

BOROUGH OF LAUREL SPRINGS
WORK SESSION MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2020
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 7, 2020 and posting on the Borough Website and bulletin board in the Borough Hall.

ROLL CALL recorded as present: Cruz, DelPidio, DiMarco, Riondino and Redstreak. Absent: DiGregorio

MATTERS REQUIRING OFFICIAL ACTION

- **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Regular Meeting of Monday, February 10, 2020– the motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilman Cruz

RESOLUTIONS

- **#033-2020- 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:

- Citgo Grocery Store 2 Broadway
 - Citgo Gas Station 2 Broadway
 - Easter Bunny Snack Bar LLC 823 W Atlantic Ave
 - Laurel Springs Automotive 900 Stone Rd
 - Alexander (Nat) Co. Division 121 N White Horse Pike
 - Express Auto Service & Xpress Auto Sales 101 N White Horse Pike
 - McFadden Catering 831 Stone Rd
- The motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilman Cruz, with DelPidio DiMarco, Riondino, Cruz and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.

- **#034-2020- SUPPORTING THE PROGRAMS OF THE JOINT INSURANCE FUND AND THE SAFETY INCENTIVE PROGRAM OF THE BOROUGH OF LAUREL SPRINGS**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Laurel Springs recognizes the important role an effective safety program plays in lowering employee injury rates, reducing lost time accidents, and cutting insurance costs, all of which contribute to greater employee safety and lower tax rates, and that health and safety must never be compromised, with employee safety along with the safety of the public as our number one priority; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Laurel Springs desires to achieve an accident free environment through a health a safety culture built on TRUST - we respect each other’s opinions and decisions and will follow through on all health and safety concerns - CARE – we approach each day with the determination to care for ourselves, coworkers and the community we serve - KNOWLEDGE – we seek the education and skills to properly fulfill our responsibilities - COMMUNICATION – we communicate with each other in a clear, open and honest manner; and

WHEREAS, because the Borough of Laurel Springs educates its employees with regard to appropriate conduct in the workplace and encourages employees to report workplace harassment or discrimination.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs applaud the JIF’s initiative in providing many of the safety resources needed to enhance its local safety efforts by declaring its support of the JIF’s safety programs, Laurel Springs’ Safety Incentive Program and Safety Coordinator, Chief Carmen Rabottino; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following operational criteria is endorsed for the Borough of Laurel Springs:

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- The Borough Safety Committee will meet on the following Tuesdays– March 3rd, June 2nd, September 1st and December 1st at 12:30pm in the Borough Hall
- “Putting Safety on Our Agenda” by including safety and risk management topics on the Governing Body agenda on a regular basis
- Keeping regulatory training and written programs current
- Encouraging supervisors and crew leaders to make a “daily safety contact” with employees
- Managing our claims, reporting all claims in a timely manner, offering transitional duty and investigating incidents and near misses
- Actively promoting and supporting health and wellness activities
- The motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilman Cruz, with DelPidio DiMarco, Riondino, Cruz and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.
- **#035-2020-AWARDING QUOTE OF T-N-T PROPERTY SERVICES, INC. FOR EXTERIOR REPAIR AND PAINTING OF THE WHITMAN STAFFORD FARMHOUSE**
 - WHEREAS**, quotations were solicited for the exterior repair and painting of the Whitman Stafford Farmhouse; and
 - WHEREAS**, three quotations were received and reviewed by the Whitman Stafford Committee and Borough Administrator; and
 - WHEREAS**, Camden County Open Space, Historic Preservation Funds are available to complete this task; and
 - WHEREAS**, T-N-T Property Services, Inc., 228 Chester Avenue, Moorestown, NJ 08057-3306 has provided a proposal herewith attached in the amount of \$16,500.00, which proposal best addresses the full scope of repairs and work requested;
 - WHEREAS**, additional exterior repair and painting of the Farmhouse band shell has received permission to be kept within the overall grant total of \$25,000, with no more than \$8,500.00 to be expended on additional work or accessory structures to stay within the \$25,000.00 grant;
 - NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs, in the County of Camden, and the State of New Jersey that they hereby approve the Mayor and Clerk to approve the quote of T-N-T Property Services, Inc. in the amount of \$16,500.00 and no more than \$8,500 for additional work on accessory structures.
- The motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilman Cruz, with DelPidio DiMarco, Riondino, Cruz and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.
- **#036-2020-AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR PROGRAM YEAR 2020 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT, BOROUGH OF LAUREL SPRINGS, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**
 - WHEREAS**, the Camden County Improvement Authority provides funding for certain infrastructure improvements or services under Community Development Block Grant Funding; and
 - WHEREAS**, the Governing Body has chosen to submit an application for Program Year 2020; and
 - WHEREAS**, the Governing Body has agreed to apply for funding for the following project:

*Laurel Springs Borough Hall at the Historic Cord Mansion
723 West Atlantic Avenue
Laurel Springs, NJ 08021*

This project utilizes grant sources and Borough Capital, to locate and facilitate the needs of Laurel Springs’ seniors, youth, visitors and Borough Government in the redeveloped Downtown Neighborhood. This project will provide ease and accessibility with adjacency to shops, school, recreation and services along East Atlantic Avenue, an easier pedestrian and bicycle friendly zone, that is preferable to the higher vehicular traffic demands of the parallel White Horse Pike.
 - NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Borough of Laurel Springs, County of Camden, and State of New Jersey that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute the Project Description Form for Program Year 2020 along with the Community Development Grant Agreement.
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- RESOLVED TO PAY \$51,961.74 FROM CURRENT ACCOUNT AND \$13,873.45 FROM TRUST AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS
- The motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilman Cruz, with DelPidio DiMarco, Riondino, Cruz and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.

#037-2020 - 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; and

WHEREAS, a hearing will be scheduled before the Laurel Springs Combined Land Use Board, with all other investigations completed and the applicant has complied with the general laws and statutes of the State and the ordinance of the Borough of Laurel Springs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Mayor and Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs that pending a discussion to held before the Laurel Springs Combined Land Use Board, that conditional approval is hereby granted by Mayor and Council and a NEW "MERCANTILE LICENSE" may be issued upon approval by the Laurel Springs Combined Land Use Board for:

Dream Tile
One White Horse Pike

- The motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilman Cruz, with DelPidio DiMarco, Riondino, Cruz and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION/CORRESPONDENCE-

- Second Website Proposal being requested- CFO Ciminera thought the price was high, and has asked for second quote. He offered concerns that are currently being experienced in Voorhees Township. Have to speak to original quote as well to see if the concerns are addressed by that proposal. There was indication that the second proposal may be cheaper.
- Whitman Manor Ribbon Cutting Invite- invitation was extended to Council. Councilmen Redstreak and DelPidio will attend.
- From ERI - Dam Inspection Proposal – Councilman Redstreak will review.
- From Camden County – Regional Redevelopment Discussion- Mayor Barbera and Borough Administrator Cheeseman to attend.

ITEMS RECEIVED AFTER THE AGENDA WAS PRINTED- None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Thursday, February 27th is the last day to license pets without penalty
- Tuesday, March 3rd JIF Safety Meeting @12:30 pm @Firehouse Training Room
- Wednesday, March 4th Recreation Commission Meeting @7 pm @Rec Center
- Sunday, March 8th Daylight Savings Time begins – set your clocks ahead one hour
- Monday, March 9th Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council @7 pm @Rec Center

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC –

MOTION TO ADJOURN by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilman Cruz to adjourn at 7:15pm with all in favor and none opposed.

Respectfully submitted

Dawn T. Amadio, RMC, Municipal Clerk