

BOROUGH OF LAUREL SPRINGS
REGULAR MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL
MONDAY, JULY 8th, 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, Cruz, DelPidio and Redstreak with none 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. Bids were received and opened on May 21, 2019. The lowest apparent bidder was Landberg Construction, LLC, with a bid amount of \$158,690.00, which is within the construction budget for the project. We prepared a bid summary / recommendation dated May 22, 2019, recommending award of the contract to Landberg Construction. A preconstruction meeting was held on June 27, 2019. Construction is scheduled to begin on July 8, 2019 and is expected to be completed by the end of July.

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 coming weeks our office will submit a proposal for engineering design and construction management services for the project for Mayor and Council's consideration.

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

Our office received correspondence from NJDOT indicating that the FY2020 Municipal Aid Grant Applications are due by July 19, 2020. Typically the grant applications are due in October of any given year. This is being done so that the grant awards can be announced by the state in

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November, instead of the traditional March-April timeframe. Through our discussions with Borough officials, it was decided that an application will be submitted for three roadways - 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 Chestnut Avenue). Our office has already begun performing the requisite field studies for the Application and will submit the Application before the July deadline. The Application will require a resolution from the Governing Body authorizing the submission of the Application, as has been the case in years past.

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 in the process of finalizing plans to perform environmental remediation work along Grand Avenue. The work will occur directly in front of the Jack Hagen Recreation Center. The work will require the full width of Grand Avenue to be excavated to a depth of approximately 18 inches and will also include a sanitary sewer main tie-in for their facility located across the street from the recreation center. The roadway will be closed in this area for approximately 1-2 weeks while this work is being completed. Once the remediation work and the sewer tie-in is completed, the affected area will be backfilled with compacted stone, which will then be monitored for settlement for approximately 6 weeks before the base paving and top paving are restored. The roadway will be open in both directions during this period. NJAW has indicated that the portion of the work that requires the roadway to be closed is tentatively scheduled to be completed before July 4. NJAW has consented that if the work cannot be started in time to have the roadway open for the 4th of July, then they will not commence until after the holiday.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES –

- Work Session Meeting of Monday, June 10, 2019- The motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilwoman DiGregorio, with Letts, DiGregorio, DelPidio, and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and Mochel and Cruz abstaining.

APPOINTMENTS

- Joseph DeBlasio and Ayden Taylor as Senior Members of the Fire Department.
- The motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilwoman Mochel, with Letts, DiGregorio, Cruz, DelPidio, Mochel and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and none abstaining.

RESOLUTIONS

- **#065-2019- 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:

King Kuts – 309 White Horse Pike

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

- **#066-2019- INSERTION OF AN ITEM OF REVENUE: NJ CLEAN COMMUNITIES GRANT**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality, when such item shall have been made available by law, and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of any item of appropriation for an equal amount;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs do hereby request the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve **the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2019 in the sum of \$4,724.56, which is now available as a revenue from the NJ Clean Communities Grant.**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a like sum of \$4,724.56 is hereby appropriated under the title “NJ Clean Communities Grant – Other Expenses,” pursuant to the provisions of the statute.

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

- **#067-2019-APPROVING A TEMPORARY SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON AND THE LAUREL SPRINGS FIRE DEPARTMENT AND THE LINDENWOLD FIRE DEPARTMENT, BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS**

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WHEREAS, the Boroughs of Clementon, Lindenwold and Laurel Springs pursuant to the provisions of NJSA 40A14-156.1, 14-67 and NJSA 40A:65-1 entered into an inter-local services agreement creating the Laurel Lake Regional Fire Service Alliance for the purpose of permitting the provision of fire services in the constituent municipalities through the sharing of their manpower, equipment and apparatus of their departments within one organized alliance; and

WHEREAS, fire protection services are provided in the three communities utilizing a mutual aid response, and operate under one operational guideline and maintain fire service personnel training to the same extent, and by Resolution 049-2013 the Laurel Springs Borough Council gave their support to the creation of the Laurel Lake Regional Fire Service Alliance; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 097-2018 of the Borough of Laurel Springs approved a Temporary Shared Services Agreement between the Borough of Clementon and the Laurel Springs Fire Department in which the Borough of Clementon agreed to pay \$4,000.00 per month, \$2,000.00 to Laurel Springs Fire Department and \$2,000.00 to Lindenwold Fire Department during the term of this agreement; and

WHEREAS, an Addendum to that Temporary Shared Services Agreement, attached, is required to amend Section 3 entitled "Fees to Laurel Springs and Lindenwold" to read as follows:

"Clementon shall reimburse Laurel Springs and Lindenwold for the services to be provided in equal monthly installment for each month of the term of this contract. \$1,000.00 per month to Laurel Springs and \$1,000.00 per month to Lindenwold."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs that they approve of the attached Addendum to the Temporary Shared Services Agreement and will continue to aid and indemnify the Laurel Springs Fire Department and Laurel Lake Fire Alliance to whatever extent it is heretofore committed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs that they authorize the Mayor and Borough Clerk to execute all agreements necessary so that the aforementioned Addendum.

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

- **#068-2019-AUTHORIZING APPROVAL FOR SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, MUNICIPAL AID GRANT PROGRAM FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO HEMLOCK AVEUE AND MADISON AVENUE**

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of Laurel Springs formally approves the grant application for the above stated project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as MA-2020-Laurel Springs Road Program-00483 to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of the Borough of Laurel Springs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the Borough of Laurel Springs and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

- The motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilwoman Mochel, with Letts, DiGregorio, DelPidio, Cruz, Mochel and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and none abstaining.
- **#069-2019- AUTHORIZING APPROVAL FOR SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, MUNICIPAL AID GRANT PROGRAM FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO TRENTON AVENUE**

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NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of Laurel Springs formally approves the grant application for the above stated project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as MA-2020-Trenton Avenue Road Improvements-00500 to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of the Borough of Laurel Springs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the Borough of Laurel Springs and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

- The motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilwoman Mochel, with Letts, DiGregorio, DelPidio, Cruz, Mochel and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and none abstaining.
- RESOLVED TO PAY \$426,745.62 FROM CURRENT ACCOUNT AND \$182,360.05 FROM TRUST AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS.
- The motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilwoman Mochel, with Letts, DiGregorio, Cruz, 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 had no sewer report, but reported that everything is good, and as well with DPW, they did a good job with Fourth of July. They had to clean the McKinley Graphics for parade.
- DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – Councilman Cruz had no report
- DIRECTOR OF MUNICIPAL COURT – Councilwoman DiGregorio read the report for May, 2019, a copy of which is on file and available for review.
- DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE – Councilman Letts had no report.
- DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY – POLICE AND FIRE – Councilwoman Mochel read the Fire Report for the month of June 2019 and the Police Report for June 2019, copies of which are on file and available for review.
- MAYOR'S REPORT – Mayor Barbera read the report of his activities since the time of the last Regular Meeting, a copy of which is on file and available for review.

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS/CORRESPONDENCE –

- From Laurel Springs of Board of Education rescheduling August Meeting to August 28th, 2019.
- From Richard DePetro – Whitman Manor Developer – thanking Mayor and Council with assistance in the development process and local government connections.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC-

- **Allison Manny- 505 West Maple Avenue** - complained about renters on the corner of West Elma and West Atlantic Avenues who had a wedding venue set up at their home and had extraordinarily loud from 1 pm to 8 pm on Saturday. The quoted Chapter 178, the Nuisance Ordinance. Police were called, but it did not stop. She lives on the next block and her deck was vibrating. For the wedding the street was coned off.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Town Watch-Wednesday, July 10th @7pm @Recreation Center
- There is no School Board Meeting in July
- Combined Land Use Board-Thursday, July 18, 2019 @7pm @Recreation Center
- No Work Sessions in May, June, July and August
- National Night out-Tuesday, August 6th @7pm
- There is no Recreation Commission Meeting in August
- Regular Meeting, Monday, August 12th @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 7:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Dawn T. Amadio, RMC,
Municipal Clerk