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

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Walter G. LaCicero, presiding

ROLL CALL: Council Members Borowski, Zalom, Stogdill, Finter, Shenewolf 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 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 Gloria Saldiveri who was a Councilwoman here many years ago and she was married to Tony Saldiveri who was a Lavallette Sergeant for many years.

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

MAYOR'S WELCOMING STATEMENT: The Mayor welcomed everyone to tonight's meeting. He stated that these REAL rules are really a big problem for New Jersey. We had a Mayor's meeting and we will be doing a resolution opposing this bill. This truly is inconsistent with really what the legislator's intent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Reorganization Meeting of January 5, 2026
Regular Meeting of January 20, 2026
Executive Session of January 20, 2026

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

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

REPORTS:

a) Construction Report for February 2026 -Councilwoman Filippone-read report
b) Zoning/Code Report for February 2026-Councilwoman Filippone-read report
c) Municipal Court Report for February 2026-Councilwoman Filippone-read report
d) Police Overtime Report for January & February 2026-Councilwoman Filippone-read report

e) Public Works Report for February 2026-Councilman Finter-read report
f) Fire Department Report for February 2026-Councilwoman Filippone-read report
g) Public Affairs-Council President Zalom-nothing going on right now.
h) Tax Account Report for January 2026-Tax Collector
i) Revenue Transaction Report for January 2026-Chief Financial Officer

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

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

ON CONSENT AGENDA/OFF CONSENT AGENDA, AND VOUCHERS:

RESOLUTIONS – ON CONSENT:

2026-68 approving a facilities use application to the Jersey Shore Running Club to utilize our boardwalk on Saturday, April 11, 2026 from 8:30am to 10:30am for their annual relay for the Special Olympics

2026-69 refunding the unused balance of planning board escrow funds in the amount of $899.50

2026-70 approving a facilities use application to the Sherri Paris to hold her annual Marine Science Camp on the bay front starting June 15th through August 28th 2026, M-F from 9am to 2pm

2026-71 amending the 2026 temporary budget

2026-72 approving a facilities use application to Muggeo Basketball, LLC to hold a four-week basketball camp on the new courts, M-F starting July 6th through July 31st 2026 from 9am to 12 noon

2026-73 authorizing the Mayor to sign and execute the grant agreement and any amendments with the State of New Jersey under the Green Acres Program for the Chandler Park Jake's Law Improvements

2026-74 approving Clean Ocean Action to hold their annual Fall and Spring Beach Sweeps on Saturday, April 11, 2026 and Saturday October 24, 2026 from 9am to 12:30pm

2026-75 affirming the Borough's Civil Rights Policy with respect to anyone who come in contact with Municipal employees, officials and volunteers

2026-76 requiring mandatory Governing Body Certification of Compliance with the US Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's "Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decisions Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964"

2026-77 awarding a contract to TC Landscape Construction Group for the Lavallette DPW Masonry Block Building Repair Project in the amount of $67,400

2026-78 approving an application for a raffle license to Lavallette School PTO to be drawn on May 29, 2026 at 3:30pm

2026-79 opposing additional gasoline tax increase

2026-80 approving a facilities use application to Team Zebra Multisport, LLC to hold their annual triathlon on Saturday, May 30, 2026 from 6am to 11am

2026-81 authorizing the refund of a tax overpayment in the amount of $2,001.89

2026-82 approving four annual facility use applications for a 5K and food truck festival on Saturday, June 20, 2026, patriotic bike parade on Friday, July 3, 2026 and a soup and craft event on Saturday, October 17, 2026 with a rain date of Sunday, October 26, 2026

2026-83 approving the employment of a part-time seasonal sanitation laborer for the DPW at an hourly rate of $16.25

2026-84 approving the proposal from Van Cleef Engineering to Revise and Update the NJDEP Capital Improvement Report in a lump sum of $3,675.00

2026-85 approving the proposal from Van Cleef Engineering to Revise and Update the 2026 Lead Service Line Replacement Plan in the amount of $3,150.00

2026-85A authorizing the Mayor to sign and execute the agreement with the County of Ocean for 2025 CDBG funds in the amount of $45,000

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

RESOLUTIONS - OFF CONSENT:

2026-86 approving the annual certifications submitted by the Lavallette First Aid Squad of all volunteer members who have qualified for credit under the LOSAP Program for 2025

A Motion to approve this resolution was made by Councilwoman Filippone. 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 Zalom, Shenewolf, Stogdill and Filippone voted yes. Council Members Borowski and Finter Abstained. The Motion Passed.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:

2026-87 Bills List in the amount of $1,947,599.18

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

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

COMMUNICATIONS:

General With No Action:

a) OC Board of Commissioners/Frank Sadeghi, Director/Putting a Hold on the Recycling Revenue Sharing Program for this year/Dated February 3, 2026

b) Ocean County/Meals on Wheels/James Sigurdson, Exec. Director/Update for 2026/Dated February 12, 2026

c) Maureen McGrath/1305 Grand Central Avenue, Unit 1/thanking all of Public Works for going above and beyond during and after the blizzard/Dated March 1, 2026

General With Action:

a) Lavallette Seniors Club/Jim Peeney, President/Asking for the Borough to help pay for their 2nd bus for their annual trip to LBI for this year/Dated February 9, 2026

A Motion to approve the Borough paying for the 2nd bus for the Seniors was made by Councilman Stogdill. The Motion was Seconded by Councilman Borowski.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Councilman Shenewolf stated that he will be meeting with Project Backboard to discuss their organization resurfacing the old basketball courts and they will be donating their time and labor.

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilman Borowski stated that the electric rates will be increased slightly.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Meg Geer, 104 Brown Avenue thanked everyone for the great job with cleaning up the snow. She stated that she has been seeing so many cars parking so close to the stop signs and it has become a problem with seeing and it seems like some streets have the yellow line and some don't.

Councilwoman Filippone stated that she has spoken to the Chief of Police about it and he is just waiting for the weather to break and he will take care of it.

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 Councilman Finter. The Motion was Seconded by Councilman Stogdill.

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

The Council Meeting was adjourned at 7:59 pm.

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 **March 2026.**

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Donnelly Amico
Municipal Clerk