

**BOROUGH OF LAUREL SPRINGS
MAYOR AND COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 11, 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: Letts, Mochel, DiGregorio and Redstreake; absent: McCunney and Cruz.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Regular Meeting of March 14, 2016 – the motion to approve by Councilman Redstreake, was seconded by Councilwoman Mochel, with Letts, Mochel, DiGregorio and Redstreake, in favor, none abstaining and none opposed.
- Work Session of March 29, 2016 – the motion to approve by Councilman Redstreake, was seconded by Councilwoman Mochel, with Letts, Mochel, DiGregorio and Redstreake, in favor, none abstaining and none opposed.

RESOLUTIONS

• **#48-2016- 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Mayor and Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs that the proper investigations have been made and the following applicant has 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 NEW “MERCANTILE LICENSE” for:

Primo Water Ice of Laurel Springs
801 West Atlantic Avenue

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the sale of art piecework on a commission basis is also approved at this location.

- The motion to approve by Councilman Redstreake was seconded by Councilwoman Mochel, with Letts, Mochel, DiGregorio and Redstreake in favor, none opposed and no abstentions
- **#049-2016- AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER TO CONDUCT THE LOCAL BUDGET EXAMINATION**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-78b has authorized the Local Finance Board to adopt rules that permit municipalities in sound fiscal condition to assume the responsibility, normally granted to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, of conducting the annual budget examination; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 5:30-7 was adopted by the Local Finance Board on February 11, 1997; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-7.2 through 7.5, the Borough of Laurel Springs has been declared eligible to participate in the program by the Division of Local Government Services, and the Chief Financial Officer has determined that the Borough of Laurel Springs meets the necessary conditions to participate in the program for the 2016 budget year;

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs that, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:30-7.6a & b and based upon the Chief Financial Officer's certification, the governing body has found that the Budget has met the following requirements:

1. That, with reference to the following items, the amounts have been calculated pursuant to law, and appropriated as such in the Budget:
 - a. Payment of interest and debt redemption charges
 - b. Deferred charges and statutory expenditures
 - c. Cash deficit of preceding year
 - d. Reserve for uncollected taxes
 - e. Other reserves and non-disbursement items
 - f. Any inclusions of amounts required for school purposes
2. That the provisions relating to limitation on increases of appropriations pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.2 and appropriations for exceptions to limits on appropriations found at 40A: 4-45.3 et seq. are fully met.
3. That the Budget is in such form, arrangement and content as required by the Local Budget Law and N.J.A.C. 5:30-4 & 5:30-5.
4. That pursuant to the Local Budget Law:
 - a. All estimates of revenue are reasonable, accurate and correctly stated
 - b. Items of appropriation are properly set forth
 - c. In itemization, form, arrangement and content the Budget will permit the exercise of the comptroller function within the municipality.
5. The Budget and associated amendments have been introduced and publicly advertised in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Local Budget Law, except that failure to meet the deadlines of N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-5 shall not prevent such certification.
6. That all other applicable statutory requirements have been fulfilled.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

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

- **#050-2016- APPROVING PROPOSAL OF ASPHALT PAVING, INC. FOR SIDEWALKS ON STONE ROAD**

WHEREAS, irregular sidewalks exist on Stone Road in front of Laurel Springs School due to the scope and boundaries of a NJDOT T21 Streetscape project; and

WHEREAS, the condition of this sidewalk has been identified by the Borough as a hazard; and

WHEREAS, quotes to improve and repair such sidewalks were solicited, received and reviewed by the Borough Administrator and Borough Council; and

WHEREAS, Asphalt Paving Systems, Inc., submitted the lowest responsible quote; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs that the quote for the concrete and brick work by Asphalt Paving Systems, Inc., P. O. Box 530, Hammonton, NJ 08037 be awarded in the amount of \$16,135.00.

- The motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilwoman Mochel, with Letts, Mochel, DiGregorio, and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and no abstentions
- **#051-2016- APPROVING TREE REMOVAL PERMIT AT 437 GLEN AVENUE**

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WHEREAS, Chapter 258 of the Code of the Borough of Laurel Springs entitled "TREES" authorizes Borough Council to grant a permit to remove or destroy non-Borough tree or trees; and

WHEREAS, the cutting or removal restrictions set forth in such ordinance were reviewed by Ryan Plotts, 437 Glen Avenue, hereinafter the applicant, and a plan in the form of letter and photographs containing the required information has been submitted to Borough Council; and

WHEREAS, the applicant has requested permission for removal of trees deemed significant by said Code and exemption from any restrictions on removal of any other trees indicated in his property plan; and

WHEREAS, the Borough inspected the site on which are located the tree or trees sought to be cut or removed and no conditions existing on the subject property and adjoining properties would be impaired or disadvantaged by the removal requested; and

WHEREAS, the applicant has identified the hardships with the presence of said trees as proximity to the main and proposed secondary structure and overcrowded growth at a proposed fencing site; and

WHEREAS, the applicant has stated his intention of planting new trees in a manner more conducive to a managed tree canopy; and

WHEREAS, all tree removal permits shall be limited to one year from the date of issuance, and should approved tree (s) removal not occur within one year, a new permit must be applied for and is subject to the payment of new fees;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs that Ryan Plotts, 437 Glen Avenue, be granted a permit in the form of this resolution to remove the trees indicated in his property plan attached hereto.

- The motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilwoman Mochel, with Letts, Mochel, DiGregorio and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and no abstentions
- RESOLVED TO PAY \$336,265.69 FROM CURRENT ACCOUNT AND \$51,249.98 TRUST AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS
- The motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilwoman Mochel, with Letts, Mochel, DiGregorio and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and no abstentions

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY – POLICE AND FIRE – Councilwoman Mochel read the Police Report and Fire Report for the month of March, 2016, copies of which are on file and available for review.
- DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, BOARDS, SERVICES/PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL – Council President Redstreak read the Sewer Utility Report for the month of March, 2016, copies of which are on file and available for review. He commented that all was well with Public Works. He distributed photos of the Whitman carvings on the Boardwalk at Crystal Springs. He reported on the upcoming Lake Clean Up on Saturday, April 23, 2016, which will include the distribution of 500 oak saplings to residents. All these improvements have been funded by grant money.
- DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – Councilman McCunney was absent.
- DIRECTOR OF MUNICIPAL COURT – Councilwoman DiGregorio read the Municipal Court for March, 2016, copies of which are on file and available for review.
- DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE – Councilman Letts read the CFO Report for the month of March, 2016, a copy of which is on file and available for review.

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- DIRECTOR OF RECREATION – Councilman Cruz was absent.
- MAYOR’S REPORT – Mayor Barbera read the Mayor’s Report covering his activities for the Month of March, 2016.
 - Mayor Barbera made a Special Recognition Award presentation to Fire Engineer Roy Kane for service a Fire Safety Instructor from the Camden County Joint Insurance Fund.

OLD BUSINESS

- Cord Mansion Project- Invoicing and vouchers were submitted to Community Development for reimbursement. Arrangements are being made to meet with the Architect.
- Financial Disclosure Statements – these must be submitted by April 30, 2016. Anyone who needs their pin number it is available on the Roster.

CORRESPONDENCE

- From NJDOT regarding Municipal Aid Grant Award for Washington Avenue in the amount of \$200,000.
- Parking on Chestnut Avenue- Ordinance Review- There was a request from the Recreation Commission to provide parking on Chestnut Avenue which segued into an overall discussion of parking at the Recreation Complex and possible solutions. There was resistance to parking on Chestnut without the consent of Chestnut Avenue residence. The specific matter will be discussed by the Ordinance Review Committee.
- Opening Day- April 16th- There was discussion of what time the Opening Day activities commence.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Pageant Committee – Wednesday, April 13th @ 4 pm @ Borough Hall
- Spring Cleaning Special Recycling Event – Tuesday, April 19th and Wednesday, April 20th. Leaves and garden debris piled curbside for pick up.
- Economic Improvement Committee – Tuesday, April 19th @ 4 pm @ Borough Hall
- Combined Land Use Board – Thursday, April 21st @ 7 pm @ Borough Hall
- Laurel Lake Clean Up/Earth Day Event – Saturday, April 23rd @ 9 am @ Crystal Springs
- Free Tree Seedling Distribution/Earth Day Event – Saturday, April 23rd @ 9 am @ Crystal Springs
- Work Session Meeting of Mayor and Council – Monday, April 25th @ 7 pm @ Borough Hall.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC –

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