

BOROUGH OF LAUREL SPRINGS
REGULAR MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL
MONDAY, DECEMBER 9, 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: Mochel, DiGregorio, DelPidio and Redstreak with Letts and Cruz absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES –

- Work Session Meeting of Monday, November 25, 2019- The motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilman DelPidio, with DiGregorio, DelPidio and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and Mochel abstaining.

ORDINANCES- Second Reading, Public Hearing and Adoption

- #840-2019-AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING ANNUAL FEE SCHEDULE FOR THE BOROUGH OF LAUREL SPRINGS FOR YEAR 2020
 - Mayor Barbera opened the meeting to the Public for questions and comments. Hearing none, Mayor Barbera closed the meeting to the public.
 - The motion to adopt by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilwoman Mochel, with DelPidio, DiGregorio, Mochel and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.
- # 841-2019-AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE SALARIES OF THE POLICE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF LAUREL SPRINGS, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, FOR THE YEAR 2020
 - Mayor Barbera opened the meeting to the Public for questions and comments. Hearing none, Mayor Barbera closed the meeting to the public.
 - The motion to adopt by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilwoman Mochel, with DelPidio, DiGregorio, Mochel and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.

RESOLUTIONS

- **#095-2019-FOR NEW 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”.
 - WHEREAS**, a license is required to operate or conduct any business establishment in the Borough of Laurel Springs.
 - NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by Mayor and Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs that the proper investigations have been made and the following applicant has 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 NEW “MERCANTILE LICENSE” for:

Easter Bunny Snack Bar, LLC
823 West Atlantic Avenue
- Councilman Redstreak asked if all the proper officials had reviewed the application, to which Mayor Barbera confirmed they had.
- The motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilwoman Mochel, with DelPidio, DiGregorio, Mochel and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and none abstaining.
- **#096-2019- PLACE TO PLACE TRANSFER FOR EXPANSION OF PREMISES OF PMK BEVERAGE, INC.**
 - WHEREAS**, an application has been filed for a place-to-place transfer (Expansion of Premises) of Plenary Retail Distribution License 0420-44-003-014, for purposes of expanding the premises under license wherein the sale, service, and storage of alcoholic beverages are authorized;

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WHEREAS, the submitted application form is complete in all respects, the transfer fees have been paid, and the license has been properly renewed for the current license term;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough of Laurel Springs Governing Body does hereby approve, effective December 9, 2019, the expansion of the aforesaid Plenary Retail Consumption licensed premises located at 211 North White Horse Pike, Laurel Springs, New Jersey, to place under license the area delineated in the application form and the sketch of the licensed premises attached thereto.

- The motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilwoman Mochel, with DiGregorio, DelPidio, Mochel and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and none abstaining.
- **#097-2019-AUTHORIZING OF THE BOROUGH OF LAUREL SPRINGS, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE INSTITUTION OF AN *IN REM* FORECLOSURE ACTION**

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector of the Borough of Laurel Springs has prepared an *in rem* tax foreclosure list and has certified the same to the Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs to institute *in rem* tax foreclosure proceedings against the property which is set forth on Schedule "A" attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, it is not only in the best interest of the Borough to institute said proceedings, but also is a duty of the Council; and

WHEREAS, the institution of said *in rem* proceedings will result in revenue to the Borough of Laurel Springs either by a redemption of the subject property or it's foreclosure and resale by the Borough of Laurel Springs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough of Laurel Springs, a body corporate and politic, as follows:

 1. The WHEREAS clauses set forth above shall be incorporated herein as if set forth in full and made part of this Resolution.
 2. That the Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs does hereby authorize the institution of *in rem* tax foreclosure proceedings in regard to the property set forth on Schedule "A" attached hereto.
 3. That a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Tax Collector and Borough Solicitor.
 4. This resolution shall be published as required by law.
- The motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilwoman Mochel, with DiGregorio, DelPidio, Mochel and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and none abstaining.
- RESOLVED TO PAY \$520,702.31 FROM CURRENT AND \$177,757.79 FROM TRUST/CAPITAL ACCOUNTS.
- The motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilwoman Mochel, with 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 – Congratulated the Fire Department for the recent Fire Fighter graduation, and commended the Fire Department for their consistent contribution to the community and all its events. Councilman Redstreak commented that Tree lighting preparations for the Cord Mansion Green were well done by DPW. The Hay Bale roundup was completed successfully. There are repairs needed for one of the trucks. Everything however is ready for snow season. About seven days were lost on Leaf pick up because the Truck was being worked on, nonetheless the leaves will be picked up. He attended the Elected Officials class at the League with Borough Administrator Cheeseman and Councilman DelPidio, the topic was protecting children. He had the IP available for review. Ordinance review is making good progress, with December suspended due to the holiday. Work is progressing behind the scene. Sewer's November invoice was reviewed and discussed. The lateral was replaced at 918 Lakeview.
- DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – Borough Administrator Cheeseman
- DIRECTOR OF MUNICIPAL COURT – the Municipal Court Report for November was presented by Councilwoman DiGregorio.

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- DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE – the CFO's Report dated November 2019 was presented by Councilman Letts.
- DIRECTOR OF RECREATION- Councilman DelPidio touched again on the Elected Officials class at the League and the topic of preventing child abuse. He presented this information to the Recreation Commission and discussion of having a concrete procedure in place for Recreation. Tree Lighting Ceremony was well attended and enjoyed. He thanked all the organizations that do come together to put on the event. Municipal Clerk Amadio added a special thanks went out Public Works and mention of all the ingredients in the way of decorations and banners that have to be found and placed prior to the event.
- DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY – POLICE AND FIRE – Councilwoman Mochel read the Police and Fire Reports for the month of November 2019. Sergeant Mazziotta announced that a Department recruits was graduating from the Gloucester County Academy on Wednesday, he is at the top of his class and will be a great asset to the Department. Councilman Redstreak asked if he could be at the next meeting, to which Sergeant Mazziotta responded yes. The Laurel Springs Fire Department will be providing transport for Santa on Christmas Eve.
- MAYOR'S REPORT – Mayor Barbera comments Franco Lombardi graduates Wednesday December 3, 2019, same as Fire Department graduation as well.

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS/CORRESPONDENCE –

- Laurel Springs Board of Education change in time of meeting date. There was discussion of what had changed and why.
- NJDOT FY2020 Municipal Aid Program Award – Mayor Barbera announced that \$240,000 had been awarded, saying it was very good news.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC – None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Town Watch-Wednesday, December 11th @7pm @Recreation Center- CANCELLED
- Borough Christmas Party is Thursday, December 12th @6 pm @ the Recreation Center. Doors open at 5:30PM
- School Board-Wednesday, December 18th @7pm @Laurel Springs School
- Combined Land Use Board-Thursday-December 19th @Recreation Center- CANCELLED
- The Work Session Meeting is NOT on December 23rd the Town Calendar is wrong
- Christmas Eve-Tuesday-December 24th-Borough Offices are closed
- Christmas Day-Wednesday-December 25th-Borough Offices are closed
- Work Session Meeting, Monday, December 30th @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 7:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Dawn T. Amadio, RMC, Municipal Clerk