

BOROUGH OF LAUREL SPRINGS
REGULAR MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL
MONDAY, May 9, 2022
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 11, 2022 and posting on Borough Website and bulletin board.

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

ENGINEER'S REPORT –

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. A preconstruction meeting was held between project stakeholders on January 19, 2022. We asked the contractor to submit a quote to install additional drainage inlets along West Atlantic Avenue to address the existing drainage issue downhill from the project adjacent to the railroad; and also to repave the parking spots along the driveway to the Cord Mansion. The contractor is scheduled to begin construction of the project on or about May 16, 2022. It is anticipated that the project will be complete in late July or early August 2022.

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 bids will be advertised within the coming weeks, allowing for a construction start in late summer 2022.

3. NJDOT FY2022 Local Aid Grant Application

The Borough recently received confirmation of the award of a NJDOT FY2022 Local Aid Grant for the reconstruction of Poplar Avenue (Lindsay Avenue to West Elma Avenue) and Washington Avenue (Central Avenue to Chestnut Avenue) in the amount of \$167,769.00. In the near future, ERI will provide a proposal for the requisite engineering design and CMCI services for the Governing Body's consideration.

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.

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There was discussion of a stop sign request and study performed on Central and Fairmount avenues. A traffic study was done, which indicated no speeding, so there was recommendation that no stop sign be installed. There was additional discussion of the report which was reviewed. The highest speed recorded during the day was thirty-four miles per hour and no higher speeds on the average. Councilman Riondino asked if it could be reviewed again in six months, which was agreed upon. There was description of how the study without display as well as the use of the speed display to mitigate speeding.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Work Session Meeting of April 25, 2022 - The motion to approve by Councilwoman DiMarco was seconded by Councilman Riondino, with DiMarco and Riondino in favor, none opposed, DiGregorio and Redstreak abstaining.

ORDINANCES – Second Reading by Title

- **#866-2022 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 178 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF LAUREL SPRINGS ENTITLED “NUISANCES”**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF LAUREL SPRINGS,
COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AS FOLLOWS:**

SECTION 1. Chapter 178, Section 2, of the Code of the Borough of Laurel Springs is amended by deleting Subsection (11).

SECTION 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances which are inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are, to the extent of such inconsistencies, hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall take effect upon final passage, adoption, and publication in the manner prescribed by law.

- First Reading – Mayor Barbera read the ordinance by title.
- Motion to Introduce by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilwoman DiMarco, with DiMarco, DiGregorio, Riondino, and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.
- Second Hearing – Public Hearing and Adoption to be held on Monday, June 13, 2022, 7 pm, Laurel Springs Recreation Center, 820 Grand Avenue, Laurel Springs, NJ 08021

RESOLUTIONS

- **#046-2022 – RENEWAL OF MERCANTILE LICENSE – BOMBAY BAZAAR**

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”; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Mayor and Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs that the proper investigation has been made and the following applicants have 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 renewals of “MERCANTILE LICENSE” for:

- Bombay Bazaar " 415 White Horse Pike
- The motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak, was seconded by Councilman Riondino, with Riondino, DiMarco, DiGregorio, and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.

- **#047-2022 – REFUND OF FEES**

WHEREAS, two payments of \$50.00 each were made for Zoning Permit and Certificate of Occupancy with regard to a potential New Mercantile License; and

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WHEREAS, the proposed site did not meet the State requirements for a licensed Day Care; and
WHEREAS, the applicant has respectfully requested a refund of submitted fees;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and council of the Borough of Laurel Springs, County of Camden, State of New Jersey that the refund is approved

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
DaJuan Mickle	403 Walnut Avenue	\$100.00

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

• **#048-2022 - AUTHORIZING SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH BERLIN BOROUGH FOR CONSTRUCTION OFFICE SERVICES**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Laurel Springs (Laurel Springs) wishes to enter into a Shared Services Agreement ("Agreement") with the Borough of Berlin (Berlin Borough) to share services and reduce costs by working together to provide Construction Office services for the Borough of Berlin; and

WHEREAS, by entering into the Agreement, Laurel Springs and Berlin Borough agree that the shared service will benefit each respective entity; and

WHEREAS, Berlin Borough shall pay Laurel Springs for the provision of Construction Office Services as defined in the Agreement, attached hereto and made a part hereof; and

WHEREAS, the parties hereto are permitted in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:8A-1 et seq., the Interlocal Services Act ("Act"), to enter into an Agreement to provide jointly, or through each respective agency itself, such services authorized by the Act, including areas of general government administration;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs as follows:

1. The Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to execute a Shared Services Agreement by and between the Borough of Laurel Springs and the Borough of Berlin in a form to be attached hereto and made a part hereof;
 2. The Shared Services Agreement shall be placed on file in the office of the Laurel Springs Borough Clerk and made available for public inspection upon execution.
 3. The terms and provisions of the Shared Services Agreement shall take effect upon execution of the Agreement by all parties
- The motion to approve by Councilman Redstreake, was seconded by Councilwoman DiGregorio, with DiGregorio, DiMarco, Riondino, and Redstreake in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.
 - Resolved to pay \$585,743.86 from Current Fund and \$26,041.85 from the Trust/Capital Accounts. The motion by Councilman Redstreake, was seconded by Councilwoman DiMarco, with DiMarco, Riondino, DiGregorio, and Redstreake in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – All filed reports are available for review.

- **DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, BOARDS, SERVICES/PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL-** Councilman Redstreake said regarding Public Works all is going well. He commented on the Crystal Springs Event, with tanks to Public Works for keeping Crystal Springs up to par. The April 23rd event has a modest turn out, but the work over a dozen years plus Public Works' regular maintenance it is great teamwork. He thanked Cathy Sims for providing coffee, all the volunteers, Councilpersons DiMarco and DelPidio for their efforts, and as well as the Laurel Springs Fire Department who always show up. There were a few trees down, and they identified three more trees down, which they could not get out of the creek. They are looking at a grant for stormwater, and perhaps tree removal is something that

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they could add in the amount of about \$15,000 or \$20,000 for removal of those trees. The Borough Engineer is working on the Grant for dredging and hydro-raking. Maybe it can be submitted with Lindenwold. There was also discussion the grant and buffers and rip rap and outfalls. There was description of how it stops sediment and of the overall lake depth and water quality. Councilman Redstreak reported on the Sewer that there were no issues, and the invoice was available for review. He said there was an Ordinance Review meeting on April 20 with work on the White Horse Pike Redevelopment Plan. On May 21 will be WaltFEST and Laurel Springs Day.

- DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – Borough Administrator Cheeseman reported that regarding the Generator – the quotes all came in over the bid threshold so it will have to go out to bid.
- DIRECTOR OF MUNICIPAL COURT – Councilwoman DiGregorio reviewed the Municipal Court Report submitted for the month of March, 2022.
- DIRECTOR OF RECREATION – Councilman DelPidio was absent.
- DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE – Councilman Riondino reviewed the CFO's report for the month of April, 2022.
- DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT – Councilwoman DiMarco reported on past events that were posted such as the Special Yard Waste Pick Up on the 26th, 27th and 28th of April, and emphasis on the Rabies Clinic on April 30th especially as the January Clinic was cancelled due to bad weather. She explained that the Town Wide Yard Sale had been extended to May 14th due to bad weather on May 7th.
- DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY – POLICE AND FIRE – Sergeant Lickfield reviewed the Police Department Report for the month of April, 2022, and Chief Cheeseman gave the Fire Department Report for the month of April, 2022 and commented on a wet hoagie sale on May 7th.
- MAYOR'S REPORT – reviewed his activities from the time of the last Regular Meeting in April.

OLD BUSINESS - none

NEW BUSINESS/CORRESPONDENCE – none

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

- Ken Lippincott – 511 Park Avenue – said that all the Memorial Day wreaths are ordered. He has spoken to Councilwoman DiMarco about posting the Memorial Day Event, and that it will be 10 am on Memorial Day at the War Memorial.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Tuesday, May 17th Whitman Stafford Meeting @7pm @Farmhouse
- Wednesday, May 18th Board of Education @7pm @School
- Thursday, May 19th Land Use Board Meeting @7pm @Rec Center – no matters have been received.
- Saturday, May 21st – WaltFEST/Laurel Springs Day @11am – 3pm
- Monday, May 23rd – Work Session Meeting @7pm @Rec Center

ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business a motion was made by Councilman Redstreak to adjourn at 7:37 pm with all in favor and none opposed.

Respectfully submitted

Dawn T. Amadio, RMC, Municipal Clerk

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