BOROUGH OF LAVALLETTE(minutes)
CAUCUS/REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
LAVALLETTE MUNICIPAL BUILDING
Monday, February 9, 2026-7:00 pm

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Walter G. LaCicero, presiding
Council Members Zalom and Stogdill were absent.

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

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 stated there were no locals who have passed. This will be for any loved ones who have passed.

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

MAYOR'S WELCOMING STATEMENT: The Mayor welcomed everyone to tonight's meeting.

REPORTS:

a) Construction Report for January 2026 -Councilwoman Filippone-read report
b) Zoning/Code Report for January 2026-Councilwoman Filippone-read report
c) Municipal Court Report for January 2026-Councilwoman Filippone-read report
d) Police Overtime Report for December 2025-Councilwoman Filippone-read report
e) Public Works Report for January 2026-Councilman Finter-read report
f) Fire Department Report for January 2026-Councilwoman Filippone-read report
g) Public Affairs-Council President Zalom-
h) Tax Account Report for January 2026-Tax Collector

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

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

ON CONSENT AGENDA/OFF CONSENT AGENDA, AND VOUCHERS:

RESOLUTIONS – ON CONSENT:

2026-59 approving the employment of Nicholas Gamba as a seasonal sanitation laborer at an hourly rate of $16.25

2026-60 awarding a contract to Raw Power Generator Services for the purchase and installation of a generator at the Lavallette Firehouse in the amount not to exceed $38,000- Councilman Finter stated that this generator is extremely old and is in need of replacement. Mr. Bennett stated that this was already bonded for and paid for.

2026-61 authorizing the disposal of surplus property through GovDeals

2026-62 authorizing the refund of a water credit in the amount of $2,585.93 for the property located at 47 Pershing Blvd.

2026-63 awarding a contract to NV5, Inc. for the preparation of the Borough's Municipal Master Plan Reexamination Report in the amount not to exceed $50,000

2026-64 authorizing the refund of a gazebo use permit in the amount of $300

2026-65 appointing Brian Hoffnagle as a backup Water Treatment, Water Distributor and Sewer Collection Operator at a monthly stipend of $300 beginning February 2026 through July 2026

2026-66 authorizing the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to sign and execute an interlocal service agreement with the OC Prosecutor' Office for participation in their Regional Swat Team of Ocean County Program

2026-66A authorizing the application to obtain a recreation grant from NJ Department of Community Affairs in the amount of $75,000

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

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, Finter, Shenewolf and Filippone voted Yes. The Motion Passed.

RESOLUTIONS - OFF CONSENT:

There was no resolution off consent.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:

2026-67 Bills List in the amount of $1,156,060.21

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

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

ORDINANCES ON FOR PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL ADOPTION:

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-01 (1286) Ordinance Establishing Salaries and Wages of Officers and Employees of the Borough of Lavallette

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

Councilwoman Filippone stated that this ordinance is a range of salaries for specific positions and is done every two years.

The Mayor 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 Finter. The Motion was Seconded by Councilman Borowski.

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

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

COMMUNICATIONS:

General With No Action:

a) OC Board of Commissioners/Commissioners Ellenbogen and Gormley/Introduction letter of newly seated Commissioners/Dated January 16, 2026

b) OC Utilities Authority/Keith Marcoon, Exec. Director/Certificate of 2026 Annual Charge/Dated January 22, 2026

c) OC Health Department/Overdose Mitigation Task Force/Overdose Prevention Partnership-Free Outdoor Narcan Box Deployment/Dated January 26, 2026

d) Lavallette Yacht Club/Pamela Phillips, Secretary/Informing the Borough that Swan Point Road will be officially closed for all access on Sunday, February 8, 2026 at 9am through Monday, February 9, 2026 at 9am

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilman Shenewolf stated that the resolution we just approved regarding the recreation grant will be for putting sidewalks from the library and the street to get to the playground. There is an organization who has reached out to revamp our old basketball courts and they want to donate the work and the labor so we will have some more information in the future on this.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Judith Josephs, 114 New York Avenue stated that in regards to the ADA playground and the sidewalks to get to that area there really should be some ADA parking in that area as well.

COMMENTS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Mr. Bennett stated that the history book is coming together with the pictures, ads and the publisher. The budget meetings have been moving along nicely so far.

Councilwoman Filippone stated that our flood ordinance will have to eventually be amended regarding these new REAL rules we are getting hit with and they are saying it will be taking effect by June so I know a lot of builders in town are trying to get their jobs all done before then.

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 Borowski.

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

The Council Meeting was adjourned at 7:54pm.

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 **9th** day of **February 2026.**

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Donnelly Amico
Municipal Clerk