

BOROUGH OF LAUREL SPRINGS
WORK SESSION MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL
MONDAY, OCTOBER 28, 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: DiGregorio, Cruz, DelPidio and Redstreak. Absent: Letts and Mochel

ENGINEERS REPORT – Jeff Hanson – Environmental Resolutions

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 in July 2019 and punch list items were completed in August 2019. The final pay estimate and change order were approved by Council at their September 9, 2019 meeting. We are currently processing final paperwork for submission to NJDOT so that the Borough can receive the remainder of the grant reimbursement.

2. NJDOT Local Aid Grant Applications – FY2019

ERI's proposal for engineering design and construction management services was approved by the Governing Body at the October 14, 2019 Council Meeting. We will be performing the requisite surveying work during November, 2019. Once the survey work is completed we will proceed with the preparation of the construction plans and specifications, with the intent of having a construction start date in the spring of 2020.

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 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, 2018. 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. NJAW extended the road opening permit through the end of October to allow the contaminants to dissipate before resurfacing the roadway. We will provide inspection of the resurfacing when it occurs.

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Engineer Jeff Hansen updated on the 2019 Road Program for West Atlantic, Glen and Sycamore Avenues will have the survey work. The Survey Department is a little backed up. They will work on the specifications over the winter. There was discussion on the Water Company Project with Mr. Hansen reaching out to get an update as the Street Opening Permit which expires the end of October.

MATTERS REQUIRING OFFICIAL ACTION

- **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Regular Meeting of October 7, 2019– the motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilman DelPidio, with DelPidio and Redstreak in favor, Cruz and DiGregorio abstaining and none opposed.

RESOLUTIONS

- RESOLVED TO PAY \$336,534.40 FROM CURRENT ACCOUNT AND \$34,345.89 FROM TRUST AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS
- The motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilwoman DiGregorio, with Cruz, DelPidio, and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION/CORRESPONDENCE-

- **Best Practices Inventory** – This requires review by Borough Council, to whom a copy of the Inventory was distributed. It was noted that the Best Practices Inventory has been a requirement since 2013. Starting this year question list broken down in two sections: Core Competencies and Best Practices, which more specific categories of Personnel, Budget Financial Administration, Capital Projects, Transparency, Authorities, Procurement, Cybersecurity, Shared Services, Miscellaneous Operations, Ratables, Planning and Economic Development, Environment and Affordable Housing. There are 53 scored and 31 unscored questions. To avoid a decrease to State Aid the Borough must be above 30, and it scored 44, which is where it should be. The areas that need to be looked at as a result of the Inventory is Cyber Security which fits in nicely with the Cord Mansion Project which will necessitate upgrades and planning for computer and internet systems.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC – None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Halloween - Thursday, October 31st - Trick or Treat from 3 pm to 8 pm. 8 pm curfew for juveniles Sunday, October 27th through Thursday, October 31st
- Daylight Savings Time ends - November 3rd – set clocks back one hour
- There is no Council Meeting on Monday, November 4th – town calendar error
- General Election - Tuesday, November 5th from 6 am to 8 pm @Recreation Center
- Recreation Commission – Wednesday, November 6th @ 7pm @Recreation Center
- Veterans Day is Monday, November 11th
- Regular Council Meeting is Monday, November 11th @7pm @Recreation Center

MOTION TO ADJOURN by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilwoman DiGregorio to adjourn at 7:09pm with all in favor and none opposed.

Respectfully submitted

Dawn T. Amadio, RMC, Municipal Clerk