

BOROUGH OF LAUREL SPRINGS  
REGULAR MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
MONDAY, JULY 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
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 10, 2017 and posting on the Borough Website and bulletin board in the Borough Hall.

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

**ENGINEER'S REPORT**- Jeff Hansen – Environmental Resolutions, Inc.

**CAPITAL ITEMS**

1. Reconstruction of Washington Avenue, Phase 1 - NJDOT FY2016 Municipal Aid Grant

The Borough received a \$200,000.00 Municipal Aid Grant for the Reconstruction of Washington Avenue, between Stone Road and Chestnut Avenue. Bids were received at 2:00 PM on June 8, 2012. The apparent low bidder was Paving Plus, LLC. At the June 2017 meeting Council awarded the Base Bid plus Alternate Bid #2 in the amount of \$179,730.00 to Paving Plus, LLC.

A preconstruction meeting was held at Borough Hall on July 6, 2017. The Contractor anticipates a starting date of July 24, 2017. Tree trimming / removal, curbing replacement and driveway apron replacement will take approximately 3-4 weeks to complete. Once this work is complete, the milling and paving operation will take place, which can be expected to occur in late August.

2. NJDOT Local Aid Grant Applications – FY2017

Our office recently submitted Municipal Aid applications for Washington Avenue, Phase 2 (Central to Chestnut) and the Reconstruction of Arch Avenue (Chestnut to Summit); and also preparing a Safe Streets to Transit Application for sidewalk replacement along East Atlantic Avenue (Stratford Borough line to Lindenwold Borough line). Unfortunately, the project was not selected by NJDOT to receive funding for FY 2017. If it is the pleasure of Mayor and Council we will resubmit for FY 2018 funds.

3. Borough Zoning Map Update

ERI has prepared a draft copy of an updated zoning map for review with appropriate Borough officials. The map will be further updated based upon any comments received once Borough official have had a chance to review the map.

**OTHER PROJECTS**

4. Tempo Builders Mixed Use Development

ERI 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.

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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Regular Meeting of Monday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017 – the motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak, was seconded by Councilman Letts with Letts and Redstreak in favor, Cruz abstaining and none opposed.

**ORDINANCES** – First Reading and Introduction

- #810-2017- AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE STATUTORY AUTHORITY OF VERIZON NEW JERSEY INC., ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS TO USE THE VARIOUS PUBLIC STREETS, ROADS, AVENUES, HIGHWAYS AND OTHER PUBLIC WAYS IN THE BOROUGH OF LAUREL SPRINGS, CAMDEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, FOR ITS LOCAL AND THROUGH LINES AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES AND PRESCRIBING THE CONDITIONS THEREOF
  - The motion to introduction by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilman Cruz with, Letts, Cruz and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and no abstentions
  - The Second Reading, Public Hearing and Adoption is scheduled for Monday, August 14, 2017 at 7 pm at Borough Hall.
- #811-2017-AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 76 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF LAUREL SPRINGS ENTITLED, “ANIMALS”
  - The Ordinance was tabled for further review.

**RESOLUTIONS**

- #055-2017-**INSERTION OF AN ITEM OF REVENUE CLEAN COMMUNITIES GRANT**

**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 2017 in the sum of \$4,424.61, which is now available as a revenue from the NJ Clean Communities Grant.**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a like sum of \$4,424.61 is hereby appropriated under the title “Clean Communities Grant – Other Expenses,” pursuant to the provisions of the statute.
- The motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilwoman Mochel, with Letts, McCunney, Mochel, DiGregorio and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and no abstentions
- #061-2017- **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PLANNING BOARD OF THE BOROUGH OF LAUREL SPRINGS TO UNDERTAKE A PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-6 TO AMEND THE WHITE HORSE PIKE REDEVELOPMENT STUDY**

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Body of the Borough of Laurel Springs authorized the Planning Board of the Borough of Laurel Springs to undertake a preliminary investigation to determine, and subsequently the Planning Board of the Borough of Laurel Springs by Resolution adopted July 21, 2005 recommended to the Mayor and Council that Block 1, Lots 1 through 7; Block 2, Lots 1 through 8; Block 3, Lots 1 through 8; Block 4, Lots 1 through 12; Block 5, Lots 6, 7, 9 & 10; Block 6, Lots 1 through 4.01; Block 8, Lots 41 and 41.02; be designated “an area in need of redevelopment;” and

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**WHEREAS**, the Governing Body of the Borough of Laurel Springs thereafter adopted an ordinance accepting the recommendations of the Planning Board and designating the subject property as “an area in need of redevelopment;” and

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Body of the Borough of Laurel Springs desires to amend that designation and that plan to include Block 12, Lot 1 and authorizes the Planning Board of the Borough of Laurel Springs to undertake a preliminary investigation to determine whether the amended proposed study area meet the statutory criteria for an “area in need of redevelopment.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Borough of Laurel Springs, County of Camden, State of New Jersey, that the Planning Board of the Borough of Laurel Springs is hereby directed to investigate to determine whether the proposed amended study area of Block 12, Lot 1 meets the statutory criteria for an “area in need of redevelopment.

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

- **#062-2017- RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PLANNING BOARD OF THE BOROUGH OF LAUREL SPRINGS TO UNDERTAKE A PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-6 TO AMEND THE DOWNTOWN REDEVELOPMENT STUDY**

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Body of the Borough of Laurel Springs authorized the Planning Board of the Borough of Laurel Springs to undertake a preliminary investigation to determine, and subsequently the Planning Board of the Borough of Laurel Springs by Resolution adopted July 21, 2005 recommended to the Mayor and Council that Block 26, Lot 4; Block 27, Lots 1 through 4.01 and 11; Block 28, Lots 1 and 12 through 12.03; Block 31, Lots 7 through 12; Block 35, Lot 1; Block 36, Lot 1; Block 37, Lots 1 through 4, 16 and 18; Block 41, Lots 12.01 through 15; Block 42, Lots 28 through 34.01; and Block 43, Lot 6; be designated “an area in need of redevelopment;” and

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Body of the Borough of Laurel Springs thereafter adopted an ordinance accepting the recommendations of the Planning Board and designating the subject property as “an area in need of redevelopment;” and

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Body of the Borough of Laurel Springs desires to amend that designation and that plan to include Block 37, Lots 5 through 15.01 and authorizes the Planning Board of the Borough of Laurel Springs to undertake a preliminary investigation to determine whether the amended proposed study area meet the statutory criteria for an “area in need of redevelopment.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Borough of Laurel Springs, County of Camden, State of New Jersey, that the Planning Board of the Borough of Laurel Springs is hereby directed to investigate to determine whether the proposed amended study area of Block 37, Lots 5 through 15.01 meets the statutory criteria for an “area in need of redevelopment.

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

- **#063-2017-AUTHORIZING MAYOR AND CLERK TO SIGN THE PUBLIC OFFICIAL/EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES DEDUCTIBLE/CO-INSURANCE RE-PAYMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CAMDEN COUNTY MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND AND THE BOROUGH OF LAUREL SPRINGS.**

**WHEREAS**, by Resolution 18-11, adopted June 27, 2011 and amended July 27, 2012, the Executive Committee of the Camden County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund has adopted a

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program to offer member entities the ability to select an option for the Fund to process the payments for the entities deductible and/or co-payments for Public Officials and/or Employment Practices claims in accordance with the following conditions of such program:

- The Borough must request (and has requested) this option from the JIF's Executive Committee on a "per claim" basis
- The Borough must subsequently adopt a resolution acknowledging the debt being incurred as a result of the claim
- The Borough, should it leave the Fund for any reason during its repayment period, shall pay any balance to the Fund before the date of membership termination

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Governing Body of the Borough of Laurel Springs authorizes the Mayor and Clerk to sign the Public Official/Employment Practices Deductible/Co-Insurance Re-Payment Agreement between the Camden County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund and the Borough of Laurel Springs.

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

• **#064-2017-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:

Seymour's BBQ  
415 North White Horse Pike

- The motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilman Cruz, with Letts, Cruz and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and no abstentions
- RESOLVED TO PAY \$384,716.35 FROM CURRENT ACCOUNT AND \$48,691.79 FROM TRUST AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS
- The motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilman Cruz, with Letts, Cruz and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, BOARDS, SERVICES/PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL – Council President Redstreak said that all was well with Public Works, Sewer and Planning and Zoning.
- DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – Councilman McCunney was absent.
- DIRECTOR OF MUNICIPAL COURT – Councilwoman DiGregorio was absent.
- DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE – Councilman Letts read the CFO's Report for the month ending June 30, 2017, a copy of which is on file and available for review.
- DIRECTOR OF RECREATION – Councilman Cruz read the Recreation Report for the month of July, 2017, a copy of which is on file and available for review.

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- DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY – POLICE AND FIRE – Councilwoman Mochel was absent.
- MAYOR’S REPORT – Mayor Barbera read the Recreation and Mayor’s Report for the month of July, 2017, copies of which are on file and available for review.

**NEW BUSINESS-** None.

**CORRESPONDENCE-**

- Laurel Springs Board of Education – the Meeting Schedule was distributed to Council
- Camden County Fair Co-Chairs – plans, highlights and suggestions have been requested.
- Thank you notes from the two highest ranking graduates from at Sterling High School, Joseph Korn and Emily Winters, were read into the meeting record.

ITEMS RECEIVED AFTER THE AGENDA WAS PRINTED – None.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC-**

- Bill McConney- 233 Mt Vernon Avenue- was following up on the amendment to Ordinance, to which Mayor Barbera said that it was tabled for potential conflict and dilemmas with other parts of the Animal Ordinance. He is speaking with the Chief regarding the matter and which ordinance is best suited to address Mr. McConney’s issue.
- Doris Walsh- 130 Broadway- offered her thanks for allowing her to be Grand Marshall of Fourth of July parade.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Whitman Stafford Committee, Tuesday, July 11<sup>th</sup> @7pm @Farmhouse
- Blueberry Festival, Wednesday, July 19<sup>th</sup> @6pm @Farmhouse
- Combined Land Use Board, Thursday, July 20<sup>th</sup> @ 7 pm @ Borough Hall - application received
- No Work Session Meetings in July or August
- Recreation Commission, Wednesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> @7 pm @Rec Center
- Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council, Monday, August 14, 2017 @7 pm @Borough Hall

ADJOURNMENT –There being no further business a motion was made by Councilman Redstreak, which was seconded by Councilman Cruz to adjourn at 7:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn T. Amadio, RMC,  
Municipal Clerk