman Filippone stated to Ms. O'Reilly that she should also join the Beautification Committee.

Mark Speaker, 110 Brown Avenue stated that Founder's Day was an outstanding success. We had so many sponsors and the businesses in town participated as well. We also want to thank all the town staff in all the departments, Police, PW, First Aid, Fire and the local Cert. Team. We estimated the attendance at approximately 10,000.

COMMENTS OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS:

There were no comments.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

There was no executive session.

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 7:58pm.

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 **October 2026.**

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Donnelly Amico
Municipal Clerk