

BOROUGH OF LAUREL SPRINGS
REGULAR MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL
MONDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2023
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 10, 2023 and posting on Borough Website and bulletin board.

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

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. The conduit and appurtenances for the lights have been installed and a work order with Atlantic City Electric was submitted by the Contractor to have the poles / lights installed in July. 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. A preconstruction meeting between our office, the Contractor, Borough officials and a representative of NJDOT Local Aid was held on July 18, 2023. Construction started during the Week of August 21, 2023 and final paving was completed by the Contractor on September 6, 2023. Our office prepared Pay Estimate #1 for the Governing Body's consideration under cover letter dated September 27, 2023.

Minor punch list items are all that remain to bring the project to completion. Once these items have been satisfactorily addressed, we will process the final payment and change order and also process the appropriate NJDOT documentation for the Borough to receive the balance of the grant funds.

3. NJDOT FY2022 Local Aid Grant Application

The Borough received 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. Bids were received and opened on September 6, 2023 at 2:00 P.M. The results of the bid were reviewed by the Borough CFO and Solicitor. It was determined that funding is in place to allow for the award of Alternate Bid #1 (Washington Avenue) and that the apparent low bidder's submittal was satisfactory. Therefore, our office provided a bid award recommendation under cover of letter dated October 5, 2023 recommending that award of Base Bid plus Alternate Bid #1 in the total amount of \$195,246.00 be awarded to the low bidder, Think Pavers.

4. NJDOT FY2023 Local Aid Grant Application

The Borough received correspondence from NJDOT dated November 23, 2022 that a grant in the amount of \$197,050.00 has been awarded for the reconstruction of Lakeview Avenue between Walnut Avenue and Glen Avenue. ERI will prepare and submit a proposal for engineering design and construction management / construction inspection (CMCI) services for the Governing Body's consideration in the near future so that design work on the project can proceed as soon as possible.

5. NJDOT FY 2024 Safe Streets to Transit Application

During the Week of June 26, 2023 our office submitted an application to NJDOT for the installation of flashing speed beacons along Stone Road, East Atlantic Avenue and Broadway. We will apprise the Governing Body of any updated information with regard to the status of the application as it become available.

6. NJDOT FY 2024 Local Aid Grant Application

During the Week of June 26, 2023 our office submitted an application to NJDOT for the reconstruction of South Avenue (White Horse Pike to Stone Road) and West Atlantic Avenue (Lindsay Avenue to Lindenwold Borough Line). We will apprise the Governing Body of any updated information with regard to the status of the application as it become available.

7. 2023 NJDEP Tier A Stormwater Grant

The Borough recently received correspondence that the previously submitted NJDEP Existing Tier A NJDEP Stormwater Grant application was approved. The Borough was awarded \$25,000, which can be used to help achieve compliance with some of the new and modified requirements of the recently renewed Tier A MS4 Permit, such as street sweeping, mapping of stormwater infrastructure, etc.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Work Session Meeting of September 25, 2023 - The motion to approve by Redstreak, was seconded by DiMarco, with DiMarco, DelPidio and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and Cruz abstaining.

ORDINANCES

- **#878-2023-AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 169 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF LAUREL SPRINGS ENTITLED, "MERCANTILE LICENSING"**
 1. First Reading by Title – Mayor Barbera read the Ordinance by Title.
 2. Motion to Introduce – The motion by Redstreak was seconded by Cruz with Cruz, DiMarco, DelPidio and Redstreak
 3. Second Reading, Public Hearing and Adoption is scheduled for Monday, November 13, 2023, 7 pm in the Jack H. Hagen Recreation Center, 820 Grand Avenue, Laurel Springs, NJ 08021.

RESOLUTIONS

- **#076-2023 - REGARDING THE ANNUAL AUDIT**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-4 requires the governing body of every local unit to have made an annual audit of its books, accounts and financial transactions; and

WHEREAS, the Annual Report of Audit for the year 2022 has been filed by a Registered Municipal Accountant with the Borough of Laurel Springs pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:5-6 and a copy has been received by each member of the governing body; and

WHEREAS, R.S. 52:27BB-34 authorizes the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey to prescribe reports pertaining to the local fiscal affairs; and

WHEREAS, the Local Finance Board has promulgated N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5, a regulation requiring that the governing body of each municipality shall by resolution, certify to the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey that all members of the governing body have reviewed, as a minimum, the sections of the annual audit entitled "Findings and Questioned costs: or Findings and Recommendations; and

WHEREAS, the members of the governing body have personally reviewed as a minimum the Annual Report of Audit, and specifically the sections of the Annual Audit entitled "Findings and Questioned Costs" or "Findings and Recommendations; as evidenced by the group affidavit form of the governing body attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, such resolution of certification shall be adopted by the governing body no later than forty-five days after the receipt of the annual audit, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5; and

WHEREAS, all members of the governing body have received and have familiarized themselves with, at least, the minimum requirements of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey, as stated aforesaid and have subscribed to the affidavit, as provided by the Local Finance Board; and

WHEREAS, failure to comply with the regulations of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey may subject the members of the governing body to the penalty provisions of R.S. 52:27BB-52 – to wit:

R.S. 52:27BB-52 – A local officer or member of local governing body who, after a date fixed for compliance, fails or refuses to obey an order of the director (Director of Local Government Services), under the provisions of this Article, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, may be fined not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or imprisoned for not more than one year, or both, in addition shall forfeit his/her office."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs in the County of Camden and State of New Jersey has complied with N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5 and does hereby submit a certified copy of this resolution and the required affidavit to said Board to show evidence of said compliance.

- The motion to approve by Redstreak was seconded by Cruz with Cruz, DiMarco, DelPidio and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.
- **#077-2023 - REAFFIRMING THE BOROUGH OF LAUREL SPRINGS' CIVIL RIGHTS POLICY WITH RESPECT TO ALL OFFICIALS, APPOINTEES, EMPLOYEES, PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEES, VOLUNTEERS, INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS, AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT COME INTO CONTACT WITH MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES, OFFICIALS AND VOLUNTEERS**

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WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Borough of Laurel Springs to treat the public, employees, prospective employees, appointees, volunteers and contractors in a manner consistent with all applicable civil rights laws and regulations including, but not limited to the Federal Civil Rights Act of 1964 as subsequently amended, the New Jersey Law Against Discrimination, the Americans With Disabilities Act and the Conscientious Employee Protection Act, and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Laurel Springs has determined that certain procedures need to be established to accomplish this policy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ADOPTED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Laurel Springs that:

SECTION 1. No official, employee, appointee or volunteer of the Borough of Laurel Springs by whatever title known, or any entity that is in any way a part of the Borough of Laurel Springs shall engage, either directly or indirectly in any act including the failure to act that constitutes discrimination, harassment or a violation of any person's constitutional rights while such official, employee, appointee volunteer, or entity is engaged in or acting on behalf of the Borough of Laurel Springs' business or using the facilities or property of the Borough of Laurel Springs.

SECTION 2. The prohibitions and requirements of this resolution shall extend to any person or entity, including but not limited to any volunteer organization or inter-local organization, whether structured as a governmental entity or a private entity, that receives authorization or support in any way from the Borough of Laurel Springs to provide services that otherwise could be performed by the Borough of Laurel Springs.

SECTION 3. Discrimination, harassment and civil rights shall be defined for purposes of this resolution using the latest definitions contained in the applicable Federal and State laws concerning discrimination, harassment and civil rights.

SECTION 4. The Clerk shall establish written procedures for any person to report alleged discrimination, harassment and violations of civil rights prohibited by this resolution. Such procedures shall include alternate ways to report a complaint so that the person making the complaint need not communicate with the alleged violator in the event the alleged violator would be the normal contact for such complaints.

SECTION 5. No person shall retaliate against any person who reports any alleged discrimination, harassment or violation of civil rights, provided however, that any person who reports alleged violations in bad faith shall be subject to appropriate discipline.

SECTION 6. The Clerk shall establish written procedures that require all officials, employees, appointees and volunteers of the Borough of Laurel Springs as well as all other entities subject to this resolution to periodically complete training concerning their duties, responsibilities and rights pursuant to this resolution.

SECTION 7. The Clerk shall establish a system to monitor compliance and shall report at least annually to the Governing Body the results of the monitoring.

SECTION 8. At least annually, the Clerk shall cause a summary of this resolution and the procedures established pursuant to this resolution to be communicated within the Borough of Laurel Springs. This communication shall include a statement from the Governing Body expressing its unequivocal commitment to enforce this resolution. This summary shall also be posted on the Borough of Laurel Springs' website.

SECTION 9. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

SECTION 10. A copy of this resolution shall be published in the official newspaper of the Borough of Laurel Springs in order for the public to be made aware of this policy and the Borough of Laurel Springs' commitment to the implementation and enforcement of this policy.

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

• **#078-2023 - ADOPTING PERSONNEL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Borough of Laurel Springs to treat employees and prospective employees in a manner consistent with all applicable employment laws and regulations including, but not limited to Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended by the Equal Opportunity Act of 1972, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, the Equal Pay for Equal Work Act, the Fair Labor Standards Act, the New Jersey Law Against Discrimination, the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Family and Medical Leave Act, the Conscientious Employee Protection Act, the Public Employee Occupational Safety and Health Act, the New Jersey Attorney General's guidelines with respect to Police Department personnel matters, the New Jersey Workers Compensation Act, the Federal Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (COBRA) and the Open Public Meeting Act; and

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WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs has determined that there is a need for personnel policies and procedures to ensure that employees and prospective employees are treated in a manner consistent with these laws and regulations.

NOW, THEREBY, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs that the Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual, Employee Handbook and Volunteer Handbook attached hereto are hereby adopted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these personnel policies and procedures shall apply to all Borough officials, appointees, employees, volunteers and independent contractors. In the event there is a conflict between these rules and any collective bargaining agreement, personnel services contract or Federal or State law, the terms and conditions of that contract or law shall prevail. In all other cases, these policies and procedures shall prevail.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this manual is intended to provide guidelines covering public service by Borough employees and is not a contract. The provisions of this manual may be amended and supplemented from time to time without notice and at the sole discretion of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that to the maximum extent permitted by law, employment practices for the Borough shall operate under the legal doctrine known as "employment at will."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Administrator and all managerial/supervisory personnel are responsible for these employment practices, and the Borough Attorney shall advise the Borough Administrator and all managerial/supervisory personnel in the implementation of the policies and procedures in this manual.

- The motion to approve by Redstreak was seconded by Cruz with Cruz, DiMarco, DelPidio and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.
- **#079-2023 - NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION - BUREAU OF LOCAL AID - RECOMMENDATION OF AWARD STATE AID PROJECT**

WHEREAS the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available in the amount of \$195,246.00 for this project."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough of Laurel Springs hereby recommends to the New Jersey Department of Transportation that the contract for

RECONSTRUCTION OF POPLAR & WASHINGTON AVENUE

in the Borough of Laurel Springs, County of Camden be awarded to Think Pavers, 12 Kings Highway, Mount Royal, 08061 whose **Base Bid plus Alternate Bid 1 amounted to \$195,246.00** subject to the approval of the Department. That the presiding officer of this body be and is hereby directed to sign for and on its behalf the contract in the prescribed form for said construction.

That the clerk of this body be and is hereby directed to seal said contract with the corporate seal of this body and to attest to the same.
- The motion to approve by Redstreak was seconded by Cruz with Cruz, DiMarco, DelPidio and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.
- **#080-2023 - RESOLUTION APPOINTING ACTING CONSTRUCTION CODE OFFICIAL AND ACTING BUILDING SUB CODE OFFICIALS**

WHEREAS, in correspondence dated September 19, 2023, the Township of Voorhees notified the Borough of Laurel Springs that it would be discontinuing the shared service involving their Construction Office/Construction Official and the Borough of Laurel Springs; and

WHEREAS, a municipality shall appoint an acting construction official or subcode official any time the absence of such official would impede orderly administration of the Uniform Construction Code and other duties mandated by the municipality; acting appointments shall be accomplished by any mechanism acceptable to the municipality; providing, however, that a written record shall be kept, and notice to the NJDCA shall be provided within seven days any time an appointment is made for more than 30 days; and

WHEREAS, acting appointments may not be made for longer than 60 days, nor may they be extended or renewed beyond 60 days unless specific authority to do so is granted in writing by the Department; and

WHEREAS, licensed construction officials and subcode official, Colin Mahon and John Galvin have previously performed these services for the Borough.

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NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Colin Mahon, DCA license #010485, is hereby appointed Acting Construction Code Official, Building sub-code official, Plumbing inspector and Fire Protection Inspector; Peter Carbone, DCA license #007927, is hereby appointed Acting Plumbing Sub-code official and Fire Protection Sub-code official; and John Galvin, DCA license #010427, is appointed Acting Electrical Sub-Code Official and electrical inspector effective October 16, 2023 through December 15, 2023.

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

- **#081-2023 - AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF FY24 MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE GRANT**

WHEREAS, the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse (GCADA) established the Municipal Alliances for the Prevention of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse in 1989 to educate and engage residents, local government and law enforcement officials, schools, nonprofit organizations, the faith community, parents, youth and other allies in efforts to prevent alcoholism and drug abuse in communities throughout New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, The Laurel Springs Borough Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs, County of Camden, State of New Jersey recognizes that the abuse of alcohol and drugs is a serious problem in our society amongst persons of all ages; and therefore, has an established Municipal Alliance Committee; and,

WHEREAS, the Laurel Springs Borough Council further recognizes that it is incumbent upon not only public officials but upon the entire community to take action to prevent such abuses in our community; and,

WHEREAS, the Laurel Springs Borough Council has applied for FY24 funding through the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse through the County of Camden;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough of Laurel Springs, County of Camden, State of New Jersey hereby recognizes the following:

1. The Laurel Springs Borough Council does hereby authorize submission of a strategic plan for the Municipal Alliance grant for fiscal year FY24, in the amount of :
 - a. DEDR \$13,390.00
 - b. Cash Match 3,347.50
 - c. In-Kind \$10,042.50
2. The Laurel Springs Borough Council acknowledges the terms and conditions for administering the Municipal Alliance grant, including the administrative compliance and audit requirements.

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

- **#082-2023 - TO WAIVE OR REDUCE FEES FOR THE JACK H. HAGEN RECREATION COMPLEX**

WHEREAS, there are fees required for the rental of the Jack H. Hagen Recreation Center and adjacent fields in the Borough of Laurel Springs, NJ; and

WHEREAS, in certain instances, these fees are reduced or waived;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs that the fees for rental of the Jack H. Hagen Recreation Center be waived:

Laurel Springs School HSC fund raiser on November 14, 2023

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

- **#083-2023 - APPOINTING CONDITIONAL REDEVELOPER AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

WHEREAS, the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1, et seq., as amended and supplemented (the "Redevelopment Law"), provides a process for municipalities to participate in the redevelopment and improvement of areas in need of rehabilitation and/or redevelopment; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq. and Ordinance No. 663-2005, the Borough Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs (the "Council") designated all lots of Blocks 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 & 8 within the Borough as a Redevelopment Area, and additionally, adopted a Redevelopment Plan for the improvement and rehabilitation of the Redevelopment Area entitled the "Determination of Needs Study and

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Redevelopment Plan – Downtown Area, Laurel Springs, NJ” prepared by Edward E. Fox III, AICP/NJPP, Director of Smart Growth, Camden County Improvement Authority (the “Redevelopment Plan”); and

WHEREAS, the Redevelopment Plan was revised by Ordinance No. 675-2006, which also amended Ordinance No. 663-2005 to designate additional properties within the Borough as a Redevelopment Area, including Block 41, Lot 15, also known as 915 Stone Road (the “Property”); and

WHEREAS, the Borough has been in discussion with David Berger (the “Conditional Redeveloper”) regarding rehabilitation and redevelopment of the Property; and

WHEREAS, the Borough and Conditional Redeveloper desire that the Property be rehabilitated and redeveloped in accordance with the Redevelopment Plan and any amendments thereto; and

WHEREAS, the Redevelopment Law provides a process for redevelopment entities to enter into agreements with redevelopers to carry out and effectuate the terms of a redevelopment plan; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-8(f), authorizes the Borough to arrange or contract with a redeveloper for the planning, construction or undertaking of any project or redevelopment work in an area designated as an area in need of redevelopment or rehabilitation; and

WHEREAS, the Borough and Conditional Redeveloper have engaged in preliminary negotiations and the Borough Council has determined that it is in the best interest of the Borough to enter into additional negotiations with Conditional Redeveloper, and therefore to enter into this MOU, for the rehabilitation and redevelopment of the Property (the “Project” or “Project Improvements”); and

WHEREAS, in order to stimulate and encourage economic development of the Borough, the Borough and Conditional Redeveloper intend to enter into a Redevelopment Agreement for the Property; and

WHEREAS, in such event, the Borough desires to designate as Conditional Redeveloper in order to negotiate with Conditional Redeveloper for a period of one hundred and eighty (180) days in an effort to agree upon a Redevelopment Agreement for the rehabilitation and redevelopment of the Property; and

WHEREAS, the Borough and Conditional Redeveloper desire to memorialize, in writing, their agreement under a non-binding Memorandum of Understanding that evidences the Parties’ statement of intent.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs, County of Camden, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The aforementioned recitals are incorporated herein as though fully set forth at length.
 2. That David Berger is hereby designated as “Conditional Redeveloper” for the Property and the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to execute a Memorandum of Understanding between the Borough and Conditional Redeveloper evidencing the Parties’ agreement to conduct exclusive negotiations toward the formulation of a Redevelopment Agreement for the rehabilitation and redevelopment of the Property.
 3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.
- The motion to approve by Redstreak was seconded by Cruz with Cruz, DiMarco, DelPidio and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.
 - Resolved to pay \$676,740.85 from Current Fund and \$48,386.52 from the Trust/Capital Accounts.
 - The motion to approve by Redstreak was seconded by Cruz, with Cruz, DiGregorio, DiMarco, DelPidio and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.

COMMITTEE REPORTS –

- DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, BOARDS, SERVICES/PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL-Redstreak said that all was well with Public Works. They had delivery of the preowned trash packer, with the title and registration processed shortly. He thanked Public Works for planting ten bush replacements for those which were dead at the War Memorial and thanks to Richard Zimmermann for donating them. He said all was well with Sewer, with no call outs for the month. Ordinance Review did meet but he was not present. There was a tree dedication on October 12th to honor Fred Lynch and a memorial for Pastor Dave Meldrum. He thanked Public Works for planting and Richard Zimmermann for donating the trees. Lee Wooster officiated the ceremony and it was a nice night.
- DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – Cruz said that there was finalization on the generator gas line installation, with the meter still being awaited.
- DIRECTOR OF MUNICIPAL COURT – DiGregorio was absent.

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- DIRECTOR OF RECREATION – DelPidio said that on Wednesday, October 11th was the Laurel Springs Market Night which was success. The horse carriage company was booked with no price increases.
- DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE – Riondino was absent.
- DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT – DiMarco listed the postings she shared which included Camden County History Month, Beautification calendar form, meeting dates, Town Wide Yard Sale, both original and rain date, 2024 Christmas ornament, Fire Prevention month, Senior Chair aerobics, Market Night on 10/11, which had a huge turnout, Sterling Trunk or treat, HSC events, clothing drive, Banana Company fundraiser and pumpkin painting craft night.
- DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY – POLICE AND FIRE – Chief Mazziotta presented and reviewed the Police Report for September, 2023. Mayor Barbera questioned the number of recent accidents, to which Chief Mazziotta said they were in September. Chief Cheeseman reviewed the Fire Department Report for the month of August. There was question about a burglary with no arrest and investigation ongoing. Mr. Kane gave the Fire Report as Chief Cheeseman was not present.
- MAYOR'S REPORT – . Mayor Barbera gave the Mayor's Report from the time of the last Regular Meeting.

OLD BUSINESS - none

NEW BUSINESS/CORRESPONDENCE –

- From NJDOT regarding Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Deployment along NJ Fuel Corridor – this matter was discussed under Redstreak Committee Report, but he reiterated that he reviewed the website and printed out the material regarding charging station at certain New Jersey locations. There was discussion that they are being placed along interstate highways, not county roads and they must build the infrastructure first and there is not enough grant money for a small town to undertake this. There was discussion of vehicles saying we only qualify for a low-speed vehicle and reiterated that the infrastructure is not equipped to handle the situation.
- Trash Collection issues
 - Safety issue on Sycamore Court – street parking preventing Trash/Fire Truck access – this is a cul-de-sac with on street parking which presents a problem turning around causing problems, with a need to adjust parking regulations on Sycamore Court.
 - Christmas and New Year holidays fall on Monday, therefore, collection on Saturday was reviewed by Council.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC - none

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Tuesday, October 17th Camden County History Open House @7pm @Farmhouse
- Wednesday, October 18th School Board Meeting @7pm @Laurel Springs School
- Thursday, October 19th Land Use Board Meeting @7pm @Rec Center
- Saturday, October 21st Camden County History Visit with Whitman-11am-2pm @Farmhouse
- Monday, October 23rd Beautification Committee Meeting @6pm @Rec Center
- Saturday, October 28th LSFD Halloween Parade @12 noon @Schoolyard
- Sunday, October 29th through Tuesday, October 31st @8pm curfew for juveniles
- Tuesday, October 31st Trick or Treat 3 – 8 pm
- Wednesday, November 1st Recreation Commission Meeting @7pm @Rec Center
- Sunday, November 5th Daylight Savings Time ends
- Tuesday, November 7th General Election @6am – 8 pm @Rec Center
- Monday, November 13th Regular Meeting @7pm @Rec Center

ADJOURNMENT –There being no further business a motion was made by DelPidio to adjourn at 7:35 pm with all in favor and none opposed.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn T. Amadio, RMC, Municipal Clerk