

BOROUGH OF LAUREL SPRINGS
REGULAR MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL
MONDAY, April 12, 2021
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 5, 2021 and posting on the Borough Website and bulletin board in the Borough Hall.

ROLL CALL recorded as present: DiGregorio, DiMarco, Riondino, DelPidio and Redstreak; absent: Cruz.

ENGINEER'S REPORT – Jeff Hanson – Environmental Resolutions, Inc.

1. 2020 Road Improvement Program

NJDOT approved the combination of both the FY2019 and FY2020 projects together into one (1) bid package / contract. Plans and specifications were sent to NJDOT for their review on March 8, 2021. Once comments are received from NJDOT, final revisions will be made and the project will be advertised for bid. Construction can be expected to start in late spring and be completed during the summer of 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 has provided a Proposal for Engineering Design and CMCI Services dated April 7, 2021 for the Governing Body's consideration. Once approval is granted we will schedule the topographic survey and then commence design work thereafter.

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.

4. 2020 Laurel Lake Dam Safety Inspection Report

We received correspondence dated March 23, 2021 from NJDEP Division of Dam Safety & Flood Engineering indicating that the 2020 Laurel Springs Dam Safety Inspection Report is satisfactory. The Borough is required to perform the minor maintenance and repairs detailed in that report as a condition of the DEP approval. The next report will be due in 2024.

There was discussion of an email from NJDOT regarding the West Atlantic Road Project, which Mr. Hansen was inadvertently not copied on. He was provided a copy. He will reach out to both NJDOT and Conrail as they suggest. Councilman Redstreak asked about an issue on Sycamore Avenue near a recent road repair street cut. This, however, appears to be a sewer main/lateral sinking in. There was conversation that Sycamore is included in one of the upcoming road projects, and the issue will be looked at. The neighbors there mentioned that the sinking creates a swale, that they like to slow vehicles down, so Councilman Redstreak wondered if a speed bump would be more appropriate. However, further conversation with input from Fire Department

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determined that the preferred method is installing stop signs, which only require a change in the ordinance. Councilwoman DiGregorio, who live nearby, said she also like the idea. Chief Mazziotta said he was not aware of any speeding complaints in that area but will look at the street and consider the installation of stop signs.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Work Session Meeting of March 22, 2021 - The motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilman DelPidio, with DiGregorio, DiMarco, DelPidio, and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and Riondino abstaining.

APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS

- Mayor Barbera announced that he was appointing Jacob Falana to the Recreation Commission for a five-year term.
- Mayor Barbera read the letter of resignation tendered by Dorothy Stratton, Police Secretary, upon her retirement. The motion to accept by Councilman Redstreak, was seconded by Councilman Riondino with DiGregorio, DiMarco, Riondino, DelPidio and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and not abstentions.

ORDINANCES

- **Second Reading by Title, Public Hearing and Adoption**
 - #852-2021 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 101 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF LAUREL SPRINGS ENTITLED “CONSTRUCTION CODE UNIFORM FEE SCHEDULE “Second Reading by Title – Mayor Barbera read the ordinance by title.
 - Public Hearing – Mayor Barbera opened the meeting to the public for questions and comments, and hearing none, closed the meeting to the public.
 - Motion to Adopt by Councilman Redstreak, was seconded by Councilman DelPidio, with DiGregorio, DiMarco, Riondino, DelPidio and Redstreak in favor none opposed and no abstentions.

RESOLUTIONS

- 043-2021 - TO REFUND RECREATION COMMISSION REGISTRATION FEE
WHEREAS, the following fees were received for Softball/Baseball registrations that were subsequently withdrawn:

Lori Dougherty
612 Central Avenue
Laurel Springs, NJ 08021 \$ 50.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs that amount indicated be refunded.
- The motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilman DelPidio, with DiGregorio, DiMarco, Riondino, DelPidio and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.
- #044-2021 - AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT PURSUANT TO CAMDEN COUNTY COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM BID A48-20 FOR THE PROVISION OF COPY PAPER, COMPUTER PAPER AND ENVELOPES
WHEREAS, the Borough of Laurel Springs is part of the Camden County Cooperative Pricing System; and
WHEREAS, the Camden County Board of Chosen Freeholders awarded a contract to various vendors for Bid A-48/2020, Copy Paper, computer Paper and Envelopes for a term of six-months, from October 1, 2020 to March 31, 2020; and
WHEREAS, A48-20 provided for an additional six-month option at the sole discretion of and for which Camden County exercised that option for the term commencing April 1, 2021 through September 3, 2021; and
WHEREAS, each participating Cooperative Member in the Cooperative is authorized to enter into contract directly;

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NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Laurel Springs, County of Camden that the award for Bid A48-20, six-month option, for Copy Paper, Computer Paper and Envelopes with the various vendors on the award sheet schedule which is part of the resolution of the Camden County Board of Chosen Freeholders resolution adopted on March 18, 2021 is hereby approved.

- The motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilwoman DiMarco, with DiGregorio, DiMarco, Riondino, DelPidio and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.
- #045-2021 - ACCEPTING PROPOSAL OF ENVIRONMENTAL RESOLUTIONS, INC. FOR ENGINEERING DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR 2021 ROADWAY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM PROJECT FOR TRENTON AND VIRGINIA AVENUE

WHEREAS, Environmental Resolutions was appointed as Borough Engineers on January 4, 2021, and have submitted a proposal for Engineering Design and Construction Management/Construction Inspection Services for the Trenton and Virginia Avenues Roadway Improvement Projects pursuant to award of the NJDOT Local Aid Grant FY2021; and

WHEREAS, the proposal was received was reviewed by Mayor and Borough Council at their meeting of April 12, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Capital and Grant funds are available to complete this project; and

WHEREAS, Environmental Resolutions, Inc. 815 East Gate Drive, Suite 103, Mount Laurel, NJ 08054-3415 submitted the attached proposal the amount of \$41,000.00;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs, in the County of Camden, and the State of New Jersey that they hereby approve the proposal of Environmental Resolutions in the amount of \$41,000.00 for engineering and design and construction management services for the Trenton and Virginia Avenues Roadway Improvement Project.

- The motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilman DelPidio, with DiGregorio, DiMarco, Riondino, DelPidio and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.
- 046-2021-AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE BOROUGH OF SOMERDALE FOR THE DISPOSAL OF SOLID WASTE
WHEREAS, pursuant to the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act, N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq., authorizes any local unit of the State to enter into a contract with any other local unit or units for the joint provision within their jurisdictions of any service which any party to the agreement is empowered to render within its own jurisdiction; and
WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of New Jersey is committed to supporting and advancing local government shared service solutions to enhance the provision of local services and alleviate the property tax burden on the State's residents and businesses; and
WHEREAS, the governing body of the Borough of Laurel Springs recognizes that shared services may result in property tax relief and enhanced services for its constituents; and
WHEREAS, in an attempt to receive more favorable prices than the current contract prices and reduce the cost for solid waste disposal for the interested municipalities within Camden County, which collect and haul their solid waste, the Borough of Somerdale intends to solicit bids for the disposal of solid waste for the Borough of Somerdale and any other interested self-hauling municipalities, with the contract beginning January 1, 2022 and being for a period of up to five years; and
WHEREAS, it is expected that the commitment of the disposal of the specified, estimated annual tonnage of solid waste from the participating municipalities, which is a tonnage that several disposal facilities have the capacity to handle, will provide for more competitive bid prices, resulting in a reduction in the cost for the disposal of solid waste for all participating municipalities; and

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WHEREAS, in order to receive the anticipated, reduced costs for the disposal of solid waste, it will be necessary for all participating municipalities to commit to the delivery of their solid waste to the contracted firm's facility; and

WHEREAS, it is intended that all participating municipalities will commit to the award of a contract to the lowest responsible bidder if it is determined that the bid price is considered to be a favorable price and results in a reduction in cost for solid waste disposal for each municipality for the intended term of the contract; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Laurel Springs desires to participate in the shared services contract and be included as a participating municipality in the bid specifications for the disposal of solid waste, beginning on January 2, 2022, with the Borough of Somerdale and any other interested municipality within Camden County;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs, in the County of Camden, State of New Jersey hereby authorizes the participation in the shared services agreement and inclusion in the bid specifications for the disposal of solid waste with the Borough of Somerdale.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council commits to the award of a contract if it is determined that the bid price is considered to be a favorable price and results in a reduction of cost for solid waste disposal for each participating municipality for the intended term of the contract.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Administrator, is hereby authorized to represent the Borough of Laurel Springs, regarding any discussions and matters associated with the disposal of solid waste, under this shared services agreement.

- The motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilman Riondino, with DiGregorio, DiMarco, Riondino, DelPidio and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.

- #047-2021 - ACCEPTING PROPOSAL OF RODIER EBERSBERGER ARCHITECTS, LLC FOR ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES FOR CORD MANSION PHASE 3/THIRD FLOOR ALTERATIONS

WHEREAS, Rodier Ebersberger were appointed Borough Architect on January 4, 2021, and have submitted a proposal for Architectural Services for the Cord Mansion Phase 3/Third Floor Project; and

WHEREAS, the proposal was received was reviewed by Mayor and Borough Council at their meeting of April 12, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Capital funds are available to complete this project; and

WHEREAS, Rodier Ebersberger, 946 South Main Street, Williamstown, NJ 08094 submitted the attached proposal the amount of \$38,600.00;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs, in the County of Camden, and the State of New Jersey that they hereby approve the proposal of Rodier Ebersberger in the amount of \$38,600.00 for architectural services for the Cord Mansion Phase 3/Third Floor Project.

- The motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilman DelPidio, with DiGregorio, DiMarco, Riondino, DelPidio and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.

- #048-2021 - ACCEPTING PROPOSAL OF RODIER EBERSBERGER ARCHITECTS, LLC AMENDING RESOLUTION 093-2019 APPROVING PROPOSAL FOR ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES FOR CORD MANSION PHASE 2/SECOND FLOOR ALTERATIONS

WHEREAS, Rodier Ebersberger, were appointed Borough Architect on January 4, 2021, and furthermore, by virtue of Resolution 093-2019 the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs approved the proposal for Architectural Services for the Cord Mansion Phase 2/Second Floor Project; and

WHEREAS, an amendment thereto was received was reviewed by Mayor and Borough Council at their meeting of April 12, 2021; and

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WHEREAS, Capital funds are available to complete this project; and

WHEREAS, Rodier Ebersberger, 946 South Main Street, Williamstown, NJ 08094 submitted the attached amendment in the amount of \$9,650.00;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs, in the County of Camden, and the State of New Jersey that they hereby approve the amendment to proposal of Rodier Ebersberger in the amount of \$9,650.00 for architectural services for the Cord Mansion Phase 2/Second Floor Project.

- The motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilman DelPidio, with DiGregorio, DiMarco, Riondino, DelPidio and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.
- **RESOLVED TO PAY \$369,764.71 FROM CURRENT ACCOUNT AND \$57,913.79 FROM TRUST AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS**
The motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilman Riondino, with DiGregorio, DiMarco, Riondino, DelPidio and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – copies of submitted reports are on file and available for review.

- **DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, BOARDS, SERVICES/PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL**- Councilman Redstreak reported that there was no Ordinance Review Meeting but there was a Green Team Meeting with discussion of the Lake Clean Up and the cancellation of WaltFEST, but the regular scheduling of the Clean Communities Weekend and Town Wide Yard Sale and the continuation of the Sustainable Jersey Program. With regard to the Sewer Utility all is good. With regard to Public Works the Spring Clean Up went very well. He highlighted the success of the April 10th Lake Clean Up. He had been concerned about the weather, but it was nice, and one of the best turn outs that they have had. He thanked the Green Team, Cathy Sims, Pastor Cliff and Saint Paul's, Laurel Springs Fire Department, Boy Scouts Pack 222 and many, many others who worked hard and got a lot done. He commented about two trees from Lindenwold, and he will reach out to see if Lindenwold can remove them. As it was, they removed about 20 yards of tree removal. There was discussion about the date being opening day for Baseball, and the idea of holding a clean-up in the Fall. He made the point that missing last year's clean up due to COVID, made a difference in the amount of material to clean up. There was conversation with the Borough Engineer regarding some wash out at the foot of West Stafford Avenue.
- **DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS & GROUNDS** – Councilman Cruz was absent.
- **DIRECTOR OF MUNICIPAL COURT** – Councilwoman DiGregorio read the Court Report for the month ending March 31, 2021. She reported on her communication with the Court Administrator regarding the court structure, including the new Shared Service with Pine Hill and the support by the Somerdale Mayor and if our contract will reflect a decrease. She got CARES Act information that the Borough should receive \$180,000 American Rescue Act funds, which segued into a discussion of what the Borough and schools can use it for. Councilwoman DiGregorio said she will continue to act as an emissary with regard to these Court matters.
- **DIRECTOR OF RECREATION** – Councilman DelPidio said there was no quorum, and no meeting was held in April, however, he was able to report to those there about the Game On Grant that was awarded by South Jersey Gas. There was discussion of ideas of a ceremonial award and photo op.
- **ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE** – Councilman Riondino read the CFO Report for the month ending March 31, 2021.
- **DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT** – Councilwoman Di Marco reported on communication efforts regarding the Lake Clean Up promotion. The Special pick up for Spring Cleaning and Bulk was highly active. The Senior Freeze Deadline had been worked on and upcoming Rabies Clinic is currently being worked on. The online sewer payment function is still not working, the software provider has acknowledged that they

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are behind not able to keep up with the requests for online payment processes. However, no interest accrues until June 1 for the Sewer bills.

- DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY – POLICE AND FIRE – Chief Mazziotta read the Police Report for March 2021 and there was discussion of Laurel Springs Police Department ability to do ticketing and the set up for police vehicles. and Chief Cheeseman the Fire Report for the month of March 2021 and highlighted two fires plus assists in Collingswood and Winslow Township.
- MAYOR’S REPORT – Mayor Barbera presented the Mayor’s Report from the time of the last Regular Council Meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

- South Jersey Gas, Game on Grant Winner previously reported on by Councilman DelPidio.

NEW BUSINESS/CORRESPONDENCE

- Financial Disclosure Statement rosters have been submitted and submittals are due by April 30, 2021. The Local Finance Notice has not been released, but there is no indication that the deadline is going to be extended as it was last year. Local Government Officers may file at fds.nj.gov.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

- Roy Kane – Park Avenue – said that NJ 101.5.com reported that Laurel springs was one of 55 towns who reduced taxes.

ADJOURNMENT –There being no further business a motion was made by Councilman Redstreak to adjourn at 7:59 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Dawn T. Amadio, RMC, Municipal Clerk