

BOROUGH OF LAUREL SPRINGS  
REGULAR MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
MONDAY, MAY 13, 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<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES –**

- Work Session Meeting of Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019 - The motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilwoman DiGregorio, with Letts, DiGregorio, Cruz, DelPidio, and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and Mochel abstaining.

**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. The construction plans and specifications are complete and comments were received from NJDOT Local Aid in early April. The revisions were made and the job is being advertised for bids on Friday April 26, with a bid opening date of Tuesday, May 21 at 2:00PM. Construction can be expected to commence in late June or early July 2019.

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**

Last week 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 November, instead of the traditional March-April timeframe. If it is the pleasure of the Governing Body that application(s) are submitted for this funding cycle, a determination of which

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roadways shall be included will be necessary within the next couple of weeks so that we have ample time to do the requisite traffic counts and prepare the application package(s) for submission.

**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 for the first 2 weeks of June. 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.

Mayor Barbera asked Mr. Hansen if he was familiar with any sample language or sample ordinance from other towns that insist upon repaving the road when a certain amount of the pavement has been disturbed by utilities when they maintain or repair their lines. There was discussion of which towns might have adopted that. Mayor Barbera will inquire at the upcoming county mayors' meeting.

**RESOLUTIONS**

• **#050-2019- TO CANCEL SMALL BALANCES**

**WHEREAS**, NJS A 40A:5-17 allows for the cancellation of property tax overpayments or delinquent amounts in the amounts of less than \$10.00; and,

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**WHEREAS**, the governing body may authorize the Tax Collector to process, without further action on their part, any cancellation of property tax overpayments or delinquencies of less than \$10.00.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Governing Body of the Borough of Laurel Springs, County of Camden, State of New Jersey, hereby authorize the Tax Collector to cancel said amounts as deemed necessary.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a certified copy of the Resolution be forwarded to the Tax Collector, the Chief Financial Officer and the Municipal Auditor.

- 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.

- **#051-2019- TONNAGE GRANT APPLICATION RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act, P. L. 1987, c. 102, has established a recycling fund from which tonnage grant may be made to municipalities in order to encourage local source separation and recycling programs; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the intent and the spirit of the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act to use the tonnage grants to develop new municipal recycling programs and to continue and to expand existing programs; and

**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection has promulgated recycling regulations to Implement the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act; and

**WHEREAS**, the recycling regulations impose on municipalities certain requirements as a condition for applying for tonnage grants, including but not limited to, making and keeping accurate, verifiable records of materials collected and claimed by the municipality; and

**WHEREAS**, a resolution authorizing this municipality to apply for the **2018 Recycling Tonnage Grant** will memorialize the commitment of this municipality to recycling and to indicate the assent of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs to the efforts undertaken by the municipality and the requirements contained in the Recycling Act and recycling regulations; and

**WHEREAS**, such a resolution should designate the individual authorized to ensure the application is properly completed and timely filed.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by Mayor and Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs, that the Borough of Laurel Springs hereby endorses the submission of the recycling tonnage grant application to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and designates the Recycling Coordinator and Certified Recycling Professional to ensure that the application is properly filed; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the monies received from the recycling tonnage grant be dedicated funds used solely for the purposes of recycling.

- 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.

- **#052-2019-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.

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**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that approval has been granted by Mayor and Council for RENEWALS OF “MERCANTILE LICENSE” for:

- Galaxy Home Energy Group - 313A White Horse Pike
- Bombay Bazaar - 415B N White Horse Pike
- J & R Rebuilders – 330 Washington Avenue
- 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.

• **#053-2019-INSERTION OF AN ITEM OF REVENUE NJ DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION MUNICIPAL AID**

**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 \$222,000.00, which is now available as a revenue from the NJ Department of Transportation.**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a like sum of \$222,000.00 is hereby appropriated under the title “NJ DOT Grant – Other Expenses,” pursuant to the provisions of the statute.

- 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.
- **#054-2019-AMENDING APPOINTMENTS FOR THE YEAR 2019**

**WHEREAS**, Resolution #013-2019 designated the appointments for the year 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to amend the appointment list to reflect changes in the Municipal Committees and Employees;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by Mayor and Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs, County of Camden, and State of New Jersey do hereby amend the Appointments for the year 2019 as follows:

<u>POSITION/SERVICES</u>	<u>TERM</u>	<u>NAME</u>
Public Works		
Public Works Employee – Part time	When needed	Ryan Bax

- 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

• **#055-2019-HONORING DR. DAVID C. MELDRUM, PASTOR, LAUREL SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH**

**WHEREAS**, sowing seeds of diligence and dedication yield a harvest of caring community servants; and

**WHEREAS**, we are indebted to those whose integrity is ingrained in the character of our community, whose faithfulness we should follow; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. David C. Meldrum, was raised in nearby Collingswood, New Jersey, and as a member of the Collingswood Methodist Church, was awakened to spiritual realities and felt the call to minister; and

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**WHEREAS**, he attended Barrington College in Rhode Island earning his Bachelors of Arts in Philosophy; Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, graduating with a Masters of Divinity degree; and was awarded a Doctor of Divinity degree from the University of Cambridge in London, England; and

**WHEREAS**, "Pastor Dave" has devotedly served Laurel Springs Baptist Church since 1969 with preaching and teaching ministries by which the church has significantly grown and seen many people drawn to the One he himself serves; and

**WHEREAS**, Pastor Dave has actively served his community for nearly 40 years as Chaplain for the Laurel Springs Fire and Police Departments, as well as two local hospitals.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs that Dr. David C. Meldrum be honored and congratulated on the occasion of 50 years of service to Laurel Springs Baptist Church, the Borough of Laurel Springs and its citizens.

- 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
- RESOLVED TO PAY \$254,977.06 FROM CURRENT ACCOUNT AND \$49,150.83 FROM TRUST AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS DATED 04/29/19.
  - 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
- RESOLVED TO PAY \$659,967.71 FROM CURRENT ACCOUNT AND \$28,132.61 FROM TRUST AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS DATED 05/13/19.
  - 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- Commented that Public Works is doing well with more crew coming in. He commented that the current crew is doing a wonderful and fantastic job praising the current leadership of the department. Sewer Department is also doing well with a good relationship ongoing with Lindenwold. They did some additional jetting due to the New Jersey American Water project. They will be working and creating 6 additional connections. It will be all fresh water into the sewer. The road work in this instance is due to the test occurrences of offsite contamination that needs additional treatment. There is increasing difficulty with vent stoppages that are not due to Sewer Utility issues at the main. There are increasing instances of homeowner stoppages because overuse of personal hygiene products. The practice of the Sewer Utility paying for homeowner stoppage may have to stop. Lindenwold charges \$151.00 for the service, to which Councilman DelPidio commented that it was a very reasonable charge for the service. There was discussion placing the information in a newsletter.
- DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – Councilman Cruz had no report
- DIRECTOR OF MUNICIPAL COURT – Councilwoman DiGregorio read the Court report for April, 2019, copies of which are on file and available for review.
- DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE – Councilman Letts read report for 03/31/2019, a copy of which is on file and available for review.
- DIRECTOR OF RECREATION – Councilman DelPidio discussed Laurel Springs Day was a good day with a great car show by Town Watch. He complimented the Recreation Commission for doing a very

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efficient and organized job of putting the fair one. Councilwoman Mochel commented on how nice it was with conversation from the vendors saying they had a very successful day.

- DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY – POLICE AND FIRE – Councilwoman Mochel read the Fire and Police reports for April, copies of which are on file and available for review. Thanking Officer Casciato for service rendered in teaching assignments.
- MAYOR’S REPORT – Mayor Barbera read report from Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, a copy of which is on file and available for review.

**OLD BUSINESS** – None

**NEW BUSINESS/CORRESPONDENCE** –

- From Tax Assessor Denise Campbell regarding Home Improvement exemption – Mayor Barbera explained the ordinance in the code regarding home improvement exemption. The County informed her that these municipal ordinances must be updated, which council is agreeable to do.
- From Sterling High School listing regular meeting of Board of Education – Mayor Barbera said the meetings do not last long, so make sure you are on time.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**- None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Whitman Stafford Committee, Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup> @7pm @Farmhouse
- School Board Meeting, Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup> is cancelled
- Combined Land Use Board-Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup> @7pm @Recreation Center –**CANCELLED**
- Memorial Day is Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup> – Borough Offices are Closed
- Memorial Day Service, Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup> @10am @War Memorial
- No Work Session Meetings May, June, July or August
- Whitman’s 200<sup>th</sup> Birthday, Friday, May 31<sup>st</sup>
- WaltFEST Art Festival – Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, 11 am
- Public Scholars Program - Walt Whitman: “Good Grey Poet”, Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup> @11:30 @Farmhouse Gazebo. This program is funded by the New Jersey Council for the Humanities.
- Primary Election, Tuesday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, 6 am – 8 pm @Recreation Center
- Recreation Commission, Wednesday, June 5<sup>th</sup> @7pm @Recreation Center
- JIF Safety Meeting, Thursday, June 6<sup>th</sup> @12:30 @Fire House Training Room
- Miss Laurel Springs Pageant, Friday, June 7<sup>th</sup> @7pm @Sterling
- Regular Meeting, Monday, June 10<sup>th</sup> @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 7:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Dawn T. Amadio, RMC,  
Municipal Clerk