

BOROUGH OF LAUREL SPRINGS
REGULAR MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL
MONDAY, November 8, 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 adequate notice of this meeting was given by emailing the Retrospect and the Courier-Post on January 4, 2021 and posting on the Borough Website and bulletin board.

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

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

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. The contract for the Base Bid plus Alternate Bid #1 (West Atlantic Ave. Streetscape) in the amount of \$478,044.00 was awarded to American Asphalt Company, Inc. at the September 20, 2021 Council meeting. We sent the contracts to the Contractor for execution and will be holding a preconstruction meeting in the near future. It is anticipated that construction will be completed during the late winter / early Spring of 2022 depending upon the Contractor's schedule.

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. The surveying work has been completed and base plans have been drafted. We are currently working on the design phase of the project. Once the Construction Plans and Specifications are completed we will advertise the project for bid. It is anticipated that construction of the project will be done during the Spring of 2022.

3. FY2022 NJDOT Local Aid Grant Application

A grant application for the reconstruction of Poplar Avenue (Lindsay Avenue to West Elma Avenue) and Washington Avenue (Central Avenue to Chestnut Avenue) on June 30, 2021. We will apprise the Governing Body of any updates we receive with regard to the status of the application.

4. FY2022 NJDOT Safe Routes to Schools Application

Our office submitted an application for the FY2022 NJDOT Safe Routes to School Grant program to support the installation of flashing speed limit beacons along Stone Road and Broadway, near the Borough Elementary School. We will apprise the Governing Body of any updates we receive with regard to the status of the application.

5. Master Plan Re-Examination

ERI recently completed a routine Master Plan Re-Examination report for the Borough. The report makes several recommendations regarding revisions to the plan and Borough ordinances. We will continue to work with the Ordinance Review Committee, Council and the Joint Land Use Board to implement some the desired changes going forward.

OTHER PROJECTS

6. 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.

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Borough Engineer Hanson reviewed the report saying the road contracts have been forwarded to the Borough for signature, and at some point the preconstruction meeting will be scheduled. Mr. Hanson reviewed the FY 2022 Municipal Aid Program Award Letter. ERI will be getting a proposal together for the design of this road program for There was conversation about the combined 2019 and 2020 road program and which street they include, to which it was clarified that is was Sycamore, Glen, West Atlantic, Madison and Hemlock.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Work Session Meeting of October 18, 2021 - The motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilman Cruz, with Cruz, DiMarco, Riondino, DelPidio and Redstreak in favor, no abstentions.

ORDINANCES

- **Second Reading**
 - Ordinance #861-2021- Amending and Supplementing Chapter 19 of the Code of the Borough of Laurel Springs Entitled, "Fire Department"
 - 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. Hearing none, the meeting was closed to the public.
 - Motion to Adopt – by Councilman Redstreak was seconded Councilman Cruz, with Cruz, DiMarco, Riondino, DelPidio and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.

RESOLUTIONS

- #091-2021 - ACCEPTING QUOTE OF RODIER EBERSBERGER ARCHITECTS, LLC FOR ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES FOR EMERGENCY GENERATOR INSTALLATION
 - WHEREAS, on January 4, 2021 by virtue of Resolution #006-2021 Rodier Ebersberger, LLC were appointed Borough Architect; and
 - WHEREAS, Rodier Ebersberger were asked to submit a quote for Architectural Services for the installation of an Emergency Generator at the Cord Mansion; and
 - WHEREAS, funds are available to complete this project; and
 - WHEREAS, Rodier Ebersberger Architects, LLC, 946 South Main Street, Williamstown, NJ 08094 has provided a proposal herewith attached in the amount of \$7,200.00
 - 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 Mayor and Clerk to execute the agreement with Rodier Ebersberger Architects, LLC in the amount of \$7,200.00
- The motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilman Riondino, with Cruz, DiMarco, Riondino, DelPidio and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.
- Resolved to pay \$660,397.13 from Current Fund and \$261,912.64 from the Trust/Capital Accounts by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilman Cruz, with Cruz, DiMarco, Riondino, DelPidio and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.

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

- DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, BOARDS, SERVICES/PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL – Councilman Redstreak said that with regard to Public Works all is well with zero issues to report, as is the Sewer Utility with no issues reported in October. Ordinance Review met October 28th and it continuing to update ordinances with a lot of work to do on the White Horse Pike Redevelopment Plan plus others. He gave a reminder for the 2022 Lake Clean Up on April 23rd and WaltFEST May 21, 2022. The Trolley and Walt are booked. The Train Station was repaired and painted and looks good.
- DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – Councilman Cruz gave a Cord Mansion Update. Borough Staff are out of the trailer, which has been emptied and removed altogether. The storage units have been emptied out as well. The building is not open to the public because of the ongoing construction project and lack of employee window shields. The drop box has been relocated from the trailer area to the new building entrance. The cement walk to the trailer has been removed and the ground graded.
- DIRECTOR OF MUNICIPAL COURT – Councilwoman DiGregorio was absent.

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- DIRECTOR OF RECREATION – Councilman DelPidio said the Dickens Festival planning was all good, with discussion of decorating and Makers Market and storefronts activity.
- DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE – Councilman Riondino reviewed the CFO report for the month ending October 31, 2021.
- DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT- Councilwoman DiMarco said she has been promoting the Veterans Day Breakfast at Sterling and working on leaf season and the upcoming haybale round up. She is promoting the Dickens Winter Festival. There was discussion of the house decorating contest suggested by the Recreation Commission which will run from December 4th through December 20th. It will be commenced at the Tree Lighting Ceremony which will be at 7pm the night of the Festival. She has been communicating with folks from the Episcopal Church regarding question they have about community activities.
- DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY- POLICE AND FIRE- Chief Mazziotta reviewed the report for October. There was discussion of a boat on Arch and Summit which is in the road and should be moved and a portable basketball goal on Arch which should be moved.
- MAYOR'S REPORT – Mayor Barbera reviewed the results of the election and congratulated Councilman Redstreak and Councilwoman DiGregorio on reelection. He reported that 960 voters had voted in the election and reviewed the breakdown of the vote. He gave his report of activities since the meeting of October 18, 2021.

OLD BUSINESS - none

NEW BUSINESS/CORRESPONDENCE

- Everstream Solutions, LLC for Municipal Consent – the letter was reviewed and communication will be awaited.
- Sterling High School – Change of Meeting to Thursday, November 11, 2021 – the notice was noted.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC - none

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- *Tuesday, November 9th - Whitman Stafford Meeting @7pm @Farmhouse*
- *Thursday, November 11th – Veterans' Day – Borough Offices are closed.*
- *Wednesday, November 17th - School Board Meeting @7pm @Laurel Springs School*
- *Thursday, November 18th - Combined Land Use Board @7pm @Rec Center*
- *Monday, November 22nd – Work Session Meeting @ 7pm*

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

Respectfully submitted

Dawn T. Amadio, RMC, Municipal Clerk