

BOROUGH OF LAUREL SPRINGS
REGULAR MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL
MONDAY, AUGUST 12, 2019
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 8, 2019 and posting on the Borough Website and bulletin board in the Borough Hall.

ROLL CALL recorded as present: Letts, Mochel, DiGregorio, DelPidio and Redstreak with Cruz absent.

ENGINEER REPORT-

CAPITAL ITEMS

1. **NJDOT Local Aid Grant Applications – FY2018**

The Borough was awarded a Municipal Aid Grant in the amount of \$195,000.00 for the Reconstruction of Arch Avenue. Construction was substantially completed during July and just punch list items remain to complete the project. Our office has prepared Pay Estimate #1 and Change Order #1 for consideration from the Governing Body. The change order is a result of the addition of paving, handicapped ramps and associated items within the intersections of Hemlock and Madison Avenues with Arch Avenue that were outside of the original scope of work. The change order results in a 19 percent increase to the original contract price.

2. **NJDOT Local Aid Grant Applications – FY2019**

The Borough received a letter, dated March 25, 2019, indicating that the Borough has received a FY2019 Local Aid Grant in the amount of \$222,000 for the 2019 Road Improvement Program. The roads included for the project are West Atlantic Avenue (Tomlinson Avenue to Lindsay Avenue), Sycamore Avenue (Park Avenue to Beech Avenue); and Glen Avenue (Sycamore Avenue to end). In the near future our office will submit a proposal for engineering design and construction management services for the project for the Governing Body's consideration.

3. **NJDOT Local Aid Grant Applications – FY2020**

NJDOT FY2020 Municipal Aid Applications were submitted for three roadways during July 2019 - Hemlock Avenue (between White Horse Pike and Stone Road), Madison Avenue (between White Horse Pike and Stone Road); and Trenton Avenue (between East Atlantic Avenue and

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Chestnut Avenue). We will apprise the Borough of any news we receive with regard to the status of the applications.

OTHER PROJECTS

4. **Laurel Whitman Urban Renewal (Former Municipal Building Redevelopment Site)**

A preconstruction meeting was held between the developer, our office and the Borough Administrator on November 21, 2018. The developer has applied for and received all permits and has posted the required escrow. Final Plans for appropriate signatures have been submitted. The developer started work at the site in December. ERI is providing construction inspections of the work as necessary.

5. **Stone Road Rehabilitation Plan**

Borough Council adopted the Stone Road Rehabilitation Plan at their March 26, 2018 meeting.

6. **New Jersey American Water Remediation Project - Grand Avenue**

New Jersey American Water is still in the process of finalizing environmental remediation work along Grand Avenue. The work is occurring directly in front of the Jack Hagen Recreation Center. Grand Avenue has been excavated to a depth of approximately 18 inches and a sanitary sewer main tie-in for their facility located across the street from the recreation center was also performed. The roadway will be continue to open in both directions during construction. We received correspondence from NJAW last week indicating that they are still waiting for the groundwater in the area to decrease so that final paving can be completed and that they will be filing an extension to their road opening permit through the end of October.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES –

- Work Session Meeting of Monday, July 8, 2019- The motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilwoman Mochel, with Letts, DiGregorio, DelPidio, Mochel and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and none abstaining.

APPOINTMENTS

- Stephanie Astor as Senior Member of the Fire Department.
- The motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilwoman Mochel, with Letts, DiGregorio, DelPidio, Mochel and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and none abstaining.

ORDINANCES – First Reading and Introduction

- **#835-2019-AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 258 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF LAUREL SPRINGS ENTITLED “TREES”**

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- The motion to introduce by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilwoman Mochel, with Letts, DiGregorio, DelPidio, Mochel and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.
- The Second Reading, Public Hearing and Adoption are scheduled for Monday, September 9th, 2019 at 7 pm in the Laurel Springs Recreation Center, 820 Grand Avenue, Laurel Springs NJ 08021.
- **#836-2019- AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 270 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF LAUREL SPRINGS ENTITLED "ZONING"**
 - The motion to introduce by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilwoman Mochel, with Letts, DiGregorio, DelPidio, Mochel and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.
 - The Second Reading, Public Hearing and Adoption are scheduled for Monday, September 9th, 2019 at 7 pm in the Laurel Springs Recreation Center, 820 Grand Avenue, Laurel Springs NJ 08021.

RESOLUTIONS

- **#070-2019- APPROVING RETIREMENT AGREEMENT WITH LAUREL SPRINGS POLICE CHIEF CARMEN RABOTTINO**

WHEREAS, the contract between Laurel Springs Police Chief Carmen Rabottino and the Borough of Laurel Springs will expire on December 31, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Chief Rabottino, has reached the point in his extensive law enforcement career where he can retire from duty as a public servant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs, County of Camden, State of New Jersey that a Retirement Agreement between Police Chief Carmen Rabottino and the Borough of Laurel Springs be approved effective July 22, 2019.
- The motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilwoman Mochel, with Letts, DiGregorio, DelPidio, Mochel and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and none abstaining.
- Chief Rabottino said it has been his pleasure to work in the Borough of Laurel Springs. He thanked Council saying it is no often that you have a Council that serves the community the way this one does. He thanked the Borough staff saying he was happy to have been a Springer having spent more time in Laurel Springs than in any other town.
- **#071-2019-APPOINTING FRANCO LOMBARDI AS A YEAR ONE FULL-TIME PATROLMAN**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Laurel Springs requires a full time police officer for the Laurel Springs Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Franco Lombardi has been approved by Chief Carmen Rabottino for this position;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Mayor and Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs, County of Camden, State of New Jersey do hereby appoint Franco Lombardi as a Year-One, Full-Time Patrolman for the Laurel Springs Police Department effective August 5th, 2019.
- The motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilwoman Mochel, with Letts, DiGregorio, DelPidio, Mochel and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and none abstaining.
- **#072-2019- AUTHORIZING THE RENEWAL OF PLENARY RETAIL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONSUMPTION LICENSE 0420-33-001-007 HELD "IN POCKET STATUS" BY BONS GIRLS LLC, FOR THE LICENSING PERIOD COMMENCING JULY 1, 2019 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2020**

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WHEREAS, licensee, Bons Girls, LLC on July 24th, 2019 received from the State of New Jersey, Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control a Special Ruling granting relieve pursuant to NJSA 33:1-12.39 for the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 license years and has filed all fees required therefore; and

WHEREAS, licensee Bons Girls, LLC has filed a renewal application for the fiscal year July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 for Plenary Alcoholic Beverage Consumption License No. 0420- 33-001-007 being held "in-pocket" status and has filed all fees required therefor; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the above mentioned fees, applications and petition relief, the applicant has also has complied with the health, safety and taxation regulations and applicable local ordinances and it is now the desire of this governing body to grant the renewal of said license.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs, County of Camden, State of New Jersey that Plenary Retail Alcoholic Beverage Consumption License No. 0420-33-001-007 held "in pocket" status by Bons Girls, LLC be and is hereby renewed for the licensing term July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

- The motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilwoman Mochel, with Letts, DiGregorio, DelPidio, Mochel and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and none abstaining.

- **#073-2019- TO EXTEND GRACE PERIOD FOR THIRD QUARTER 2019 TAXES**

WHEREAS, property taxes are payable on August 1, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Tax Collector under normal circumstances mails tax bills prior to July 15 of each year; and

WHEREAS, delays in the release of Certified Tax Rate precluded the Borough from printing the Tax Bills on a timely basis; and

WHEREAS, it is the intention of the Borough Council to grant property owners adequate time to pay third quarter taxes due August 1, 2019.

WHEREAS, the Final 2019/Preliminary 2020 Tax Bills were mailed 7/31/19.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and the Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs, County of Camden, State of New Jersey that the Tax Collector is directed not to charge interest on third quarter taxes received by the close of business on Monday, August 26, 2019.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs, County of Camden, State of New Jersey that the Tax Collector is directed to charge statutory interest from August 1, 2019 on all third quarter taxes received later than close of business on Monday, August 26, 2019.

- The motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilwoman Mochel, with Letts, DiGregorio, DelPidio, Mochel and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and none abstaining.

- **#074-2019-CHANGE ORDER#1 – CORD MANSION STAIR TOWER DESIGN**

WHEREAS, a contract in the amount of \$51,200.00 was awarded to **Rodier Ebersberger Architects** on March 13, 2017 by Resolution 042-2017, for the **Design of the Stair Tower**; and

WHEREAS, Rodier Ebersberger Architects serve as the appointed architectural professional for the Borough of Laurel Springs and;

WHEREAS, an amendment to the original contract is necessary due to additional construction administration phase costs, resulting in a net increase in the amount of \$12,120.00, and an adjusted contract in the amount of \$63,320.00;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Borough Council that **Change Order #1**, in the net amount of **\$12,120.00 (increase)**, which amends the original contract with Rodier Ebersberger, for the Design of the Stair Tower, is hereby approved.

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- The motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilwoman Mochel, with Letts, DiGregorio, DelPidio, Mochel and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and none abstaining.
- **#075-2019-CHANGE ORDER#1 – RECONSTRUCTION OF ARCH AVENUE**
WHEREAS, a contract in the amount of \$158,690.00 was awarded to **Landberg Construction, LLC** on June 10, 2019 by Resolution #60-19, for the **Reconstruction of Arch Avenue**; and
WHEREAS, an amendment to the original contract is necessary due to additional contract quantities in the intersections with Madison and Hemlock Avenues, resulting in a net increase in the amount of \$30,434.50, and an adjusted contract in the amount of \$189,124.50;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Borough Council that **Change Order #1**, in the net amount of **\$30,434.50 (increase)**, which amends the original contract with Landberg Construction, LLC, for the Reconstruction of Arch Avenue, is hereby approved.
- The motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilwoman Mochel, with Letts, DiGregorio, DelPidio, Mochel and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and none abstaining.
- **#076-2019-FOR RENEWAL OF MERCANTILE LICENSE**
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:
 - Cleaning MDs – 811 West Atlantic
 - Bella Vita – 809 West Atlantic
- The motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilwoman Mochel, with Letts, DiGregorio, DelPidio, Mochel and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and none abstaining.
- **#077-2019-AMENDING AGREEMENT WITH BELL FIELDS, LLC FOR USE OF THE LAUREL SPRINGS RECREATION FIELDS**
 - There was discussion of the reorganization of the group currently using the field and the agreement updating the structure and insurance requirements of that group. Councilman DelPidio said there was another group that had approached the Recreation Commission about paying for the use of the fields, but they could not be freed up because of this agreement. There was discussion of the how the agreement had originally been reached. There was discussion of the overall disposition of the Recreation Commission with regard to the scheduling of the ballfields because of this agreement, and the use of the field by multiple organizations in the past. Councilman Redstreak thought that the sublet use of the field, was what this amendment was addressing. Councilman DelPidio said he was unaware of this amendment until he received the material on Thursday. He would like an opportunity to speak to the Recreation Commission who has not met this summer. Mayor Barbera said that he would accept a motion to table, but there is a current agreement with them in effect.

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- The motion to table matter to the September 9, 2019 by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilman DelPidio, with Letts, DiGregorio, Mochel, DelPidio and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and none abstaining.
- **#078-2019-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 2018 has been filed by a Registered Municipal Accountant with the Municipal Clerk 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 Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilwoman Mochel, with Letts, DiGregorio, DelPidio, Mochel and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and none abstaining.
- **#079-2019-RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF LAUREL SPRINGS, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF UP TO \$30,000 OF SPECIAL EMERGENCY NOTES OF THE BOROUGH OF LAUREL SPRINGS; MAKING CERTAIN COVENANTS TO MAINTAIN THE EXEMPTION OF THE INTEREST ON SAID NOTES FROM FEDERAL INCOME TAXATION; AND AUTHORIZING SUCH FURTHER ACTIONS AND MAKING SUCH DETERMINATIONS AS MAY BE NECESSARY OR APPROPRIATE TO EFFECTUATE THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF THE NOTES**

BACKGROUND

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WHEREAS, the Local Budget Law, Chapter 169 of the Laws of the State of New Jersey, as amended and supplemented ("Local Budget Law") authorizes, inter alia, municipalities to adopt ordinances authorizing special emergency appropriations for, among other things, the preparation and execution of the revaluation of real property; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs, County of Camden, New Jersey ("Borough") has duly and finally adopted ordinance 804-2016 ("Ordinance") appropriating the sum of \$75,000 to pay such costs as further described in the Ordinance ("Project"); and

WHEREAS, Section 55 of the Local Budget Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-55, authorizes the Borough to issue special emergency notes to finance the costs of the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has heretofore issued its special emergency notes in the principal amount of \$45,000 to temporarily finance the costs of the Project ("Prior Note"); and

WHEREAS, the Prior Note matures on September 24, 2019; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Borough to issue its special emergency notes in the principal amount of up to \$30,000, as further described in Exhibit "A", the proceeds of which, together with other available funds in the amount of \$15,000, will be used to repay the principal of the Prior Note at maturity; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Local Budget Law and the ordinance, it is the intent of the Borough Council to hereby authorize, approve and direct the issuance and sale of such special emergency notes, to ratify and confirm certain actions heretofore taken by or on behalf of the Borough, and to make certain related determinations and authorizations in connection with such issuance and sale.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF LAUREL SPRINGS, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY (NOT LESS THAN TWO-THIRDS OF THE MEMBERS THEREOF AFFIRMATIVELY CONCURRING), PURSUANT TO LOCAL BUDGET LAW, AS FOLLOWS:

- **Section 1.** Pursuant to the Local Budget Law, the issuance of special emergency notes of the Borough, to be designated, substantially, "Borough of Laurel Springs, County of Camden, New Jersey, Special Emergency Notes of 2019, Series A" ("Notes"), in an aggregate principal amount of up to \$30,000, is hereby authorized, approved, ratified and confirmed.
- **Section 2.** The Chief Financial Officer, with the assistance of the law firm of Parker McCay P.A., Bond Counsel, is hereby authorized and directed to award and sell the Notes at a public or private sale at a price of not less than par, and to deliver the same to the purchaser thereof upon receipt of the payment of the purchase price thereof.
- **Section 3.** At the next meeting of the Borough Council after the sale of the Notes, the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized and directed to report, in writing, to the Borough Council, the principal amount, rate of interest and the name of the purchaser of the Notes.
- **Section 4.** The Notes shall be dated the date of delivery thereof and mature no later than one year from said date. The Notes will not be subject to redemption prior to maturity. The Notes may be renewed from time to time, but shall be paid and mature in accordance with the provisions of Section 55(b) of the Local Budget Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-55(b).
- **Section 5.** The Notes shall be issued in bearer form in denominations of \$15,000 or greater in \$1,000 increments. The Notes shall be executed in the name of the Borough by the manual or facsimile signatures of the Mayor and Chief Financial Officer, and shall be under the corporate seal of the Borough affixed, imprinted, or reproduced thereon, and attested by the manual or facsimile signature of the Borough Clerk or Deputy Borough Clerk.
- **Section 6.** The Notes are ultimately payable from ad valorem taxes that shall be levied upon all taxable real property in the Borough without limitation as to rate or amount.
- **Section 7.** The Borough hereby covenants that it will not make any use of the proceeds of the Notes or do or suffer any other action that would cause: (i) the Notes to be "arbitrage bonds" as such term

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is defined in Section 148(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended ("Code"), and the Regulations promulgated thereunder; (ii) the interest on the Notes to be included in the gross income of the owners thereof for federal income taxation purposes; or (iii) the interest on the Notes to be treated as an item of tax preference under Section 57(a)(5) of the Code.

- **Section 8.** The Borough hereby covenants as follows: (i) it shall timely file, or cause to be filed, with the Internal Revenue Service, such information report or reports as may be required by Sections 148(f) and 149(e) of the Code; and (ii) it shall take no action that would cause the Notes to be "federally guaranteed" within the meaning of Section 149(b) of the Code.
- **Section 9.** The Borough hereby covenants that it shall make, or cause to be made, the rebate required by Section 148(f) of the Code in the manner described in Treasury Regulation Sections 1.148-1 through 1.148-11, 1.149(b)-1, 1.149(d)-1, 1.149(g)-1, 1.150-1 and 1.150-2, as such regulations and statutory provisions may be modified insofar as they apply to the Notes.
- **Section 10.** The Borough hereby designates the Notes as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" as defined in and for the purposes of Section 265(b)(3) of the Code. For purposes of this designation, the Borough hereby represents that it reasonably anticipates that the amount of tax-exempt obligations to be issued by the Borough during the period from January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019, and the amount of obligations designated as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" by it, will not exceed \$10,000,000 when added to the aggregate principal amount of the Notes.
- For purposes of this Section 10, the following obligations are not taken into account in determining the aggregate principal amount of tax-exempt obligations issued by the Borough: (i) a private activity bond as defined in Section 141 of the Code (other than a qualified 501(c)(3) bond, as defined in Section 145 of the Code); and (ii) any obligation issued to refund any other tax-exempt obligation (other than to advance refund within the meaning of Section 149(d)(5) of the Code) as provided in Section 265(b)(3)(c) of the Code.
- **Section 11.** All actions heretofore taken and documents prepared or executed by or on behalf of the Borough by the Mayor, Chief Financial Officer, Borough Clerk, other Borough officials or by the Borough's professional advisors, in connection with the issuance and sale of the Notes are hereby ratified, confirmed, approved and adopted.
- **Section 12.** The Mayor, Chief Financial Officer and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to determine all matters and execute all documents and instruments in connection with the Notes not determined or otherwise directed to be executed by the Local Budget Law or by this or any subsequent resolution, and the signatures of the Mayor, Chief Financial Officer or Borough Clerk on such documents or instruments shall be conclusive as to such determinations.
- **Section 13.** All other resolutions, or parts thereof, inconsistent herewith are hereby rescinded and repealed to the extent of any such inconsistency.
- **Section 14.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption this 12th day of August, 2019.

Exhibit "A"

Ordinance Number	Amount of Notes Authorized	Notes Outstanding	Notes to be Issued
804-2016	\$75,000	\$45,000	\$30,000

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- RESOLVED TO PAY \$956,937.64 FROM CURRENT ACCOUNT AND \$98,050.36 FROM TRUST AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS.
- The motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilwoman Mochel, with Letts, DiGregorio, DelPidio, Mochel and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and none abstaining

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

- DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, BOARDS, SERVICES/PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL – Councilman Redstreak states that all is well with Public Works, and there are no issues to report for Sewer, the June and July bills were received and were fairly low. New Jersey American Water did drop off the payment for the connection and paid for the annual fee for all six new connections; and will extend the street opening permit. Congratulations to the Fire Department on the new truck. He concurred with Mayor Barbera regarding the Ordinance Review Committee and they are taking on as a task a total review of the Zoning Code.
- DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – Councilman Cruz was absent.
- DIRECTOR OF MUNICIPAL COURT – Councilwoman DiGregorio read the report for June, 2019, a copy of which is on file and available for review. Councilman Redstreak questioned about decrease in Court Revenue, to which Chief Rabottino responded that there is an ongoing issue with police personnel and staffing issue which is currently being resolved by some of the actions of Council this evening. There was a generic discussion of what revenues go directly to the Borough and if there a lag in collections.
- DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE – Councilman Letts read the CFO report for July 31, 2019.
- DIRECTOR OF RECREATION- Councilman DelPidio had no report.
- DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY – POLICE AND FIRE – Councilwoman Mochel read the Fire Report for the month of July 2019 and the Police Report for July 2019, copies of which are on file and available for review. Congratulations on new fire engine. Officer Casciato reported on the National Night Out Event.
- MAYOR'S REPORT – Mayor Barbera had no report, but commented on the recent efforts of the Ordinance Review Committee. Engineer Jeff Hansen has joined in as an advisor. They are using Haddon Heights as a model that has a good format, even though it is a larger town with a lot of detail not applicable to Laurel Springs.

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS/CORRESPONDENCE –

- From Shain Schaffer regarding Verizon v. Hopewell – Appeal Status Update by Mayor Barbera explained Verizon situation. Hopewell Township decided to take on Verizon. The Borough has received Tax Appeal form from Verizon for 2019. Mayor Barbera further explained the situation with Hopewell Township and the process of this appeal. There was discussion of how the material was delivered or not delivered to the Borough Solicitor. There was conversation of which towns joined the appeal. There was explanation of another effort to take the matter all the way back to the initiation of the legislation that allowed the depreciation of the property defining it as a misreading. It is currently in the State Legislature, and there was discussion of the likelihood of success.

From Susan Marie Rupp Foundation – Ovarian Cancer Awareness – Mayor Barbera asked for suggestions in assisting the effort of posting the teal ribbons.

From Sterling High School – August Meeting Schedule is Wednesday, August 14, 2019 at 12 noon.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC - None.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Town Watch-Wednesday, August 14th @7pm @Recreation Center
- Combined Land Use Board-Thursday-August 15th @7pm @Recreation Center-No matters received
- No Work Sessions in May, June, July and August
- School Board Meeting-Wednesday, August 28th @7pm @Laurel Springs School
- Labor Day-Monday, September 2nd – Borough Offices are Closed
- Recreation Commission-Wednesday, September 4th @7pm @Recreation Center
- JIF Safety Meeting-Thursday, September 5th @12:30pm @Fire Training Room
- Laurel Green Team-Monday, September 9th @6pm @Recreation Center
- Regular Meeting, Monday, September 9th @7pm @Recreation Center

ADJOURNMENT –There being no further business a motion was made by Councilman Redstreak, which was seconded by Councilwoman Mochel to adjourn at 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Dawn T. Amadio, RMC,
Municipal Clerk