

BOROUGH OF LAUREL SPRINGS  
REGULAR MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
MONDAY, JUNE 12, 2017  
MAYOR THOMAS A. BARBERA PRESIDING

**SALUTE TO THE FLAG AND MOMENT OF SILENCE** was led by Mayor Barbera

**OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS LAW** – Mayor Barbera stated that adequate notice of this meeting was given by emailing the Retrospect and the Courier-Post on January 10, 2017 and posting on the Borough Website and bulletin board in the Borough Hall.

**ROLL CALL** recorded as present: Letts, McCunney, Mochel, DiGregorio and Redstreak; with Cruz absent.

**ENGINEER’S REPORT**- Jeff Hansen – Environmental Resolutions, Inc.

**CAPITAL ITEMS**

1. **Reconstruction of Washington Avenue, Phase 1 - NJDOT FY2016 Municipal Aid Grant**

The Borough received a \$200,000.00 Municipal Aid Grant for the Reconstruction of Washington Avenue, between Stone Road and Chestnut Avenue. Bids were received at 2:00 PM on June 8, 2012. The apparent low bidder was Paving Plus, LLC. As per our letter of June 12, 2017, we recommend award of Base Bid plus Alternate Bid #2 in the amount of \$179,730.00 to Paving Plus, LLC.

Construction should be anticipated to take place in July and August and to be completed before school returns in September.

2. **NJDOT Local Aid Grant Applications – FY2017**

Our office recently submitted Municipal Aid applications for Washington Avenue, Phase 2 (Central to Chestnut) and the Reconstruction of Arch Avenue (Chestnut to Summit); and also preparing a Safe Streets to Transit Application for sidewalk replacement along East Atlantic Avenue (Stratford Borough line to Lindenwold Borough line). Unfortunately, the project was not selected by NJDOT to receive funding for FY 2017. If it is the pleasure of Mayor and Council we will resubmit for FY 2018 funds.

3. **Borough Zoning Map Update**

ERI has prepared a draft copy of an updated zoning map for review with appropriate Borough officials. The map will be further updated based upon any comments received once Borough official have had a chance to review the map.

4. **Laurel Lake Cleanup Day / Lake Lowering Permit**

ERI has submitted an Application to New Jersey Department of Fish and Wildlife for the lowering of Laurel Lake to cover the Lake Cleanup Day date of April 22 and the rain date of April 29.

**OTHER PROJECTS**

5. **Tempo Builders Mixed Use Development**

ERI received Final Plans for conformance review to the terms of the Planning Board approval received by the developer in 2013. The design engineer has revised the Plans to satisfy ERI's review comments from March and the Final Plans have been signed by the Borough Engineer. Construction will be able to begin once the developer has posted a performance bond, inspection escrow; and has held a Preconstruction Meeting with our office and appropriate Borough officials.

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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Regular Meeting of Monday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017 – the motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak, was seconded by Councilman McCunney with Letts, McCunney, DiGregorio and Redstreak in favor, Mochel abstaining and none opposed.

**APPOINTMENTS**- Ayden William Taylor: Junior Member Laurel Springs Fire Department

**RESOLUTIONS**

• #055-2017-**INSERTION OF AN ITEM OF REVENUE CLEAN COMMUNITIES GRANT**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality, when such item shall have been made available by law, and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

**WHEREAS**, said Director may also approve the insertion of any item of appropriation for an equal amount;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs do hereby request the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve **the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2017 in the sum of \$4,424.61, which is now available as a revenue from the NJ Clean Communities Grant.**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a like sum of \$4,424.61 is hereby appropriated under the title “Clean Communities Grant – Other Expenses,” pursuant to the provisions of the statute.

- The motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilwoman Mochel, with Letts, McCunney, Mochel, DiGregorio and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and no abstentions
  
- #056-2017-FOR RENEWAL OF LIQUOR LICENSE  
**WHEREAS, SFV, LLC.** of 26 Stone Road, is the holder of a Plenary Retail Consumption License in the Borough of Laurel Springs; and  
**WHEREAS**, the said applicant has paid the \$200.00 fee filing application with the State of New Jersey, and \$2,500.00 fee to the Borough of Laurel Springs; and  
**WHEREAS**, said applicant has complied with the health, safety, and taxation regulations and applicable local ordinances;  
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by Mayor and Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs, that Plenary Retail Consumption License No. 0420-33-002-003 is granted to SFV, LLC for the period of July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018.
  
- The motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilwoman Mochel, with Letts, McCunney, Mochel, DiGregorio and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and no abstentions
  
- #057-2017- FOR RENEWAL OF LIQUOR LICENSE  
**WHEREAS, PMK Beverage Inc.** of 211 White Horse Pike, is the holder of a Plenary Retail Distribution License in the Borough of Laurel Springs; and  
**WHEREAS**, the said applicant has paid the \$200.00 fee filing application with the State of New Jersey, and \$2,500.00 fee to the Borough of Laurel Springs; and  
**WHEREAS**, said applicant has complied with the health, safety, and taxation regulations and applicable local ordinances;  
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by Mayor and Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs, that Plenary Retail Consumption License No. 0420-33-003-014 is granted to PMK Beverage Inc. for the period of July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018

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- **#058-2017-AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF LAUREL SPRINGS AND FCR CAMDEN, LLC FOR THE PROVISION OF MARKETING SERVICES FOR RECYCLABLES**
  - WHEREAS**, the County of County, (hereinafter "COUNTY"), has entered into an Agreement with FCR Camden, LLC. d/b/a/ ReCommunity Recycling (hereinafter "OPERATOR") of Charlotte, North Carolina, to provide marketing services for recyclables for Camden County and its municipalities at their facility located at 2201 Mt. Ephraim Avenue, Camden, New Jersey, (hereinafter "FACILITY"); and
  - WHEREAS**, the Borough of Laurel Springs, a body politic and corporate of the State of New Jersey and a participating member (hereinafter "System Member") of the Camden County Cooperative Pricing System, System Identifier #57-CCCPS, 135 Broadway, Laurel Springs, NJ 08021 and FCR Camden, LLC having its principal place of business at 809 West Hill Street, Charlotte, North Carolina 28208 (hereinafter "FCR") are desirous of entering into a contract for the same; and
  - WHEREAS**, such Agreement will provide for the processing of residential single stream recycling materials, and such other recyclables as may be determined from time-to-time by the COUNTY which are generated by municipal programs; and
  - WHEREAS**, the term of this contract is for a period of three (3) years commencing on the date hereof through April 30, 2020 with two (2) one-year options to renew; and
  - WHEREAS**, the System Member shall pay to FCR for the doing of said work and/or the furnishing of said materials or services a sum not to exceed the unit prices as specified by FCR in its proposal to the County dated April 13, 2017, which includes the following: (i) Revenue Share of 70% to System Member and 30% to FCR of the Average Commodity Revenue that exceeds a Threshold of \$70.00 per ton; and (ii) a maximum cost to MUNICIPALITY of \$5.00 per ton in the event the Average Commodity Revenue does not exceed the \$70.00 Threshold; and
  - WHEREAS**, full and additional terms and conditions are set forth in the contract attached hereto; and
  - NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Borough of Laurel Springs, that the proper officials be and are hereby authorized to execute the Agreement with FCR Camden, LLC, for the provision of marketing recyclables as described herein, at the revenue share and for the term described herein.
  
- The motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilman Cruz, with Letts, McCunney, DiGregorio, Cruz and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and no abstentions
  
- **#059-2017- TO WAIVE OR REDUCE FEES FOR THE JACK H. HAGEN RECREATION CENTER**
  - WHEREAS**, there are fees required for the use of the Jack H. Hagen Recreation Center in the Borough of Laurel Springs, NJ; and
  - WHEREAS**, in certain instances, these fees are reduced or waived;
  - NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs that the fees for rental of the Jack H. Hagen Recreation Center be reduced or waived for the following for the month of February, 2017:
    - Theresa Gibbs- wake for Mrs. Rupertus
  
- The motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilman Cruz, with Letts, McCunney, DiGregorio, Cruz and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and no abstentions
  
- **#060-2017-NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION BUREAU OF LOCAL AID RECOMMENDATION OF AWARD STATE AID PROJECT**

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**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Borough of Laurel Springs hereby recommends to the New Jersey Department of Transportation that the contract for

**RECONSTRUCTION OF WASHINGTON AVENUE**

in the Borough of Laurel Springs, County of Camden be awarded to Paving Plus, LLC, Paving, Inc., P. O. Box 508, Franklinville, New Jersey whose **base bid amounted to \$168,730.00 and Alternate 2 bid which amounted to \$11,000 for a total of \$179,730.00** subject to the approval of the Department. That the presiding officer of this body be and is hereby directed to sign for and on its behalf the contract in the prescribed form for said construction.

That the clerk of this body be and is hereby directed to seal said contract with the corporate seal of this body and to attest to the same.

- The motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilman Cruz, with Letts, McCunney, DiGregorio, Cruz and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and no abstentions
- RESOLVED TO PAY \$639,537.91 FROM CURRENT ACCOUNT AND \$173,627.04 FROM TRUST AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS
- The motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilwoman Mochel, with Letts, McCunney, Mochel, DiGregorio, and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, BOARDS, SERVICES/PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL – Council President Redstreak read the report for the month of May, 2017, a copy of which is on file and available for review.
- DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – Councilman McCunney has nothing to report.
- DIRECTOR OF MUNICIPAL COURT – read the Court Report for the Months of April and May, copies of which are on file and available for review.
- DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE – Councilman Letts read the CFO’s Report for the month ending May 31, 2017, a copy of which is on file and available for review.
- DIRECTOR OF RECREATION – Mayor Barbera read the Recreation Report for the month of May, 2017.
- DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY – POLICE AND FIRE – Councilwoman Mochel read the Fire and Police Reports for the month of May, 2017, copies of which are on file and available for review.
- MAYOR’S REPORT – Mayor Barbera read the Recreation and Mayor’s Report for the month of May, 2017, copies of which are on file and available for review.

**OLD BUSINESS –**

- Financial Disclosure Statements –Mayor Barbera thanked everyone for completing their Financial Disclosure Statements so that there is 100% compliance by the Borough.
- Remediation Activities as NJAWC Well Head – Mayor Barbera reviewed the material and drawings that were provided by the remediation contractor, with regard to removing the contaminated material that was found. This is not connected in any way to drinking water. The detection occurred in off line testing wells, and will now be remediated.
- EJIF Audit Results – The audit produced a final score of 99 out of 100. They signed off by saying no problems were observed.

NEW BUSINESS- Verizon- Consent Ordinance Renewal – An ordinance giving them authority to run their lines through the town. They have requested an update, of the ordinance, and will be on the next months’ agenda.

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CORRESPONDENCE- Fire Pit nuisance letter from resident was already turned over to the Police Department and will be handled by that Department.

ITEMS RECEIVED AFTER THE AGENDA WAS PRINTED – None.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC-

- Bill McConney- 233 Mt Vernon Avenue requesting amendment to the existing town ordinance regarding feeding wildlife on public property. He and neighbors who signed a petition, are asking that the word private be added to the ordinance, as it currently just says public. He presented the petition to Council. Solicitor Botcheos asked what prompted this situation, to which one of the neighbors, Ray DeRosa of 237 Mount Vernon Avenue responded that one of the neighbors in the area gets 50 lbs. bags of peanuts and openly dumps them on the table out back. Mr. DeRosa further commented that his attic has been destroyed because of the feeding of these animals. Squirrels get up there and raccoons and possums. He has holes in the insulation and siding and gutters. He understands wanting to be nice and feed animals, but he feels it is ruining his house. Mr. DeRosa has found pictures on Facebook of him feeding raccoons. He actually has a dog door which allows the raccoons to go into his kitchen. He expressed concern for his four-year old son and his dogs. He further said that this has been going on for years, and it would be nice to see it stopped, or at least give him a warning. Mr. McConney said that that the day-time animals are squirrels and he assumes feral cats of about ten in number. With the squirrels are in his own back yard and there is no much activities with the squirrels that there is a worn path through the grass, which are a problem. But the night-town animals with bowls or open food like chicken and house scraps and cat food. Every night there are three big bowls which brings the raccoons, opossums and skunks all together with the cats and it causes such a commotion with their fighting and conversation. There are mice found decapitated from the cats. He continued saying that there is a policy in town that wildlife cannot be fed on public property, and there is a reason for it, and they hoped that something could be done and the ordinance could be amended. There was an attempt to determine what the house number was of the person doing the wildlife feeding and it was thought it might be 231, although they qualified it by saying it was a duplex. Councilman McCunney commented that he could also add to this as he lives on Mount Vernon Avenue at 311. The skunk problem is a matter that he and his wife have discovered. Their dog in the past three or four years has been skunked three times. So not only is it in these gentlemen's immediate block, but is affecting his block. Councilman McCunney said that he had not realized that the neighbor is actually feeding the wildlife and attracting the wildlife into our neighborhood. There was conversation about whether an ordinance review meeting should be scheduled to look at this, or whether something should be done sooner and addressed without changing the ordinance. The Facebook picture was found and shown to Council. All of Mr. McConney's material was collected for Council's review. Solicitor Botcheos said that we understand and concluded the presentation.
  
- Doris Walsh- 130 Broadway – Offered her thanks for being named Grand Marshall. She said she was totally awestruck and can't express how proud she was. Mayor Barbera said that Mr. Lippincott and Mr. Kane were responsible, and that it was a wonderful choice and he was looking forward to seeing her on July 4<sup>th</sup>.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- School Board, Wednesday, June 21<sup>th</sup> @7pm @Laurel Springs School
- Combined Land Use Board, Thursday, June 15<sup>th</sup> @ 7 pm @ Borough Hall – cancelled

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- Independence Day, Tuesday, July 4<sup>th</sup>, Judging @8:30 am @Walnut Avenue, Parade @9:15 am – Borough Offices are closed.
- Recreation Commission, Wednesday, July 5<sup>th</sup> @7 pm @Recreation Center
- Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council, Monday, July 10, 2017 @7 pm @Borough Hall

ADJOURNMENT –There being no further business a motion was made by Councilman Redstreak, which was seconded by Councilwoman Mochel to adjourn at 7:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn T. Amadio, RMC,  
Municipal Clerk