

BOROUGH OF LAUREL SPRINGS
REGULAR MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL
MONDAY, October 19, 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: Cruz, DiGregorio, DiMarco, Riondino and Redstreak; Absent DelPidio

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 specifications are currently under final revision and will be submitted to NJDOT in the near future. The FY2019 and FY2020 projects will be included together in one (1) bid package / contract in order to complete the projects in the most cost-efficient manner. Once comment is received from NJDOT, final revisions will be made, and the job will be advertised for bid. A December 2020 bid date is anticipated.

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 80% complete to date. The FY2019 and FY2020 projects will be included together in one (1) bid package / contract in order to complete the projects in the most cost-efficient manner. Once comment is received from NJDOT, final revisions will be made, and the job will be advertised for bid. A December 2020 bid date is anticipated.

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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Regular Meeting of Monday, September 28, 2020 - The motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilman Cruz, with Cruz, DiGregorio, DiMarco, Riondino and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and DelPidio abstaining.

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APPOINTMENTS – Gryphon Bliem as a Junior Member of the Fire Department – the motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak, was seconded by Councilman Cruz with Cruz, DiGregorio, DiMarco, Riondino and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and DelPidio abstaining.

RESOLUTIONS

- RESOLVED TO PAY \$423,203.87 FROM CURRENT ACCOUNT AND \$ 54,862.42 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 mentioned a couple of things saying the last few months of sewer services were pretty light, reiterating that the Gas Company had punctured a line, and the repair is being covered by South Jersey Gas. With regard to Public Works, all is well. Things are going fine and they are gearing up for leaves. Ordinance Review met and the process is getting close on the Zoning Code. He commented that 11 of the 12 photos for the twon calendar are ready.
- DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – Councilman Cruz had no report.
- DIRECTOR OF MUNICIPAL COURT – Councilwoman DiGregorio had no formal report, but announced that an agreement for a joint court with Pine Hill, reducing costs, is being worked on and soon would be a done deal.
- 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 reviewed the CFO report for the month ending September.
- DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT- Councilwoman DiMarco reported on recent newsletter, Halloween flyer for Laurel Springs School, continued transition to the new website and subsequent posts to Social media. Councilman Redstreak commented that he liked this director position.
- DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY- POLICE AND FIRE- Sergeant Mazziotta read the Police report for the month of September. Mayor Barbera reviewed the Fire Report for the month of September, 2020, and Mayor's Report since the time of the last regular meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Best Practices Checklist** – Borough Council reviewed the scoring of the Best Practices checklist and had discussion of this years questions and changes from last year. There were survey questions focusing on Shared Services, COVID 19 and environmental issues.

NEW BUSINESS/CORRESPONDENCE – none

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC – none

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- *Laurel Springs Board of Education, Wednesday, October 21st @7pm @Laurel Springs School.*
- *Halloween Curfew each night @ 8 pm from Wednesday, October 28th through Saturday, October 31st*
- *No Halloween Parade on Saturday, October 31st doe to COVID 19 protocols*
- *Daylight Savings Time ends Sunday, November 1st – change the batteries in your smoke detector*
- *General Election, Tuesday, November 3rd – Polls open 6 am – 8 pm @Recreation Center*
- *Recreation Commission, Wednesday, November 4th 7 pm @Recreation Center*
- *Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council, Monday, November 9th @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 7:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Dawn T. Amadio, RMC, Municipal Clerk