

**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 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017 and posting on the website and bulletin board in the Borough Hall, also on Borough’s website.

**ROLL CALL** recorded as present: Letts, DiGregorio, Cruz, and DelPidio; absent: Mochel and Redstreake

**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 Central Avenue. The Contractor, Paving Plus, LLC, substantially completed construction in September, 2017.

Our office is currently in the process of closing out the project with NJDOT in order for the Borough to receive the remaining \$50,000.00 of grant money.

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

The Borough was recently awarded a Municipal Aid Grant in the amount of \$195,000.00 for the Reconstruction of Arch Avenue. If it is the pleasure of the Governing Body we will provide a proposal for engineering design and construction management services so that the design work can begin.

3. **Roadway Repair - Sycamore Avenue and Glen Avenue**

On February 20, 2018 we investigated a drainage/erosion issue at the intersection of Sycamore Avenue and Glen Avenue. The slope on the southeast corner of the intersection has eroded badly and is beginning to undermine the roadway. At the direction of the Borough administrator our office is preparing a design solution and will solicit quotations from qualified contractors within the next week to install curbing, a stormwater inlet, storm pipe, flared end section and rip rap stone outlet protection in order to mitigate the issue. We will also have the Contractor investigate the existing reinforced concrete pipe crossing underneath Sycamore Avenue in order to determine if

further repair is necessary. A substantial joint separation in the length of pipe directly adjacent to the existing discharge was visually observed during our site visit.

4. 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**

5. 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.

6. Municipal Building Redevelopment Plan / Stone Road Redevelopment Area

The Governing Body authorized, by resolution at their November 26, 2017 meeting, the Borough Planning Board to Undertake a Preliminary Investigation of Determination of an Area in Need of Redevelopment for Block 12, Lot 1 (the Municipal Building property). The Planning Board took action on the designation at their January 17, 2018 meeting after a public hearing was conducted on the matter.

The Determination of an Area in Need of Rehabilitation for various lots in Block 37 (Stone Road) will be presented to the Planning Board on March 15, 2018. At that same meeting, the Redevelopment Plan for the municipal building will be presented. Our office contacted the prospective redeveloper of the municipal building on February 23, 2018 to obtain a Concept Plan and any information for what is proposed. We were informed that we should be receiving this information within the next week. A Concept Plan, at the very least, is needed in order to prepare the Redevelopment Plan.

7. Laurel Lake Cleanup Day / Lake Lowering Permit

ERI have prepared an Application for the lowering of Laurel Lake to cover the Lake Cleanup Day date of April 21 and the rain date of April 28. The Application was submitted to the New Jersey Department of Fish and Wildlife for their concurrence

Mayor Barbera inquired from where the funding for the road repair would come, to which it was responded that it can be added in with other road repair costs from the Capital Budget.

**MATTERS REQUIRING OFFICIAL ACTION**

• **APPROVAL OF MINUTES-**

- Regular Meeting of Monday February 12, 2018 – the motion to approve by Councilman Letts, was seconded by Councilwoman DiGregorio, with DiGregorio, DelPidio, Cruz and Letts in favor, none abstaining and none opposed.

• **RESOLUTIONS**

- **#038-2018- 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:

1. Seymour’s BBQ - 415 B North White Horse Pike
2. Nat Alexander and Company - 121 North White Horse Pike
3. McFadden Catering – 831-833 West Atlantic Avenue

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

- **#039-2018- DIRECTING AND AUTHORIZING THE LAUREL SPRINGS PLANNING BOARD TO UNDERTAKE A PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER A CERTAIN PROPERTY AND AREA WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF LAUREL SPRINGS IS IN NEED OF REHABILITATION**

WHEREAS, in the Master Plan Re-examination Report, adopted by Resolution on October 20, 2005 the Planning Board of the Borough of Laurel Springs recognized that certain areas and properties within the Borough of Laurel Springs might qualify as a “rehabilitation area” or an “area in need of rehabilitation” as defined in N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-3; and

WHEREAS, the said Borough Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs desires to commence a course of action to investigate and determine whether certain properties and areas within the Borough of Laurel Springs are in need of rehabilitation; and

WHEREAS, the said Borough Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs recognizes that under New Jersey’s Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq., the Planning Board of the Borough of Laurel Springs must conduct a preliminary investigation to determine whether said properties and areas are in need of rehabilitation; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs now desires to authorize the Planning Board of the Borough of Laurel Springs to undertake a preliminary investigation to determine whether a certain property and area within the Borough of Laurel Springs, as more particularly the properties in question, and comprising the Study Area, includes:

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Block 37, Lot 5, Lot 7, Lot 8 – 9.01, Lot 10, Lot 11, Lot 12, Lot 13, Lot 14, Lot 15 and Lot 15.01

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED**, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs, that the Planning Board of the Borough of Laurel Springs be and hereby is directed and authorized to undertake a preliminary investigation, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-4.a(4) and N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-6, to ascertain whether a certain property and area within the Borough of Laurel Springs, as more particularly described as Block 12, Lot 1 on the Official Tax Map of the Borough of Laurel Springs, is in need of rehabilitation; and

**BE IT FURTHER HEREBY RESOLVED** by the Borough Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs that the Planning Board of the Borough of Laurel Springs is authorized to utilize a New Jersey licensed professional planner to assist the Board in undertaking any and all actions that may be necessary to accomplish the purpose and intent of this Resolution.

**BE IT FURTHER HEREBY RESOLVED** by the Borough Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs that this Resolution amends and replaces Resolution #062-2017 of the Borough of Laurel Springs, adopted on July 10, 2017.

- Mayor Barbera gave explanation of the new approach for Stone Road. Rather than asking the Planning Board for a study of Block 37 of Stone Road for Redevelopment, this resolution asks for a study investigating the area as an area in need of Rehabilitation.
- The motion to approve by Councilman Letts was seconded by Councilman Cruz with DiGregorio, DelPidio, Cruz and Letts in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.

○ #040-2018-**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:

- Laurel Springs HSC – Friday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> – Borough Organization
- Laurel Springs Fire Department – Tuesday, February 27<sup>th</sup> - Borough Organization
- Laurel Springs Fire Department – Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> – Borough Organization
- Maryann Tisera – Wednesdays, March 28, April 11, April 25<sup>th</sup> – Recreation Commission Member for Disabled persons non-profit.
- Matt Holden – Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup> – Borough Employee

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

- **RESOLVED TO PAY \$73,234.55 FROM CURRENT ACCOUNT AND \$24,523.91 FROM TRUST AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS**

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

**USE OF BOROUGH PROPERTY BY OUTSIDE ORGANIZATION**- Laurel Springs Home and School Council, 5k Color Run, Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018 – the motion to approve by Councilman Letts, was seconded by Councilman Cruz with Letts, DiGregorio, Cruz and DelPidio in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

- From NJDOT- Awarding Grant of \$195,000 for Road projects, was distributed to Council.

**MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION-**

- **Fire Company Annual Dinner** – there was conversation about Council attendance at the Fire Company’s Annual Dinner.
- Distressed property at the corner of Laurel and Locust- Mayor Barbera responded to some postings on Social Media, saying the Borough has been doing anything and everything to get assistance from the Camden County Board of Health, giving specific examples of efforts that have been attempted by Borough Officials to gain remediation. Mayor Barbera wanted to make sure Council was apprised of the efforts toward a sensitive situation.

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

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC** – None.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Thursday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, \$4.00 late fee incurred for Pet Licenses of
- Thursday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, JIF Safety Meeting @12:30 pm @Borough Hall
- Wednesday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, Recreation Commission Meeting @7pm @Recreation Center
- Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, Daylight Savings Time begins, set your clocks ahead one hour
- Monday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council, @7pm @Borough Hall

**ADJOURNMENT** –There being no further business a motion was made by Councilman Letts which was seconded by Councilman Cruz to adjourn at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn T. Amadio, RMC, Municipal Clerk