

**BOROUGH OF LAUREL SPRINGS  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2016  
AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE BOROUGH HALL  
MAYOR THOMAS A. BARBERA PRESIDING  
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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 Record breeze and the Courier-Post on January 6, 2016 and posting on the Borough Website and bulletin board in the Borough Hall.

ROLL CALL recorded as present: McCunney, Mochel, DiGregorio and Redstreak; with Letts and Cruz absent.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- Work Session Meeting of January 25, 2016 – the motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak, was seconded by Councilwoman Mochel, with Mochel, DiGregorio and Redstreak, in favor, McCunney abstaining and none opposed.

**APPOINTMENTS**

- Connor Tindall Senior Member of Fire Department – the motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilwoman Mochel, with Mochel, DiGregorio and Redstreak, in favor, McCunney abstaining and none opposed.

**RESOLUTIONS**

- **#028-2016- CANCELLING OUTSTANDING CHECKS**

**WHEREAS**, upon review of the financial records of various bank accounts maintained by the Borough of Laurel Springs, it was determined that there are several stale-dated outstanding checks; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interest of the Borough to **cancel these outstanding checks;**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs, that the following outstanding checks be cancelled:

<u>ACCOUNT &amp; CHECK #</u>	<u>DATED</u>	<u>PAYEE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
<u>General Fund</u>			
#2478	02/23/15	Sirchie	\$ 40.17
#2599	04/27/15	Laurel Lawnmower Service	<u>252.37</u>
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 292.54</b>
<u>Payroll Fund</u>			
#3185	02/09/15	Michael Wolcott	<u>\$ 17.18</u>
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 17.18</b>

- The motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilwoman Mochel, with McCunney, Mochel, DiGregorio and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and no abstentions

- **#029-2016- AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF TCNJ CEL DAY OPPORTUNITY ONLINE APPLICATION**

**WHEREAS**, a sustainable community seeks to optimize quality of life for its residents by ensuring that its environmental, economic and social objectives are balanced and mutually supportive; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Laurel Springs is participating in the Sustainable Jersey Program; and

**WHEREAS**, as part of the partnership between Sustainable Jersey and the Bonner Institute for Civic and Community Engagement at The College of New Jersey, there is an opportunity for Sustainable Jersey communities to enlist students from The College of New Jersey to support the Borough's green team on a specific project that contributes to your Sustainable Jersey certification progress; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Body of the Borough of Laurel Springs has determined that the Borough of Laurel Springs should apply for the aforementioned opportunity.

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**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Governing Body of the Borough of Laurel Springs, State of New Jersey, authorize the submission of the online application for the TCNJ CEL day opportunity.

- The motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilwoman Mochel, with McCunney, Mochel, DiGregorio and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and no abstentions

- **#030-2016- 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".

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 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:

Nat Alexander Co.

121 White Horse Pike

McFadden Catering

831 Stone Rd.

Citgo Gas Station

Two Broadway

Tim's Auto Repair

900 Stone Rd.

Citgo Grocery Store

Two Broadway

- The motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilwoman Mochel, with McCunney, Mochel, DiGregorio and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and no abstentions

- **#031-2016- TO REFUND TOWING LICENSE FEES**

WHEREAS, the following fees were received for a Towing License Application that is not going to be considered.

RHP Enterprises

\$100.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs that amount indicated be refunded.

- The motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilwoman Mochel, with McCunney, Mochel, DiGregorio and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and no abstentions

- **#032-2016- APPROVING PARTICIPATION WITH THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY IN A SAFE AND SECURE COMMUNITIES PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE, DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Laurel Springs wishes to apply for funding for a project under the Safe and Secure Communities Program, and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs has reviewed the accompanying application and has approved said request, and

WHEREAS, the project is a joint effort between the Department of Law and Public Safety and the Borough of Laurel Springs, for the purpose described in the application;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs that

1. As a matter of public policy the Borough of Laurel Springs wishes to participate to the fullest extent possible with the Department of Law and
  2. The Attorney General of New Jersey will receive funds on behalf of the applicant.
  3. The Division of Criminal Justice shall be responsible for the receipt and review of the applications for said funds.
  4. The Division of Criminal Justice shall initiate allocations to the applicant as authorized by law.
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- RESOLVED TO PAY \$546,791.12 FROM CURRENT ACCOUNT AND \$28,976.52 FROM TRUST AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS
- The motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilwoman Mochel, with Letts, McCunney, Mochel, DiGregorio, Cruz and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and no abstentions

**ORDINANCES – First Reading and Introduction:**

- #797-2016- 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 YEAR
  - The motion to Introduce by Councilman Redstreak, was seconded by Councilwoman Mochel with McCunney, Mochel, DiGregorio and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and no abstentions
  - The Second Reading, Public Hearing and Motion to Adopt will be held on Monday, March 14, 2016 at 7 pm in the Borough Hall.
- #798-2016- AN ORDINANCE TO MANDATE DIRECT DEPOSIT FORMUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES BY THE BOROUGH OF LAUREL SPRINGS TO C.52:14-15f et. Seq
  - The motion to Introduce by Councilman Redstreak, was seconded by Councilwoman Mochel with McCunney, Mochel, DiGregorio and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and no abstentions
  - The Second Reading, Public Hearing and Motion to Adopt will be held on Monday, March 14, 2016 at 7 pm in the Borough Hall.
- #799-2016- AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 80 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF LAUREL SPRINGS ENTITLED, "VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC"
  - The motion to Introduce by Councilman Redstreak, was seconded by Councilwoman Mochel with McCunney, Mochel, DiGregorio and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and no abstentions
  - The Second Reading, Public Hearing and Motion to Adopt will be held on Monday, March 14, 2016 at 7 pm in the Borough Hall.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, BOARDS, SERVICES/PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL – Council President Redstreak commented that he had been provided with a copy of CCMUA budget for 2016 reminding that there had been a \$10 increase approved by the County for the year. He commented that all was well with Public Works. There were break downs of equipment during the snow storm. However, they are repaired or in the process of being repaired. He read the Sewer Report for January, 2016, a copy of which is on file and available for review.
- DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – Councilman McCunney had no report.
- DIRECTOR OF MUNICIPAL COURT – Councilwoman DiGregorio had no report.
- DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE – Councilman Letts read the CFO Report for the month of January, 2016
- DIRECTOR OF RECREATION – Councilman Cruz read the Recreation Report for January, 2016
- DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY – POLICE AND FIRE – Councilwoman Mochel read the Fire and Police Reports for the month of January, 2016, copies of which are on file and available for review.
- MAYOR'S REPORT – Mayor Barbera read the Mayor's Report covering his activities for January, 2016, a copy of which is on file and available for review.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- Cord Mansion Project – There was a review of the grant monies received. There was conversation the grant timelines for disbursement of those funds. With regard to CDBG Supplemental Funds nothing has been heard on the submitted application. The County Community Development Office will be contacted to see if there is any update.

**NEW BUSINESS-** None.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

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- From Hardenbergh Insurance regarding Employee Practices Liability Insurance premiums and deductibles. It was determined that the Co-insurance portion of the material does not apply to municipalities. There was discussion about the need for lower deductibles and the current out of pocket. There was discussion of what was covered. The coverage includes employee matters, public officials, decisions of the Planning and Zoning Boards, etc. Solicitor Botcheos mentioned that there was no way to stop the Borough from being sued. Council concurred to keep the premium level and the deductible as is at \$20,000.
- From NJLM announcing webinar on Municipal Budgets on the last Friday in February. Those interested will be registered.

ITEMS RECEIVED AFTER THE AGENDA WAS PRINTED –

- Tree Seedlings – there was discussion of the program which is designed to replace trees that were destroyed by Super Storm Sandy. The trees can be distributed for residential properties. The assignment of the trees is at their discretion. The application needs to be approved by council.
  - **#033-2016 - AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF NEW JERSEY TREE RECOVERY CAMPAIGN COMMUNITY APPLICATION 2016**
    - WHEREAS**, storms, such as Super Storm Sandy, leave communities with many dead and damaged trees; and
    - WHEREAS**, trees create defining features of many neighborhoods as well as given numerous benefit to residents; and
    - WHEREAS**, through the NJ Tree Recovery Campaign help can be given to communities to replant those missing trees; and
    - WHEREAS**, the Governing Body of the Borough of Laurel Springs supports the community's participation in this program;
    - NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Governing Body of the Borough of Laurel Springs, State of New Jersey, authorize the submission of the New Jersey Tree Recovery Campaign Community Application 2016.
      - The motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilwoman Mochel, with McCunney, Mochel, DiGregorio and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and no abstentions

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Tuesday, February 9<sup>th</sup> LSYA Baseball/Softball Signup, 6-8 pm @Recreation Center
- Monday, February 15<sup>th</sup> President Day – Borough Offices are closed.
- Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup> Economic Improvement Committee – 4 pm @ Borough Hall
- Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup> LSYA Baseball/Softball Signup, 6-8 pm @ Recreation Center
- Thursday, February 18<sup>th</sup> Combined Land Use Board, 7 pm @ Borough Hall
- Monday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> Laurel Green (Sustainable Jersey) 6 pm @ Borough Hall
- Monday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> Work Session Meeting, 7 pm @Borough Hall

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC – none

ADJOURNMENT –There being no further business a motion was made by Councilman Redstreak, which was seconded by Councilwoman Mochel to adjourn at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn T. Amadio, RMC,  
Municipal Clerk