

**BOROUGH OF LAUREL SPRINGS  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL WORK SESSION  
MONDAY APRIL 25, 2016 - 7:00 P.M.  
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 Central Record and the Courier-Post on January 6, 2016 and posting on the website and bulletin board in the Borough Hall, also on Borough’s website.

**ROLL CALL** recorded as present: Letts, McCunney, Mochel, DiGregorio, Cruz and Redstreak; absent: none

**ENGINEERS REPORT** – Environmental Resolutions -

**CAPITAL ITEMS**

1. **NJDOT Municipal Aid Grant Applications – FY 2016**

The Borough recently received a \$200,000.00 Municipal Aid Grant for the Reconstruction of Washington Avenue, between Stone Road and Chestnut Avenue. Our office submitted a proposal dated April 20, 2016 for the design and construction management of the project for Council's consideration. Once the proposal is approved, we will begin the surveying and design work.

**OTHER PROJECTS**

2. **Tax Map Digitization / Revisions**

The State Division of Taxation comments and requested revisions were addressed and the tax maps have been accepted by the State. The tax map revisions have been finalized and hard copies of the maps have been delivered to the Borough Tax Assessor. We have also completed our work on the Graphic Information System (GIS) files. The Tax Assessor has informed us that the County Taxation Department will assist her with implementing the GIS files and software in the near future. ERI will provide additional support with the implementation if necessary.

3. **Laurel Lake - Lake Lowering Permit**

NJEDEP Division of Fish and Wildlife recently issued a Lake Lowering Permit to the Borough to cover the dates for the annual Lake Cleanup Day on April 23 and also for the rain date of April 30. The lake must be re-filled by May 1, 2016 as per the terms of the permit.

4. **Tempo Builders Mixed Use Development**

ERI recently received Final Plans for conformance review to the terms of the Planning Board approval received by the developer in 2013. The design engineer has revised the Plans to satisfy ERI's review comments from March and the Final Plans have been signed by the Borough Engineer. Construction will be able to begin once the developer has posted a performance bond, inspection escrow and has held a Preconstruction Meeting with our office and appropriate Borough officials.

There was discussion of the process in bidding and constructing Washington Avenue, with regard to base bids and alternates bid, and which direction the construction will commence.

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**Lake Clean Up** – Council President reported on a good effort at the Lake Clean Up. There was difficulty with the rain which became a problem around 11 am. However, about 7 or 8 downed trees were removed from the stream, and about 10 to 15 yards of leaves and trash. There were well over 50 volunteers. Special thanks to Pastor Cliff and Saint Pauls for Coffee and Donuts. Dianne Hafer and the Miss Laurel Springs Pageant for the distribution of the Oak trees saplings. The Laurel Springs Fire Department and Laurel Springs Public Works Department provided indispensable assistance. There was a contingency of volunteers associated with a Cub Scout Pack. Councilman Redstreak spoke on how much progress has been made and a growing interest and effort in improving this area. There was additional conversation on the numbers of people who are visiting the site. It is very positive and very impressive. The degree of grass roots volunteerism in Laurel Springs was commended on again, and thanks given for the positive turn around of this park.

**MATTERS REQUIRING OFFICIAL ACTION**

- **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**- Regular Meeting of April 11, 2016 – the motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak, was seconded by Councilwoman Mochel, with Letts, Mochel, DiGregorio and Redstreak, in favor, McCunney and Cruz abstaining and none opposed.
- **ORDINANCE Second Reading of #800-2016- AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)**
  - Mayor Barbera opened the meeting to the public for comments and questions, hearing none; he closed the meeting to the public.
  - The motion to adopt by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilwoman Mochel with Letts, McCunney, Mochel, DiGregorio, Cruz and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.

• **RESOLUTIONS**

• **#052-2016-CANCELLING SEWER UTILITY UNIT AT 915 STONE ROAD**

**WHEREAS**, the structure situated at 915 Stone Road has been inspected by the Sewer Utility Foreman, and found to contain only two (2) sewer units; and

**WHEREAS**, the property owner, Richard and Donna A. Vesci, has requested removal of two units unit currently assessed to this property;

**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 two units for Account #395 for 915 Stone Road, be removed from the sewer utility billing to take effect the 2016 billing year.

- 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.

▪ **#053-2016- 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 2015 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

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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, McCunney, Mochel, DiGregorio, Cruz and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.
  
- RESOLVED TO PAY \$179,148.12 FROM CURRENT ACCOUNT AND \$17,244.54 FROM TRUST AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS
- The motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilman McCunney, with Letts, McCunney, and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.

#### **MATTERS FOR COUNCIL DISCUSSION**

- Financial Disclosure Statement Due – These are completed online and are due to April 30, 2016, which is the end of the week. It is a simple filing, and there is some difficulty with passwords, so assistance is available at Borough Hall.
- Zoning Overlay of Stone Road – this ordinance is still being reviewed. A section of Stone Road is proposed to have an overlay so that should a commercial entity desire to purchase property, they would not have to apply for a use variance. It lays out site standards for such. Mayor Barbera requested that Council review the ordinance especially with regard to the bulk requirements, and offer suggestions. The Zoning Board was presented with the proposed ordinance and made suggestions.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

#### **ITEMS RECEIVED AFTER THE AGENDA WAS PRINTED**

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Wednesday, April 27<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 pm WaltFEST Meeting @ Borough Hall
- Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup> @ 10 am Free Rabies and Pet Licensing Clinic @ Fire House
- Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup> @ 11 am Board of Health @ Fire House
- Wednesday, May 4<sup>th</sup> @ 7 pm Recreation Commission @ Recreation Center
- Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup> - Town Wide Yard Sale and Clean Community Day
- Monday, May 9<sup>th</sup> @ 7 pm Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council @ Borough Hall

#### **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC – none**

**ADJOURNMENT** – There being no further business a motion was made by Councilman Redstreak which was seconded by Councilman McCunney to adjourn at 7:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn T. Amadio, RMC, Municipal Clerk