

BOROUGH OF LAUREL SPRINGS
WORK SESSION MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 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 the coming weeks. 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)

The project is nearing completion, with the site work being approximately 95% complete to date. The final paving of the parking lot was being completed on November 25, 2019. ERI is providing construction inspections of the work as necessary. Once the project is substantially completed a punch list will be issued.

5. 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 is pending. The roadway will be continue to open in both directions during construction. NJAW's Contractor is currently trying to schedule the sanitary sewer connection and the restoration of the paving before winter.

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135 Broadway Redevelopment Project paved parking lot this date with site work inspection. There will be a punch list prepared. Whitman Manor opening expected to for the first Week in December. The Borough Engineer did get a tour and it looks very nice.

MATTERS REQUIRING OFFICIAL ACTION

- **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Regular Meeting of November 11, 2019– the motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilman DelPidio, with Letts, DelPidio and Redstreak in favor, none abstaining and none opposed.

RESOLUTIONS

- **#092-2019-INSERTION OF AN ITEM OF REVENUE CAMDEN COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION 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 \$25,000.00, which is now available as a revenue from a Camden County Historic Preservation Grant.**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$25,000.00 is hereby appropriated under the title “Historic Preservation – Whitman Stafford House – Other Expenses,” pursuant to the provisions of the statute.

- The motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilman DelPidio, with Letts, DelPidio, and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.
- **#093-2019- APPROVING PROPOSAL OF RODIER EBERSBERGER ARCHITECTS, LLC FOR DESIGN OF HISTORIC CORD MANSION SECOND PHASE**

WHEREAS, in order to consolidate municipal offices and services in a single, ADA Accessible, Energy efficient facility, while giving consideration to the historical aspects of the existing building alterations will be required; and

WHEREAS, Rodier Ebersberger Architects, LLC was asked to prepare a quote for architectural services for Phase Two of architectural design at the Cord Mansion, which focuses on the second floor Public Meeting room and Reception area and Tax and permit Office with break room; and

WHEREAS, a quote for a second phase of design for the Cord Mansion has been received from Rodier Ebersberger Architects, LLC and reviewed by Mayor and Council; and

WHEREAS, Rodier Ebersberger Architects, LLC were appointed as Borough Architects on January 7, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Capital funds are available for said proposal;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs that the proposal for the Architectural Services for the Historic Cord Mansion Stair Tower Addition be approved in the amount of \$38,600.00.

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- The motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilman DelPidio, with Letts, DelPidio, and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.
- RESOLVED TO PAY \$383,782.11 FROM CURRENT ACCOUNT AND \$44,322.66 FROM TRUST AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS
- The motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilman DelPidio, with Letts, DelPidio, and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION/CORRESPONDENCE-

- Bid Results Professionals – Mayor Barbera said the Borough said that due to be a small town, we often get one bid. The only professional appointment receiving two bids was Redevelopment Counsel, but reviewing the fees, it appears that the current attorney is the better fit. Mayor Barbera opened the meeting to Council for discussion of the Borough professionals. The resolutions of appointment will be at the Reorganization Meeting.
- School Board Reorganization will be Thursday January 2, 2020.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC –

- Liam Doherty- 918 Lakeview Avenue – discussed the road opening for his sewer project. Councilman Redstreak and Borough Administrator Cheeseman said that it is all set with the contractor, traffic control and Engineer for inspection set for December 3rd. Everything all set and ready to go. Traffic control will be used. Any changes Councilman Redstreak will communicate.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Thursday, November 28th - Thanksgiving Day, Borough Offices are closed. Wednesday, November 27th Borough offices will close at 3 pm due to staffing issues.
- Monday, December 2nd - Hay Bale Round Up seasonal debris piled curbside.
- Wednesday, December 4th - Recreation Commission – 7pm @Recreation Center
- Saturday, December 7th - Tree Lighting – 7 pm @Cord Mansion Greene
- Monday, December 9th - Regular Council Meeting is Monday - 7pm @Recreation Center

MOTION TO ADJOURN by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilman Letts to adjourn at 7:12pm with all in favor and none opposed.

Respectfully submitted

Dawn T. Amadio, RMC, Municipal Clerk