

BOROUGH OF LAUREL SPRINGS
WORK SESSION MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2019
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 8, 2019 and posting on the Borough Website and bulletin board in the Borough Hall.

ROLL CALL recorded as present: Mochel, DiGregorio, DelPidio and Redstreak. Absent: Letts and Cruz

ENGINEERS REPORT – Jeff Hanson – Environmental Resolutions

CAPITAL ITEMS

1. NJDOT Local Aid Grant Applications – FY2018

The Borough was awarded a Municipal Aid Grant in the amount of \$195,000.00 for the Reconstruction of Arch Avenue. Construction was substantially completed in July 2019 and punch list items were completed in August 2019. The final pay estimate and change order were approved by Council at their September 9, 2019 meeting. We are currently processing final paperwork for submission to NJDOT so that the Borough can receive the remainder of the grant reimbursement.

2. NJDOT Local Aid Grant Applications – FY2019

The Borough received a letter, dated March 25, 2019, indicating that the Borough has received a FY2019 Local Aid Grant in the amount of \$222,000 for the 2019 Road Improvement Program. The roads included for the project are West Atlantic Avenue (Tomlinson Avenue to Lindsay Avenue), Sycamore Avenue (Park Avenue to Beech Avenue); and Glen Avenue (Sycamore Avenue to end). We have provided a proposal for engineering design and construction management services, dated September 18, 2019 for Mayor and Council's consideration. If approval is received we will proceed with the design work with the intention of having the project ready to go to construction in the Spring of 2020.

3. NJDOT Local Aid Grant Applications – FY2020

NJDOT FY2020 Municipal Aid Applications were submitted for three roadways during July 2019 - Hemlock Avenue (between White Horse Pike and Stone Road), Madison Avenue (between White Horse Pike and Stone Road); and Trenton Avenue (between East Atlantic Avenue and Chestnut Avenue). We will apprise the Borough of any news we receive with regard to the status of the applications.

OTHER PROJECTS

4. Laurel Whitman Urban Renewal (Former Municipal Building Redevelopment Site)

A preconstruction meeting was held between the developer, our office and the Borough Administrator on November 21, 2018. The developer has applied for and received all permits and has posted the required escrow. Final Plans for appropriate signatures have been submitted. The developer started work at the site in December. ERI is providing construction inspections of the work as necessary.

5. Stone Road Rehabilitation Plan

Borough Council adopted the Stone Road Rehabilitation Plan at their March 26, 2018 meeting.

6. New Jersey American Water Remediation Project - Grand Avenue

New Jersey American Water is still in the process of finalizing environmental remediation work along Grand Avenue. The work is occurring directly in front of the Jack Hagen Recreation Center. Grand Avenue has been excavated to a depth of approximately 18 inches and a sanitary sewer main tie-in for their facility located across the street from the recreation center was also performed. The roadway will be continue to open in both directions during construction. NJAW was previously in the process of applying to extend the road opening permit through the end of October to allow the contaminants to dissipate before resurfacing the roadway. We will provide inspection of the resurfacing when it occurs.

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There was discussion of the Water Company project extending their Street Opening Permits with hopeful completion at the end of October. There was discussion of the change in the application and award date cycles for the State Municipal Aid.

MATTERS REQUIRING OFFICIAL ACTION

• **APPROVAL OF MINUTES –**

- Regular Meeting of September 9th, 2019– the motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilwoman Mochel, with DiGregorio, Mochel and Redstreak in favor, DelPidio abstaining and none opposed.

ORDINANCES

- **#839-2019- AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE #830-2018 AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE SALARIES OF THE POLICE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF LAUREL SPRINGS, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, FOR THE YEARS 2018-2019**
- The motion to introduce by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilwoman Mochel with, DiGregorio, DelPidio, Mochel and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and no abstentions
- The Second Reading, Public Hearing and Adoption are scheduled for Monday, October 7th, 2019 at 7 pm at the Laurel Springs Recreation Center.

RESOLUTIONS

- **#083-2019- AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT PURSUANT TO SOUTH JERSEY POWER COOPERATIVE BID A-37/2019 FOR SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF NATURAL GAS**
WHEREAS, the Borough of Laurel Springs is part of the South Jersey Power Cooperative (SJPC); and
WHEREAS, the County of Camden, as the Lead Agent for the South Jersey Power Cooperative (SJPC), received and opened publicly advertised Bid A-37/2019 on September 17, 2019 at 11 :30 A.M., Prevailing Time for the Supply and Delivery of Natural Gas to Various South Jersey Power Cooperative Locations, at which Two (2) bids were received and declared the lowest responsible bidders with whom they will enter into contract as Lead Agency; and
WHEREAS, each participating Cooperative Member in the Cooperative is hereby authorized to enter into a contract directly;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs accordingly with the Lead Agency for the South Jersey Power Cooperative hereby declare Direct Energy Business Marketing, LLC, as the lowest responsible bidder for Lot 1 C and Lot 4C, in Appendix A, which is the Fixed All-Inclusive Product, for a term of 36 months commencing December 1, 2019 through November 30, 2022, at the dekatherm prices listed in Direct Energy Business Marketing, LLC Proposal for Bid A-37 /2019 and authorize entering into a contract with such; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs accordingly with the Lead Agency for the South Jersey Power Cooperative, hereby declare UGI Energy Services, as the lowest responsible bidder for Lot 2C, Lot 3C, and Lot 5C, in Appendix A, which is the Fixed All-Inclusive Product, for a term of 36 months commencing December 1, 2019 through November 30, 2022, at the dekatherm prices listed in UGI Energy Services Proposal for Bid A-37/2019 and authorize entering into a contract with such ; and
- The motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilwoman Mochel, with DiGregorio, DelPidio, Mochel and Redstreak in favor, none abstaining and none opposed.
- **RESOLVED TO PAY \$51,130.76 FROM CURRENT ACCOUNT AND \$13,017.75 FROM TRUST AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS**

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MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION/CORRESPONDENCE-

- From CFO Ciminera regarding Note Sale and that the bond issuance was placed with Republic Bank. There was only one bidder and Mayor Barbera said he felt it was a fair rate. Notice was received from Bond Counsel this afternoon saying that they conducted a successful closing, so the transaction has gone full circle.
- Invitation from Our Lady of Guadalupe regarding Special Mass for Public Safety Professionals on Saturday, September 28th at 4 pm, which Mayor Barbera announced.
- MEL/JIF Report and League Training reminder for Wednesday, November 20th at 3:45 pm – there was discussion of who still needed to register. Mayor Barbera discussed other activities at the League Convention.
- From Citizens Improving Affordable Housing- Explanation by Mayor Barbera of the Mount Laurel Decision which was a judicial matter. They told towns how much housing should be provided to low income residents. There was a Mount Laurel 2 decision and perhaps a Mount Laurel 3 decision which further determine housing quantities for municipalities. This letter is from a citizens group which want the Legislature decide what should be going on in municipalities not in the Courts. There is a sample letter, which Mayor Barbera requested that he could direct to Laurel Springs' legislators. Borough Engineer gave his opinion that it seems like it would be preferable to send it to the legislature and discussed how the matters are decided in Trenton in negotiation form. Council seemed inclined to encourage the legislature, who will likely do a better job than the Courts. There was further discussion of the issue as it currently exists and the difficulties that have been encountered with builder remedy suits and specifics of how it might be administered in Laurel Springs via deed restrictions and other options.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC –

- **Meg Simon-** 208 Broadway and The Maker's Workshop. She explained that she is interested in qualifying for a Community Grant via Transform South Jersey using the Heart & Soul approach to support the downtown area. Next, they require at least five members of the community attend Workshop Webinar, which will be held on Monday, September 30th @12:30 pm. The next step after the webinar would be a Letter of interest will be needed by October 8, 2019. By December they would narrow the interest down to 40 communities, to which Councilman Redstreak said that guaranteed they are going to want to see a plan, which it was assumed would be with the December narrowing of applicants. Mayor Barbera described the detailed steps that were outlined in their booklet. The webinar was supposed to be about an hour long. Mrs. Simon distributed a handout for the webinar link and time and date, reiterating the steps.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Friday, September 27th, Pop Up Cafe - 7 – 9 pm @Makers' Workshop with Bike Swap
- Wednesday, October 2nd, Recreation Commission Meeting @7 pm @Rec Center.
- Saturday, October 5th, Town Wide Yard Sale, Clean Communities Day
- Monday, October 7th, Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council @7 pm @Recreation Center

MOTION TO ADJOURN by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilwoman Mochel to adjourn at 7:38 pm with all in favor and none opposed.

Respectfully submitted

Dawn T. Amadio, RMC, Municipal Clerk