

**BOROUGH OF LAUREL SPRINGS
MAYOR AND COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2017
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 Retrospect and the Courier-Post on January 10, 2017 and posting on the Borough Website and bulletin board in the Borough Hall.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Work Session Meeting of January 23, 2017 – the motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak, was seconded by Councilwoman Mochel, with Letts, McCunney, Mochel, DiGregori, Cruz and Redstreak, in favor, none abstaining and none opposed.

RESOLUTIONS

- #031-2017-TO WAIVE OR REDUCE FEES FOR THE JACK H. HAGEN RECREATION CENTER
WHEREAS, there are fees required for the use of the Jack H. Hagen Recreation Center in the Borough of Laurel Springs, NJ; and
WHEREAS, in certain instances, these fees are reduced or waived;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs that the fees for rental of the Jack H. Hagen Recreation Center be reduced or waived for the following for the month of February, 2017:
 - Jacqueline Vicari – Borough Employee
 - James Redstreak – Councilman
 - Laurel Springs Home and School Council - Borough Service Organization
 - Tina Harding – prize redemptionBE, IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following monies received be refunded:
 - Kitty Ercolani – 311 East Elma Avenue – \$200.00
- 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
- #032-2017-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

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

- The Borough Safety Committee will meet on the following Thursdays – March 2nd, June 1st, September 7th and December 7th 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
 - Establishing a Motor Vehicle fleet safety program
 - 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 Councilwoman Mochel, with Letts, McCunney, Mochel, DiGregorio, Cruz and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and no abstentions

- **#033-2017-AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH INDEPENDENT ANIMAL CONTROL FOR ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES FOR 2017**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Laurel Springs requires Animal Control Services to control stray, sick, and injured animals, provide general public with humane education, and enforce animal welfare and control ordinances which overall will promote good public health and make the municipality safe and more enjoyable.

WHEREAS, quotes for animal control services for the year 2017 have been received by the Borough and reviewed by Council; and

WHEREAS, Independent Animal Care Services LLC. has submitted an acceptable quote that is compliant with all statutory requirements and with all rules and regulations governing animal control and animal control officers pursuant to N.J.S.A. Title 4, Chapter 19, and Article 1; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs, County of Camden, that they authorize execution of a contract with Independent Animal Control P.O. Box 1612 Blackwood, NJ 08012 in the amount of \$4,200 annually, and payable at the rate of \$350.00 per month plus applicable overtime charges.

- 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

- **#034-2017-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:

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| 1. Nat Alexander Co. 121 White Horse Pike | 2. Citgo Gas Station Two Broadway | 3. Citgo Grocery Store Two Broadway |
| 4. Gregorio Deli 817 W. Atlantic Ave | 5. McFadden Catering 831 Stone Road | 6. Tim’s Auto Repair 900 Stone Road |
| 7. B’s and M Motors 101 White Horse Pike | 8. Lisa Ward Photography 654 E. Atlantic Ave | |

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

- #035-2017-AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE 2017 ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Transportation Trust Fund Authority Act provides that each community receive an annual state aid allotment for roads and bridge projects; and

WHEREAS, roadway improvements listed in the 2017 Road Improvement Program, consisting of Washington Avenue Phase 2 (Central to Chestnut); Reconstruction of Arch Avenue (Chestnut to Summit) have been identified as potentially eligible projects; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council, of the Borough of Laurel Springs that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as the 2017 Road Improvement Program to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of the Borough of Laurel Springs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the Borough of Laurel Springs and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Borough Council, of the Borough of Laurel Springs that the Borough Engineer be authorized to complete the electronic grant application and associated documentation for submission to the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the 2017 Road Improvement Program.

- The motion to approve by Councilman Redstreake was seconded by Councilman McCunney, with Letts, McCunney, Mochel, DiGregorio, Cruz and Redstreake in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.
- RESOLVED TO PAY \$613,186.22 FROM CURRENT ACCOUNT AND \$36,461.87 FROM TRUST AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS
- The motion to approve by Councilman Redstreake was seconded by Councilwoman Mochel, with Letts, McCunney, Mochel, DiGregorio, Cruz and Redstreake in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.

ORDINANCES – First Reading and Introduction:

- #807-2017- AN ORDINANCE CREATING CHAPTER 202, ARTICLE 1, OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF LAUREL SPRINGS ENTITLED, “REGISTRATION OF DEFAULTED MORTGAGE PROPERTY
 - The motion to Introduce by Councilman Redstreake, was seconded by Councilwoman Mochel with McCunney, Mochel, DiGregorio and Redstreake in favor, none opposed and no abstentions
 - The Second Reading, Public Hearing and Motion to Adopt will be held on Monday, March 13, 2017 at 7 pm in the Borough Hall.
- #808-2017- 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 2017
 - The motion to Introduce by Councilman Redstreake, was seconded by Councilwoman Mochel with McCunney, Mochel, DiGregorio and Redstreake in favor, none opposed and no abstentions
 - The Second Reading, Public Hearing and Motion to Adopt will be held on Monday, March 13, 2017 at 7 pm in the Borough Hall.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, BOARDS, SERVICES/PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL – Council President Redstreake read the Sewer Utility report for the month of January, 2017, a copy of which is on file and available for review.

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- 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 ending January 31, 2017, a copy of which is on file and available for review.
- DIRECTOR OF RECREATION – Councilman Cruz read the Recreation Report for January, 2017.
- DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY – POLICE AND FIRE – Councilwoman Mochel read the Fire and Police Reports for the month of January, 2017, 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, 2017, a copy of which is on file and available for review.

OLD BUSINESS –none.

NEW BUSINESS

- The Home and School Council is seeking approval from Mayor and Council to hold its Second Annual Color Run on Sunday, May 21, 2017. Registration is at 9 am with a 10 am start. The event does require use of Borough streets, so formal authorization by Council is in order. The motion to authorize Laurel Springs Home and School Council to hold their 5K Color Run on Sunday, May 21, 2017 by Councilman Redstreak, was seconded by Councilwoman Mochel with McCunney, Mochel, DiGregorio and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.

CORRESPONDENCE-

- From Camden County regarding their newly appointed Public Works Director. Mayor Barbera explained that former Director Sam Martello has accepted a position with Winslow Township.
- 2016-2017 Elected Official Online Training- the notice for the online case was distributed to Council.

ITEMS RECEIVED AFTER THE AGENDA WAS PRINTED – none

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC- none.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- LSYA Baseball/Softball Signup, Tuesday, February 7th - February 21st, 6 – 8 pm @Rec Center
- School Board Meeting, Wednesday, February 15th @7 pm @Laurel Springs School
- Combined Land Use Meeting, Thursday, February 16th @7 pm @Borough Hall
- Presidents’ Day, Monday, February 20th – Borough Offices are closed
- Work Session Meeting of Mayor and Council, Monday, February 27th @7 pm @Borough Hall

ADJOURNMENT –There being no further business a motion was made by Councilman Redstreak, which was seconded by Councilwoman Mochel to adjourn at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn T. Amadio, RMC,
Municipal Clerk