

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 10, 2017 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 - Engineer Jeff Hansen

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.

Construction is substantially complete. A final pay estimate will be prepared in the coming weeks.

2. **NJDOT Local Aid Grant Applications – FY2018**

ERI prepared and submitted Municipal Aid Applications for the Reconstruction of Washington Avenue, Phase 2 (Central Ave. to Chestnut Ave.) and also for the Reconstruction of Arch Avenue (Chestnut Ave. to Summit Ave.). We will apprise Council of any updates to the status of the applications as we receive them.

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.

Councilman Redstreak inquired if there had been any puddling with the recent rain, which there did not appear to be in the impervious surfaces. There was discussion about some damming behind the sidewalks because of the grade. However, they should continue to percolate and then be filled.

MATTERS REQUIRING OFFICIAL ACTION

- **APPROVAL OF MINUTES-** Regular Meeting of Monday, October 16th, 2017 – 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.
- **APPOINTMENT** – Walter Yates – Public Works Laborer as needed. The motion by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilwoman Mochel, with Letts, McCunney, Mochel, DiGregorio, Cruz and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.

- **RESOLUTIONS**
 - **#081-2017- CANCELLING SEWER UTILITY UNIT AT 330 WASHINGTON AVENUE**

WHEREAS, the structure situated at 330 Washington Avenue has been inspected by the Sewer Utility Supervisor, and found to contain only one (1) sewer unit; and

WHEREAS, the property owner, Robert Visconte, has requested removal of one 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 one unit for Account #259 for 330 Washington Avenue, be removed from the sewer utility billing to take effect the 2018 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.

 - **#082-2017- AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT PURSUANT TO CAMDEN COUNTY COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM BID A-29/2017 FOR SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF NATURAL GAS**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Laurel Springs is part of the Camden County Cooperative Pricing System; and

WHEREAS, the Camden County Board of Chosen Freeholders awarded a contract to South Jersey Energy company, One North White Horse Pike, P. O. Box 152, Hammonton, NJ 08037, for Bid A-29/2017 for supply and delivery of Natural Gas to Various South Jersey Power Cooperative Locations commencing with the first meter reading after November 30, 2017 and terminating in November, 2019; and

WHEREAS, each participating Cooperative Member in the Cooperative is hereby authorized to enter into a contract directly;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Laurel Springs, County of Camden Bid A-29/2017 for supply and delivery of Natural Gas to Various South Jersey Power Cooperative Locations is hereby awarded to South Jersey Energy company, One North White Horse Pike, P. O. Box 152, Hammonton, NJ 08037.
 - 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.

 - **#083-2017-AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF A STRATEGIC PLAN FOR THE STERLING MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE**

WHEREAS, the Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse established the Municipal Alliances for the Prevention of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse in 1989 to educate and engage residents, local government and law enforcement officials, schools, nonprofit organizations, the faith community, parents, youth and other allies in efforts to prevent alcoholism and drug abuse in communities throughout New Jersey.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs, County of Camden, State of New Jersey recognizes that the abuse of alcohol and drugs is a serious problem in our society amongst persons of all ages; and therefore has an established Municipal Alliance Committee; and,

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WHEREAS, the Laurel Springs Borough Council further recognizes that it is incumbent upon not only public officials but upon the entire community to take action to prevent such abuses in our community; and,

WHEREAS, the Laurel Springs Borough Council has applied for funding to the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse through the County of Camden;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough Laurel Springs, County of Camden, State of New Jersey that they hereby recognize the following:

1. The Laurel Springs Borough Council does hereby authorize submission of a strategic plan for the Sterling Municipal Alliance grant for fiscal year 19 in the amount of:

DEDR	\$ <u>31,746.16</u>
Cash Match	\$ <u>7,936.54</u>
In-Kind	\$ <u>23,809.62</u>

2. The Laurel Springs Borough Council acknowledges the terms and conditions for administering the Municipal Alliance grant, including the administrative compliance and audit requirements.
- 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.

- **#084-2017- TO APPROVE TAX INSTALLMENT PLAN**

WHEREAS, 54:5-19 et seq. permits an installment plan on delinquent taxes and municipal charges prior to Tax Sale, and the owner of Block 12 Lot 13.02, 500 Central Avenue has requested an installment plan for delinquent taxes through the third quarter of 2016, and

WHEREAS, the homeowner will make 4 monthly installments of approximately \$894.03 beginning in November, 2017, and keep subsequent taxes and other municipal charges up to date while the agreement is in effect; and

WHEREAS the Tax Collector has reviewed the request of the owners' ability to pay, and recommends that the plan be approved and it is now the desire of the governing body to act upon the tax installment plan so submitted by the Tax Collector.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs, in the county of Camden, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. That the Borough of Laurel Springs hereby authorize the installment plan covering the property known as Block 12, 13.02, 500 Central Avenue, the terms of agreement, the approximate amount of each monthly installment.
 2. That in the event that any of these installments or payments for subsequent taxes and/or municipal charges are not made in accordance with the agreement approved herein, the township shall have the right to proceed with the regular statutory collection procedures including, but not limited to, Tax Sale and subsequent foreclosure.
- 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 \$51,180.21 FROM CURRENT ACCOUNT AND \$18,086.16 FROM TRUST AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS**
 - 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.

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

- Budget Cap information for calendar year 2018 – the cap has been increased from 2% to 2.5%.

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- Meeting Dates for 2018 – the draft for next year’s meetings was reviewed with no apparent conflicts with the recommended dates.
- A letter from State Senator Weinberg regarding her views on proposed changes to the Open Public Record Act was reviewed with Council.
- Borough Hall Hours – On Wednesday, November 22nd Borough Hall will close at 4 pm due to lack of staffing for the Thanksgiving holiday. On Tuesday, November 24th Borough Hall will close at 12 noon due to training requirements at the League of Municipalities Convention.
- Redevelopment – Mayor Barbera discussed the successful conversations that have been held with a potential Developer of the current Borough Hall once vacated. Mayor Barbera thanked Borough Administrator Ken Cheeseman for his diligence in promoting the building to redevelopment authorities and developers. The potential developer submitted photos of a nearby project, which were shared with Council.

ITEMS RECEIVED AFTER THE AGENDA WAS PRINTED – None.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC –

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Trick or Treat, Tuesday, October 31st, 3 pm – 8 pm
- Recreation Commission, Wednesday, November 1st @7pm @ Recreation Center
- Daylight Savings Time ends, Sunday, November 5th
- Election Day, Tuesday, November 7th, Polls open 6 am – 8 pm @Recreation Center
- Veteran’s Day, Saturday, November 11th
- Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council, Monday, November 13th @7pm @Borough Hall

ADJOURNMENT –There being no further business a motion was made by Councilman Redstreak which was seconded by Councilwoman Mochel to adjourn at 7:24 p.m. with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn T. Amadio, RMC, Municipal Clerk