

BOROUGH OF LAUREL SPRINGS  
REGULAR MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 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, McCunney, Mochel, DiGregorio and Cruz with Redstreak absent.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Regular Meeting of Monday, October 30, 2017 – the motion to approve by Councilwoman Mochel, was seconded by Councilwoman DiGregorio with Letts, McCunney, Mochel, DiGregorio and Cruz in favor, none abstaining and none opposed.

**ORDINANCES- Second Reading**

- **#816-2017- AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 208 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF LAUREL SPRINGS ENTITLED, “SEWERS”**
  - Public Hearing- Mayor Barbera opened the meeting to the Public for questions and comments. Hearing none, Mayor Barbera closed the meeting to the public.
  - The motion to adopt by Councilwoman Mochel was seconded by Councilman Letts with, Letts, McCunney, Mochel, DiGregorio and Cruz in favor, none opposed and no abstentions

**RESOLUTIONS**

- **#085-2017- CHANGE ORDER #1 – FINAL FOR RECONSTRUCTION OF WASHINGTON AVENUE PHASE 1 FOR AS-BUILT QUANTITIES**

**WHEREAS**, the project Supplementary Specification, allows for changes in the contract; and  
**WHEREAS**, the final adjustment of as-built quantities are specified in the attached schedule of supplementals and reductions; and  
**WHEREAS**, the total change is a reduction of \$7,714.00 from the original adjusted contract price of \$179,730.00 for a newly adjusted contract price of \$172,016.00 representing a 4.29% decrease from the original contract price;  
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs, State of New Jersey that the Change Order #1 is approved as submitted.
- The motion to approve by Councilwoman Mochel was seconded by Councilwoman DiGregorio, with Letts, McCunney, Mochel, DiGregorio and Cruz in favor, none opposed and no abstentions
- **#086-2017-APPOINTING SPECIAL MUNICIPAL REDEVELOPMENT COUNSEL**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Laurel Springs desires to appoint a Special Redevelopment Counsel for the term of November 13, 2017 through December 31, 2017; and  
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that Timothy J. Higgins, Esq., 1040 Kings Hwy N, Cherry Hill, NJ 08034 is hereby appointed as Special Redevelopment Counsel for the Borough of Laurel Springs for a term beginning November 13, 2017 and ending December 31, 2017.
- The motion to approve by Councilwoman Mochel was seconded by Councilman Letts with Letts, McCunney, Mochel, DiGregorio and Cruz in favor, none opposed and no abstentions
- **#087-2017-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.

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**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" effective November 8, 2017 for:

Bombay Bazaar  
421 White Horse Pike

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

- **#088-2017-ENCOURAGING HOMEOWNERS TO PLANT NATIVE PLANTS THAT SUPPORT BEE POPULATIONS AND CREATE HABITAT FOR POLLINATORS.**

WHEREAS, pollinator species, such as birds, bees, bats, and butterflies, are essential partners of farmers in producing much of the food supply throughout the United States and here in the Garden State; and

WHEREAS, the success of many of New Jersey's most popular and economically important crops, such as blueberries, apples, cranberries, cucumbers, squash, and pumpkins, is dependent upon pollinators; and

WHEREAS, the maintenance of healthy, biodiverse ecosystems depends upon the significant environmental benefits provided by pollinator species; and

WHEREAS, pollination plays a vital role in the health of State and national forests and grasslands, which provide forage, fish and wildlife, timber, water, mineral resources, and recreational and economic development opportunities for communities; and

WHEREAS, many New Jersey homeowners and residents enjoy the State's forests and grasslands, fishing and camping, and feeding their families with the State's most popular and important crops as well as gardening and beautifying their homes; and

WHEREAS, these outdoor activities go hand in hand with planting native plants to support bee populations and create habitat for all of the State's pollinators; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Environmental Protection, the Department of Agriculture, and nurseries and landscapers throughout the State have expertise concerning native plants that are beneficial for these purposes; and

WHEREAS, The benefits that native pollinator species provide to New Jersey, whether agricultural, environmental, recreational, or economic, have been documented through extensive research at Rutgers, the State University, and other institutions of higher learning; and

WHEREAS, It is altogether fitting and proper for the State of New Jersey to demonstrate its support for pollinators by encouraging homeowners in the State to plant pollinator-friendly native plants, and the Department of Environmental Protection, the Department of Agriculture, and nurseries and landscapers to lend their assistance in these efforts; now, therefore,

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Borough of Laurel Springs that:

- It respectfully encourages homeowners throughout the State to plant native plants that support bee populations and provide habitat for all kinds of pollinators.
  - It requests the Department of Environmental Protection and the Department of Agriculture to work together with nurseries and landscapers in the State to develop lists of native plants that would be supportive of these efforts and to post these lists on the department websites, and encourages nurseries, landscapers, and other sources of plants to post these lists on their websites.
  - Copies of this resolution shall be transmitted by the Clerk of the General Assembly to the Commissioner of Environmental Protection, the Secretary of Agriculture, and the New Jersey Nursery and Landscapers Association.
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• #089-2017-**APPROVING BUDGET TRANSFER #1**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-58 provides that a municipal governing body may make Budget Transfers during the last two months of the fiscal year;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs, that the following **2017 Budget Transfers (#1)** be approved:

		<u><b>GENERAL FUND</b></u>	
		<u><b>From</b></u>	<u><b>To</b></u>
<u><b>Account #</b></u>			
1-20-120-103	Municipal Clerk - SW	\$7,200.00	
1-20-145-103	Tax Collection - SW	2,000.00	
1-20-170-201	Economic Development - OE		\$300.00
1-22-200-102	Construction Office - SW		800.00
1-23-220-210	Group Health Insurance - OE		8,000.00
1-23-225-210	Disability Insurance - OE	1,400.00	
	Unemployment Insurance -		
1-23-230-210	OE		1,500.00
1-26-290-102	Road Department - SW		1,500.00
1-26-290-207	Road Department - OE	1,500.00	
1-26-310-101	Buildings & Grounds - SW	2,000.00	
1-26-310-201	Buildings & Grounds - OE		2,000.00
1-31-430-204	Telephone - OE		1,800.00
1-31-430-205	Gasoline & Diesel Fuel - OE	1,800.00	
<b>Outside the Cap</b>			
1-42-340-101	Interlocal Court Agreement #1 - SW		1,000.00
1-42-342-205	Interlocal Court Agreement #2 - OE	1,000.00	
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>		<u><b>\$16,900.00</b></u>	<u><b>\$16,900.00</b></u>

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

• #090-2017-**AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF LAUREL SPRINGS AND THE BOROUGH OF LINDENWOLD**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Laurel Springs (Laurel Springs) wishes to enter into a Shared Services Agreement (“Agreement”) with the Borough of Lindenwold (Lindenwold) to share services and reduce costs by working together to provide Sewer System Services for the Borough of Laurel Springs; and

**WHEREAS**, by entering into the Agreement, Laurel Springs and Lindenwold agree that the shared service will benefit each respective entity; and

**WHEREAS**, Laurel Springs shall pay Lindenwold for Sewer System Services as defined in the Shared Services Agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, the parties hereto are permitted in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:8A-1 et seq., the Interlocal Services Act (“Act”), to enter into an Agreement to provide jointly, or through each respective agency itself, such services authorized by the Act, including areas of general government administration;

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

1. The Mayor is hereby authorized to execute a Shared Services Agreement by and between the Borough of Laurel Springs and the Borough of Lindenwold in a form to be attached hereto and made a part hereof as Exhibit “A”.
2. The Shared Services Agreement shall be placed on file in the office of the Laurel Springs Borough Clerk and made available for public inspection upon execution.

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3. The terms and provisions of the Shared Services Agreement shall take effect upon execution of the Agreement by all parties.

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- RESOLVED TO PAY \$615,059.14 FROM CURRENT ACCOUNT AND \$87,992.85 FROM TRUST AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS
- The motion to approve by Councilwoman Mochel was seconded by Councilwoman DiGregorio, with Letts, Mochel, DiGregorio and Cruz in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, BOARDS, SERVICES/PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL – Councilman Redstreak was absent
- DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – Councilman McCunney had no report
- DIRECTOR OF MUNICIPAL COURT – Councilwoman DiGregorio read the Court Report for the month of September and October.
- DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE – Councilman Letts had no report.
- DIRECTOR OF RECREATION – Councilman Cruz had no report. Mayor Barbera congratulated him for his recent reelection.
- DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY – POLICE AND FIRE – Councilwoman Mochel read the Police and Fire Reports for the month of October, 2017, copies of which are on file and available for review.
- MAYOR'S REPORT – Mayor Barbera read the Mayor's Report of activities since the last regular meeting, copies of which are on file and available for review.

**OLD BUSINESS-** None.

**NEW BUSINESS-** None.

**CORRESPONDENCE-**

- *From NJDEP regarding MS4 Permits – Tier A*

**ITEMS RECEIVED AFTER THE AGENDA WAS PRINTED** – None.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC-** None.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, Whitman Stafford Committee @7pm @Farmhouse
- Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, Board of Education @7pm @Laurel Springs School
- Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, Combined Land Use Board @7pm @Borough Hall
- Wednesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>, Borough Hall closes @4pm
- Thursday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> is Thanksgiving Borough Hall is closed.
- Monday, November 27<sup>th</sup> Laurel Green Team @6 pm @Borough Hall
- Monday, November 27<sup>th</sup>, Work Session Meeting of Mayor and Council @7pm @Borough Hall

**ADJOURNMENT** –There being no further business a motion was made by Councilman McCunney, which was seconded by Councilwoman Mochel to adjourn at 7:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Dawn T. Amadio, RMC,  
Municipal Clerk