

**BOROUGH OF LAUREL SPRINGS
MAYOR AND COUNCIL WORK SESSION
MONDAY JANUARY 22, 2018 - 7:00 P.M.
MAYOR THOMAS A. BARBERA PRESIDING
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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 Central Record and the Courier-Post on January 9th, 2017 and posting on the website and bulletin board in the Borough Hall, also on Borough’s website.

ROLL CALL recorded as present: Cruz, DelPidio and Redstreak; absent: Letts, Mochel and DiGregorio

ENGINEERS REPORT – Environmental Resolutions - Engineer Jeff Hansen

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 Central Avenue. The Contractor, Paving Plus, LLC, substantially completed construction in September, 2017.

Our office is currently in the process of closing out the project with NJDOT in order for the Borough to receive the remaining \$50,000.00 of grant money.

2. NJDOT Local Aid Grant Applications – FY2018

ERI prepared and submitted Municipal Aid Applications for the Reconstruction of Washington Avenue, Phase 2 (Central Ave. to Chestnut Ave.) and also for the Reconstruction of Arch Avenue (Chestnut Ave. to Summit Ave.). We will apprise Council of any updates to the status of the applications as we receive them.

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.

OTHER PROJECTS

4. 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.

5. Municipal Building Redevelopment Plan

On November 13, 2017 ERI had a conference call with the Mayor, Borough Administrator and Borough Clerk regarding the designation of the municipal building as a redevelopment area. The Governing Body authorized, by resolution at their November 26, 2017 meeting, the Borough Planning Board to Undertake a Preliminary Investigation of Determination of an Area in Need of Redevelopment for Block 12, Lot 1 (the Municipal Building property).

We have completed the requisite study for the designation and it is anticipated that the Planning Board will take action on the designation at their January 17, 2018 meeting after a public hearing is conducted on the matter.

5. Laurel Lake Cleanup Day / Lake Lowering Permit

ERI will prepare an Application for the lowering of Laurel Lake to cover the Lake Cleanup Day date of April 21 and the rain date of April 28. Once the Application is completed, we will transmit same to New Jersey Department of Fish and Wildlife for their concurrence.

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- Councilman Redstreak reviewed the 15th-29th of April dates for the lake lowering to share with our lake neighbors in Lindenwold.
- There was conversation about the Planner's concern about Rehabilitation versus Redevelopment, as some of the properties do not fit the criteria for Redevelopment. That is why the matter was tabled to reexamine the best approach for Stone Road.
- Information is usually received about the DOT grant in March.

MATTERS REQUIRING OFFICIAL ACTION

● **APPROVAL OF MINUTES-**

- Recessed Meeting of Monday January 9th, 2018 – the motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak, was seconded by Councilman Cruz, with DelPidio, Cruz and Redstreak in favor, none abstaining and none opposed.
- Reorganization Meeting of Monday January 9th, 2018 – the motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak, was seconded by Councilman Cruz, with DelPidio, Cruz and Redstreak in favor, none abstaining and none opposed.

● **APPOINTMENTS**

- Kasey Horan – Regular Member of the Laurel Springs Fire Department – the motion by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilman Cruz, with Cruz, DelPidio and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.
- Franco Lombardi – Class I Special Officer Recruit - the motion by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilman Cruz, with Cruz, DelPidio and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.

● **RESOLUTIONS**

- **#027-2018-CERTIFYING COMPLIANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5 AS AMENDED BY P.L. 2017, c.183** – the resolution was tabled.
- **#028-2018-APPOINTING STEVEN PETERSEN AS MUNICIPAL PROSECUTOR FOR 2018**
WHEREAS, the Borough of Laurel Springs (Laurel Springs) by resolution #094-2017 dated December 11, 2017, has entered into a Shared Services Agreement with the Borough of Somerdale (Somerdale) to provide Municipal Court Service for Laurel Springs; and
WHEREAS, Somerdale has appointed and employed Steven Petersen, duly licensed to practice law in the State of New Jersey, an attorney-at-law of the State of New Jersey to act as Municipal Prosecutor in accordance with N.J.S.A. 2B:2-27;
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs that in accordance with the aforementioned Shared Services Agreement and N.J.S.A 2B:12-1, et. Seq. that Steven Petersen be appointed as Municipal Prosecutor for the Borough of Laurel Springs for a term of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018.
- The motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilman Cruz with DelPidio, Cruz and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.
- **#029-2018- APPOINTING CHARLES WIGGINTON AS MUNICIPAL PUBLIC DEFENDER FOR 2018**
WHEREAS, the Borough of Laurel Springs (Laurel Springs) by resolution #094-2017 dated December 11, 2017, has entered into a Shared Services Agreement with the Borough of Somerdale (Somerdale) to provide Municipal Court Service for Laurel Springs; and

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WHEREAS, Somerdale has appointed and employed Steven Petersen, duly licensed to practice law in the State of New Jersey, an attorney-at-law of the State of New Jersey to act as Municipal Public Defender in accordance with N.J.S.A. 2B:2-27;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs that in accordance with the aforementioned Shared Services Agreement and N.J.S.A 2B:24-1, et. Seq. that Steven Petersen be appointed as Municipal Public Defender for the Borough of Laurel Springs for a term of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018.

- The motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilman Cruz with DelPidio, Cruz and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.
- RESOLVED TO PAY \$704,330.04 FROM CURRENT ACCOUNT AND \$38,440.79 FROM TRUST AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS
- The motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilman Cruz, with DelPidio, Cruz and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.

CORRESPONDENCE

- From Camden County regarding Community Development 2017-2018 Municipal Grant Award was reviewed by Council and noted that this year's allotment would be used at the Cord Mansion.

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION- None.

ITEMS RECEIVED AFTER THE AGENDA WAS PRINTED - None.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC - None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Free Rabies and Pet Licensing Clinic, Saturday, January 27th @10 am @Fire House
- Laurel Lake Meeting, Monday, February 5th @6pm @Borough Hall
- LSYA Baseball Signups, each Tuesday evening in February, 6 pm – 8 pm @Rec Center
- Recreation Commission Meeting, Wednesday, February 7th @7pm @Rec Center
- Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council, Monday, February 12th @7pm @Borough Hall

CLOSED SESSION- a motion was made by Councilman Redstreak which was seconded by Councilman Cruz to go into closed session at 7:14p.m. to discuss the Public Works Department. Council returned to Open Session at 7:32 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT –There being no further business a motion was made by Councilman Redstreak which was seconded by Councilman Cruz to adjourn at 7:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn T. Amadio, RMC, Municipal Clerk