

BOROUGH OF LAUREL SPRINGS
REGULAR MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL
MONDAY, September 14, 2020
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 7, 2020 and posting on the Borough Website and bulletin board in the Borough Hall.

ROLL CALL recorded as present: DiGregorio arrived via phone at 7:03 pm, DelPidio, DiMarco, Riondino and Redstreak; Absent Cruz

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Regular Meeting of Monday, August 10, 2020 - The motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilman DelPidio, DiMarco, Riondino and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and DelPidio abstaining.

ENGINEER'S REPORT – Engineer Jeff Hanson

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. We recently submitted the remaining grant closeout paperwork to NJDOT so that the Borough can receive the outstanding 25% of the grant reimbursement.

2. NJDOT Local Aid Grant Applications – FY2019

ERI's proposal for engineering design and construction management services was approved by the Governing Body at the October 14, 2019 Council Meeting. The field survey work and base plans have been completed. The construction plans and specification are currently under final revision and will be submitted to NJDOT within the coming week for comment. Once comment is received from NJDOT, final revisions will be made and the job will be advertised for bid. Construction is anticipated to begin in late 2019.

3. NJDOT Local Aid Grant Applications – FY2020

The Borough was recently awarded a NJDOT FY2020 Municipal Aid Grant in the amount of \$240,000.00. The grant includes funds for the reconstruction of Hemlock Avenue (between White Horse Pike and Stone Road) and Madison Avenue (between White Horse Pike and Stone Road). The field survey and base plans have been completed and the design work is approximately 50% complete to date. Construction can be anticipated to begin during early 2021.

OTHER PROJECTS

4. Laurel Lake Dam

NJDEP requires that dams that fall within the classification of Laurel Lake Dam be inspected at a minimum of once every four (4) years. Our office completed the physical inspection of the dam and we have completed the accompanying report, which has been submitted to NJDEP Bureau of Dam Safety.

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RESOLUTIONS

• **077-2020- AMENDING APPOINTMENTS FOR THE YEAR 2020**

WHEREAS, Resolution #014-2020 designated the appointments for the year 2020; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to amend the appointment list to reflect changes in the Municipal Committees and Employees;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by Mayor and Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs, County of Camden, and State of New Jersey do hereby amend the Appointments for the year 2020 as follows:

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>TERM</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>SERVICES</u>
Public Works	When Needed	Tyler C. Venuto Christopher M. Grega	Public Works Employee – Part time

- The motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilman DelPidio, with DiGregorio, DelPidio, DiMarco, Riondino and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and none abstaining.

• **#078-2020 - FOR NEW MERCANTILE LICENSE**

WHEREAS, Mayor and Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs have passed an ordinance establishing Chapter 169 of the code of the Borough of Laurel Springs, known as "Mercantile License".

WHEREAS, a license is required to operate or conduct any business establishment in the Borough of Laurel Springs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Mayor and Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs that the proper investigations have been made and the following applicant has complied with the general laws and statutes of the State and the ordinance of the Borough of Laurel Springs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that approval has been granted by Mayor and Council for NEW "MERCANTILE LICENSE" for:

Adagio Dance Center
201 White Horse Pike
Laurel Springs, NJ 08021

- The motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilman DelPidio, with DiGregorio, DelPidio, DiMarco, Riondino and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and none abstaining.

▪ **#079-2020 - TO WAIVE FEES**

WHEREAS, Ordinance #840:2019 adopted the Fee Schedule for the Borough of Laurel Springs for the year 2020; and

WHEREAS, in certain instances, Borough Council may desire to waive said fees;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs that the fees for following matters be waived:

TYPE	AMOUNT	APPLICANT
Fire Permit for outdoor Dining Tent	\$ 54.00	Villaris by the Pike
Field Use Fee for outdoor stage for recital	\$150.00	Adagio Dance Center

- The motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilman DelPidio, with DiGregorio, DelPidio, DiMarco, Riondino and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and none abstaining.

• **RESOLVED TO PAY \$394,766.51 FROM CURRENT ACCOUNT AND \$209,247.74 FROM TRUST AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS**

- The motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilman Cruz, with Cruz, DiGregorio, DelPidio, DiMarco, Riondino and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and none abstaining.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – all reports are on file and available for review.

- **DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, BOARDS, SERVICES/PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL** – Councilman Redstreak reported that with regard to the Department of Public Works all is well. He spoke to the Public Works Foreman and all the equipment is up to speed and he is happy with everything. He mentioned there were no issues with the Sewer Utility except for an issue on East Atlantic Avenue, but that it was an issue with the Gas Company and their matter to correct. He Thanked Tori Owens for her service to the Borough and

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commenting on Ordinance Review said the Planning Board Member Marie Nasuti was doing all the preliminary work and doing a premier job. He said it is close to completion and also thanked Engineer Jeff Hanson for his help. He commented that there would be no Green Team or Borough oversight of the Town Wide Yard sale but referenced the Governor's Executive Order allowing the same. He did want to make the Clean Communities dumpster available.

- DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – Councilman Cruz was absent.
- DIRECTOR OF MUNICIPAL COURT – Councilwoman DiGregorio had no report, but said she looked forward to the reports resuming once the Court matters had gotten caught up.
- DIRECTOR OF RECREATION – Councilman DelPidio said the Recreation Commission is making plans to go forward with the Tree Lighting Ceremony.
- DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE – Councilman Riondino had no report.
- DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT- Councilwoman DiMarco discussed spreading the word that Camden County has **CANCELLED** the Household Hazardous Waste Collection event on September 26th and the Shredding event on October 3rd and the remaining 2020 collection events are pending, including Household Hazardous Waste collection on October 17, 2020 and Electronics Recycling Event on November 7, 2020.
- DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY- POLICE AND FIRE- Mayor Barbera reviewed the Fire Report and informally commented on attendance at the monthly Ordinance Review and two times per week with New Jersey Legislature on the pandemic.

OLD BUSINESS - none

NEW BUSINESS/CORRESPONDENCE

- From Laurel Springs Police Association to open contract negotiations was read and reviewed by Mayor Barbera.
- From Victoria Owens tendering her resignation – Mayor Barbera gave a commendation of Tori
- From League of Municipalities – class offerings have to be determined and forwarded to Council
- To Municipal Clerk, From Camden County Clerk regarding General Election – Municipal Clerk Amadio reviewed the information that was received from the Camden County Board of Election.
- Census – Mayor Barbera mentioned that only 72% return rate on the Census had been reported for Laurel Springs and asked for assistance communicating the need to complete the surveys. Councilman Riondino mentioned that Census workers were in town.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

- Borough Administrator Ken Cheeseman announced that due to the ongoing construction project power would be cut on Wednesday at the Municipal Complex. Therefore, Borough Hall trailer will have to be closed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Laurel Springs Board of Education, Wednesday, September 16th @7pm @Laurel Springs School.
- Combined Land Use Meeting, Thursday, September 17th @7 pm @Recreation Center
- There is not a Council Work Session on September 21st, the town calendar is wrong.
- JIF Safety meeting, Tuesday, September 22nd, 12:30 pm in the Fire Department Training Room
- Work Session Meeting of Mayor and Council, Monday, September 28th @7pm @Recreation Center

ADJOURNMENT –There being no further business a motion was made by Councilman Redstreak which was seconded by Councilman DelPidio to adjourn at 7:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Dawn T. Amadio, RMC, Municipal Clerk