

BOROUGH OF LAUREL SPRINGS
REGULAR MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL
MONDAY, November 12, 2018
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 May 17, 2018 and posting on the Borough Website and bulletin board in the Borough Hall.

ROLL CALL recorded as present: Letts, Mochel, DiGregorio, Cruz, and Redstreak, and DiGregorio and DelPidio absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES –

- Regular Meeting of Monday, Work Session of October 29, 2018 - the motion by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilman Cruz, with Letts, Cruz and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.

ORDINANCES – First Reading and Introduction

- 829-2018-ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF LAUREL SPRINGS, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY CANCELING CERTAIN UNFUNDED APPROPRIATION BALANCES HERETOFORE PROVIDED FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND REAPPROPRIATING SUCH UNFUNDED APPROPRIATION BALANCES FOR OTHER CAPITAL PROJECTS
- The motion to introduce by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilman Cruz, with Mochel, Letts, Cruz and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and no abstentions
- The second reading, public hearing and motion to adopt will be held on Monday, December 10, 2018, 7 pm in the Laurel Springs Recreation Center.

RESOLUTIONS

- #085-2018 - TO WAIVE OR REDUCE FEES FOR THE JACK H. HAGEN RECREATION CENTER
WHEREAS, there are fees required for the rental 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:
 - James/Carolyn Redstreak – Thursday, Dec 6th Borough Council/Board of Health
- The motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilwoman Mochel, with Mochel, Letts, Cruz and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and no abstentions
- #086-2018 - APPROVING CONTRACT WITH LAUREL SPRINGS POLICE CHIEF CARMEN RABOTTINO
WHEREAS, the contract between Laurel Springs Police Chief Carmen Rabottino and the Borough of Laurel Springs expired on December 31, 2017; and
WHEREAS, the Borough and Chief Rabottino have agreed upon a new two-year contract effective as of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2019.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and council of the Borough of Laurel Springs, County of Camden, State of New Jersey that the aforementioned contract between Police Chief Carmen Rabottino and the Borough of Laurel Springs is approved.
- The motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilwoman Mochel, with Mochel, Letts, Cruz and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and no abstentions
- RESOLVED TO PAY \$361,340.90 FROM CURRENT ACCOUNT AND \$33,739.26 FROM TRUST AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS
- The motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilwoman Mochel, with Mochel, Letts, Cruz and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and no abstentions

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, BOARDS, SERVICES/PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL – Councilman Redstreak reviewed the Sewer Utility report and billing for the month of October, saying there were many areas that had to be jetted. He commented on the process of replacing the old Christmas Tree, thanking the anonymous donor and mentioned that the public works removed the old stump from the oak tree, which was completely hollow. There is another tree at the curb that needs attention and will be addressed at

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another time. He commented on the training and preparation for snow season. Currently leaves are being picked up. He received some phone calls on November 8th from lakeside residents complaining about the lake not looking right. He tracked it to Midatlantic Construction who are doing bridge and creek construction in Clementon near the shopping center. In speaking to the Supervisor he wanted assurance that there were no harmful chemicals, which he did receive and the lake cleared up the next day. It was only soil erosion but the lake was very murky. There was discussion about Public Works training and using brine this winter on the intersections.

- DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – Councilman Cruz reviewed the Buildings and Grounds report for the month of October highlighting the replacement of lights at the Fire Station, heater in the Public Works garage and thermostats in the Recreation Center by means of an Energy Efficiency Grant, copies of which are on file and available for review.
- DIRECTOR OF MUNICIPAL COURT – Councilwoman DiGregorio was absent.
- DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE – Councilman Letts read the CFO Report for the month ending October 31, 2018, which is on file and available for review.
- DIRECTOR OF RECREATION – Councilman DelPidio read the Recreation report dated October 15, 2018 copy of which is available for review.
- DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY – POLICE AND FIRE – Councilwoman Mochel read the Fire and Police reports for October, 2018, copies of which are on file and available for review.
- MAYOR’S REPORT – Mayor Barbera read the Mayor’s Report which reviewed his activities since the last regular meeting on October 15th copies of which are on file and available for review. There was further conversation regarding the election, replacement of the Christmas Tree and the former Borough Hall Project.

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS/CORRESPONDENCE

- Ñ Laurel Springs Board of Education Change in Meeting Schedule – due to the holiday this meeting was rescheduled.
- Ñ Borough Christmas Party – Mayor Barbera reviewed the details of this year’s events.

ITEMS RECEIVED AFTER THE AGENDA WAS PRINTED – None

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC –

Roy Kane – Park Avenue provided an update on the pet waste incident from last meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Ñ Tuesday, November 13th – Whitman Stafford Committee @7pm @Farmhouse
- Ñ Thursday, November 15th - Land Use Meeting @7pm @Rec Center – Memorialization of Decision
- Ñ Thursday, November 22nd – Thanksgiving – Borough Offices are closed
- Ñ Friday, November 23rd – Fourth Friday PopUp Café @ 7pm @Makers’ Workshop
- Ñ Monday, November 26th – Work Session Meeting of Council @7pm @Recreation Center

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

Respectfully submitted

Dawn T. Amadio, RMC,
Municipal Clerk