

BOROUGH OF LAUREL SPRINGS
REGULAR MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL
MONDAY, December 12, 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: DiGregorio, Riondino, DelPidio and Redstreak; absent Cruz and DiMarco

ENGINEER'S REPORT

CAPITAL ITEMS

1. 2020 Road Improvement Program (NJDOT FY 2019 & FY2020 Local Aid Grant)

A preconstruction meeting was held between project stakeholders on January 19, 2022. The contractor started construction on June 6, 2022. The project is substantially complete with the installation of the decorative lighting along West Atlantic Avenue remaining to bring the project to full completion. Once the lights have been installed, we will process the final pay estimate and process the grant close out documentation.

2. 2021 Road Improvement Program (NJDOT FY2021 Local Aid Grant)

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. The Bid Documents were sent to NJDOT Local Aid for their review during the week of November 14, 2022. Once their comments are received, we will make final revisions and advertise the project for bid. Construction can be anticipated during the early spring months of 2023.

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. The Governing Body authorized ERI's proposal dated July 11, 2022, for the requisite engineering design and CMCI services at the August 8, 2022 meeting. We anticipate completing the field topographic survey within the near future. It is anticipated that the project design will be completed to allow for a Spring 2023 construction start timeline.

4. NJDOT FY2023 Local Aid Grant Application

Only June 28 our office submitted a FY2023 Local Aid Application for the reconstruction of Lakeview Avenue between Walnut Avenue and Glen Avenue. We will keep the Governing Body apprised as to the status of the application as we received any information.

5. 2022 NJDEP Lake Management Grant Application

Our office submitted an application for the hydro-raking and fallen tree removal at Laurel Lake on May 28, 2022. Also included was the construction of erosion control measures at the outfalls discharging stormwater from Walnut Avenue, Park Avenue, Glen Avenue and West Stafford Avenue.

We received correspondence from NJDEP that the project was not selected for funding in the 2022 cycle. The grant program / project can be revisited for the 2023 grant cycle if it is the pleasure of the Governing Body.

It was mentioned that there was very little change in the Engineers Report from last month.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Work Session Meeting of November 28, 2022 - The motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak, was seconded by Councilman Riondino, with Riondino and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and DiGregorio and DelPidio abstaining.

RESOLUTIONS

- **#090-2022-APPROVING BUDGET TRANSFER #2**

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 **2022 Budget Transfers (#2)** be approved:

GENERAL FUND

<u>Account #</u>		<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
1-20-120-103	Municipal Clerk - SW		\$1,000.00
1-20-120-207	Municipal Clerk - OE	\$1,000.00	
1-20-130-103	Finance Department - SW		1,000.00
1-20-155-205	Legal Services - OE	1,000.00	
1-20-165-205	Engineering Services - OE	500.00	
1-20-170-205	Economic Development - OE		500.00
1-25-240-103	Police Department - SW		2,000.00
1-25-240-209	Police Department - OE	2,000.00	
1-25-265-301	Fire Hydrant Service - OE		1,500.00
1-26-310-101	Buildings & Grounds - SW	1,500.00	
1-26-310-207	Buildings & Grounds - OE	1,500.00	
1-26-315-203	Vehicle Maintenance - OE		1,500.00
1-27-350-101	Board of Health - SW		500.00
1-28-370-102	Parks Commission - SW		500.00
1-31-430-201	Electricity - OE		1,000.00
1-31-430-204	Telephone - OE		1,000.00
1-31-430-206	Other Telecommunications - OE		1,000.00
1-32-465-208	Solid Waste Disposaal - OE	4,000.00	
TOTAL GENERAL FUND		\$11,500.00	\$11,500.00

- The motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilman DelPidio, with DiGregorio, Riondino, DelPidio and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.
- Resolved to pay \$540,979.52 from Current Fund and \$24,657.00 from the Trust/Capital Accounts. The motion by Councilman Redstreak, was seconded by Councilman DelPidio, with DiGregorio, Riondino, DelPidio, and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.

COMMITTEE REPORTS -

- **DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, BOARDS, SERVICES/PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL-** Councilman Redstreak said that all was well with Public Works and thanked them for all the help with the Tree Lighting set up, saying it was a great event except for the rain. Both the Public Works and the Police Department did a good job. Regarding Sewer, Lindenwold's invoicing is running behind our meeting date, so he had October's report to be reviewed, with nothing major to report. For the Board, there was no Ordinance Review in November, and Planning and Zoning will have a Redevelopment Public Hearing on Thursday, and then the matter will be brought back to the Governing Body for approval.
- **DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS & GROUNDS -** Councilman Cruz was absent.
- **DIRECTOR OF MUNICIPAL COURT -** Councilwoman DiGregorio had no report.
- **DIRECTOR OF RECREATION -** Councilman DelPidio said he spoke to the Vegan Committee about their signage. The Senior Committee is having trouble getting people in for the event. Haley DiMuzio is joining the Miss Laurel Springs Committee. He thanked Police and Public Works for their help with the Tree

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Lighting. He had a lot more help from volunteers this year. The new choral group was very good, and the event overall was good.

- DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE – Councilman Riondino had no report.
- DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT – Councilwoman DiMarco was absent.
- DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY – POLICE AND FIRE – Chief Mazziotta reviewed the Police Report and Beech Avenue Report for the month of November, 2022. The only incident on Beech Avenue was someone locking their keys in their car. Chief Cheeseman gave the Fire Department and Magnolia Ambulance Report for October 2022. He commented that EMS is a frequent conversation that staffing continues to be an issue with other ambulances. Magnolia Ambulance is currently handling from Lawnside down to Laurel Springs, temporarily handling Stratford, as their ambulance has ceased operations.
- MAYOR'S REPORT – Mayor Barbera offered his report on his activities since the time of the last Regular Meeting highlighting some interest in Cannabis dispensary. He announced the passing of former Chief Larson and gave the funeral arrangements.

OLD BUSINESS - none

NEW BUSINESS/CORRESPONDENCE - none

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC - none

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Saturday, December 3rd Winter Festival Downtown @6-9pm; Tree Lighting @Cord Mansion @7pm
- Wednesday, December 7th - Recreation Commission @7pm @Rec Center
- Monday, December 12th - Regular Council Meeting @ 7pm @Rec Center

ADJOURNMENT –There being no further business a motion was made by Councilman Redstreak, which was seconded by Councilwoman DiMarco to adjourn at 7:21 pm with all in favor and none opposed.

Respectfully submitted

Dawn T. Amadio, RMC, Municipal Clerk