

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

ENGINEER'S REPORT – Engineer Jeff

CAPITAL ITEMS

1. 2020 Road Improvement Program

NJDOT approved the combination of both the FY2019 and FY2020 projects together into one (1) bid package / contract. We are currently making final revisions to the Site Plans and combining them into one set. The Plans / Specs are anticipated to be sent to NJDOT within approximately two (2) weeks. Once comment is received final revisions will be made and the project will be advertised for a January or February bid date, which will allow for the start of construction in early Spring 2021.

2. 2021 Road Improvement Program

In November, the Borough received correspondence from NJDOT awarding a FY2021 Municipal Aid Grant in the amount of \$174,930.00 for the reconstruction of Trenton Avenue and Virginia Avenue. Our office will provide a proposal for engineering design and construction inspection services in the near future for the purposes of budgeting costs for 2021.

3. 2021 Transportation Alternatives (TA) Set Aside Grant Application

In November, our office submitted an FY2021 TA Grant application for streetscape improvements along West Atlantic Avenue in front of the Cord Mansion and the adjoining area. The improvements will be designed to mirror those of the existing adjacent downtown streetscape improvements. We will apprise the Governing Body of any news we received with regard to the grant application as it is received.

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, November 23, 2020 - The motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilman Riondino, with DiGregorio, DiMarco, Riondino and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and Cruz abstaining.

ORDINANCES –

- First Reading by Title and Introduction
 - Ordinance #849-2020 - ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF LAUREL SPRINGS, IN THE COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY CREATING A CLAIMANT CERTIFICATON EXEMPTION
 - First Reading – Mayor Barbera read the Ordinance by title

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- Motion to Introduce by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilman Cruz with Cruz, DiGregorio, DiMarco, Riondino and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.
- Second Reading, Public Hearing and Adoption will be held on Monday, December 28, 2020, 7 pm in the Laurel Springs Recreation Center, 820 Grand Avenue, Laurel Springs, NJ 08021.
- Second Reading by Title
 - Ordinance #848-2020 - SUPPLEMENTING AND AMENDING CHAPTER 227 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF LAUREL SPRINGS ENTITLED STORM SEWERS
 - Second Reading – Mayor Barbera read the Ordinance by title
 - Public Hearing – Mayor Barbera opened the meeting to the public for questions and comments. Hearing none, he closed the meeting to the public.
 - Motion to Adopt Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilman Cruz with Cruz, DiGregorio, DiMarco, Riondino and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.

RESOLUTIONS

- #088-2020 - TO REFUND TAX OVERPAYMENT
 WHEREAS, certain adjustments are necessary to the records of the Tax Collector;
 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs, County of Camden, State of New Jersey that the following adjustments be approved.

OWNER	BLOCK/LOT	AMOUNT	REASON	REFUND TO
WELSH	61/6	\$250.00	DEDUCTION GRANTED	JOSEPH WELSH
- Motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilman Cruz with Cruz, DiGregorio, DiMarco, Riondino and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.
- #089-2020 - A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF LAUREL SPRINGS TO ACCEPT A GRANT FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY, OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$13,500, UNDER THE FY2021 SAFE AND SECURE COMMUNITIES PROGRAM, SUBAWARD GRANT NO. 21-0420, AND AUTHORIZING MAYOR THOMAS BARBERA AND PUBLIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATOR KEN CHEESEMAN TO EXECUTE, AND THE BOROUGH CLERK TO ATTEST TO, A SUBAWARD GRANT, AND ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH THIS GRANT
 BE IT RESOLVED, by the Laurel Springs Mayor and Borough Council, in the County of Camden, and State of New Jersey, as follows:
 - Laurel Springs is authorized to accept a subaward grant from the State of New Jersey, Office of the Attorney General, Department of Law and Public Safety, in the amount of \$13,500, under the Safe and Secure Communities Program Grant No. 21-0420 with a Local Match of \$132,520 for a total project cost of \$146,020.
 - Mayor Thomas Barbera and Administrator Ken Cheeseman are authorized to execute, and the Borough Clerk to attest to, a Subgrant Award in connection with this grant, and any and all documents in connection with this grant.
 - The Borough of Laurel Springs is accepting this grant of funds for the purpose described in the application.
 - The Subaward Period is: 05/24/2021 to 05/23/2022.
 - A certified copy of this Resolution shall be provided by the Borough Clerk to the Office of the Attorney General, Department of Law and Public Safety.
- Motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilman Cruz with Cruz, DiGregorio, DiMarco, Riondino and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.
- #090-2020 - APPROVING BUDGET TRANSFER #3
 WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-58 provides that a municipal governing body may make Budget Transfers during the last two months of the fiscal year;
 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs, that the following 2020 Budget Transfers (#3) be approved:

		GENERAL FUND	
Account #		From	To
1-20-120-103	Municipal Clerk - SW	\$1,000.00	
1-21-195-111	Code Enforcement - SW	1,000.00	
1-22-200-201	Construction Office - OE		\$ 500.00
1-25-240-101	Police Department - SW	3,800.00	
1-27-350-101	Board of Health - SW		300.00
1-32-465-202	Solid Waste Disposal - OE		5,000.00

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TOTAL GENERAL FUND

\$5,800.00

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- RESOLVED TO PAY \$548,330.25 FROM CURRENT ACCOUNT AND \$192,871.14 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 reviewed the monthly invoice for the reporting on some main stoppages, saying in October they perform some preventative maintenances such as jetting. Public Works leaf collection is caught up. Today they were working on trucks' snow prep. Ordinance Review will be meeting with Ed Fox of ERI to begin work on the re-examination of the Master Plan. South Jersey Gas First Responder grant awarded the Fire Department \$3,000. Assistant Chief Winters helped with the process and a resident on Beech Avenue recommended the application, to whom he forwarded a letter of thanks.
- DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – Councilman Cruz reported that the Cord Mansion elevator installation is still on schedule and that the insurance adjuster was out to look at the damage at the Recreation Center from vandalism.
- DIRECTOR OF MUNICIPAL COURT – Councilwoman DiGregorio had no report.
- DIRECTOR OF RECREATION – Councilman DelPidio was absent.
- DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE – Councilman Riondino reviewed the CFO report for the month ending November.
- DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT- Councilwoman DiMarco said the Borough Newsletter had been delivered and discussed the possibility of a Community page on the Borough Website.
- DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY- POLICE AND FIRE- Lieutenant Mazziotta reviewed the Police report for the month of November. Mayor Barbera congratulated Lieutenant Mazziotta saying that he would be promoted to Chief of Police for the new year; and Mayor Barbera read the Fire Report for the Month of November 2020 and the Mayor's Report highlighting his activities since the time of the last regular meeting.

OLD BUSINESS – none

NEW BUSINESS/CORRESPONDENCE –

- **EPL Insurance Renewal Deductible** – Borough Administrator Cheeseman commented that he had discussed with CFO Ciminera the deductible level for Employees Practices Liability and they concur that it be lowered to a \$10,000 deductible. It is currently \$20,000. Unless there was an objection, which there was not, he is going to lower it accordingly.
- **Cancellation Notice** – Sterling BOE meeting of Thursday, December 17, 2020 read by Mayor Barbera.
- **Notice of Laurel Springs BOE Reorganization Meeting** will be Wednesday, January 6, 2021

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC – none

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Land Use Board, Thursday, December 17, 2020 @7pm @Rec Center
- Christmas Eve, Thursday, December 24, 2020 – Borough Offices are Closed
- Operation Santa - The Laurel Springs Fire Department will transport Santa on Christmas Eve, but with pandemic, Santa will be stopping in front of requested houses and leaving candy curbside on Christmas Eve, Thursday, December 24th, he will not be entering houses. If you want Santa to stop at your house, please call 784-3182 on December 24th between 1 pm and 5 pm or email Santa: santa@station60.com
- Christmas Day, Friday, December 25, 2020
- Work Session Meeting of Mayor and Council, Monday, December 28th @ 7pm @Rec Center
- Reorganization Meeting of Mayor and Council, Monday, January 4, 2021 @ 7pm @Rec Center

ADJOURNMENT –There being no further business a motion was made by Councilman Redstreak which was seconded by Councilman DelPidio to adjourn at 7:33 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Dawn T. Amadio, RMC, Municipal Clerk