

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 9th, 2018 and posting on the website and bulletin board in the Borough Hall, also on Borough’s website.

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

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. Council approved ERI's Proposal for Engineering Design and Construction Management Services at their April 9, 2018 meeting. ERI will be performing the field survey work in the next month, with the intention of having the design completed in time for an early Fall 2018 construction start date.

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. Our office prepared a bid documents and solicited quotations from qualified contractors to complete the necessary repairs. The quotes are due to our office on April 27, 2018, after which we will provide an award recommendation to Council, provided that the low quote is beneath the bidding threshold.

During the work, 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 once they have mobilized. A substantial joint separation in the length of pipe directly adjacent to the existing discharge was visually observed during our site visit, but the pipe cannot be further evaluated without excavation or being televised.

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.

5. Municipal Building Redevelopment Plan / Stone Road Redevelopment Area

The Determination of an Area in Need of Rehabilitation for various lots in Block 37 (Stone Road) was presented to the Planning Board on March 15, 2018. At that same meeting, the Redevelopment Plan for the municipal building was presented. Upon completion of the presentations, the Planning Board recommended that Council adopt both the Stone Road Rehabilitation Plan and the Municipal Building Redevelopment Plan. Council adopted the Plans at their March 26, 2018 meeting. The next step in the process is the solicitation of Redevelopment and Rehabilitation Proposals from qualified redevelopers.

6. Laurel Lake Cleanup Day / Lake Lowering Permit

ERI prepared an Application for the lowering of Laurel Lake to cover the Lake Cleanup Day date of April 21. The Application was submitted to the New Jersey Department of Fish and Wildlife for their concurrence. DFW initially denied the request, due to earlier fish spawning dates in Laurel Lake that are now used as their guideline in these matters, but agreed to allow the lake to be lowered for the April 21 date for 2018 only. The rain date is not covered under the approval, however. Cleanup Day will have to be scheduled before April 15 in the future to accommodate the earlier fish spawning dates.

- Lake Lowering – There was discussion of the Lake Clean Up and the State requirement to lower and close the dam earlier. Councilman Redstreak said he notified the Lindenwold contingency of the Lake Clean Up of this development. He does not think he will change the date from Earth Day weekend because of the weather and is thinking about doing another clean up in the Fall. There may be a need to lower the dam in the Fall, he will get back to Mr. Hanson after talking to his contacts.

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- Mayor Barbera asked is \$195,000 sufficient for Arch Avenue, to which Mr. Hanson answered yes it does based upon the cost estimates. He asked if they should include Washington Phase II as an alternate bid, which is the reverse of the approach for last year.

MATTERS REQUIRING OFFICIAL ACTION

- **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - Regular Meeting of Monday April 9th, 2018 – the motion to approve by Councilwoman Mochel, was seconded by Councilman DelPidio, with Letts, Mochel and DelPidio in favor, Redstreak abstaining and none opposed.
- **APPOINTMENTS** - Stormwater Coordinator- Walter Yates – the motion to appoint by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilwoman Mochel, with Letts, Mochel, DelPidio and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.

RESOLUTIONS

- **#050-2018- AUTHORIZING MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF LAUREL SPRINGS AND LAUREL SPRINGS POLICE OFFICER'S ASSOCIATION FOR THE YEARS 2018 TO 2020**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Laurel Springs and the Laurel Springs Police Officers Association have agreed as to the terms of settlement of wages, hours and conditions of employment for the period of January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2020; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Laurel Springs, County of Camden, authorizes the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to execute the Agreement with the Laurel Springs Police Officer's Association for the Years 2018 to 2020.

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

- **#051-2018-AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE NEW JERSEY STATE HEALTH BENEFITS PROGRAM ACT FOR SHBP DENTAL PLAN COVERAGE**

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

1. The Borough of Laurel Springs, a participating employer in the State Health Benefits Program, hereby elects to participate in the SHBP Employee Dental Plans provided by the New Jersey State Health Benefits Act of the State of New Jersey (N.J.S.A. 52:14-17.25 et seq.) and to authorize coverage for all the employees and their dependents thereunder in accordance with the statute and regulations adopted by the State Health Benefits Commission.
2. As a participating employer we will remit to the State Treasury all charges due on account of employee and dependent coverage and periodic charges in accordance with the requirements of the statute and the rules and regulations duly promulgated thereunder.
3. As the employer I understand that the employer is responsible for at least 50% of the dental premium.
4. We hereby appoint Cathy Sims, Borough Treasurer, to act as Certifying Officer in the administration of this plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect immediately and coverage shall be effective April 23, 2018 or as soon hereafter as it may be effectuated pursuant to the statutes and regulations.

- Number of Employees - 9
- Street Address – *135 Broadway*
- City State ZIP Code – *Laurel Springs, NJ, 08021*

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- Area Code Telephone – 856-784-0500
- Present Dental Plan Carrier - none
- Employer’s State Social Security Identification Number – 000-216-000-787
- The motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilwoman Mochel with Letts, Mochel, DelPidio and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.

- **#052-2018-APPROVING PARTICIPATION WITH THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY IN the 2018 SAFE AND SECURE COMMUNITIES PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE, DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY**
 - WHEREAS, the Borough of Laurel Springs wishes to apply for funding under the 2018 Safe and Secure Communities Program Grant Number P-18-0420 for the sub award period 05/24/18-05/23/19, and
 - WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs has reviewed the application and has approved said request for a total amount of the award of \$25,000 plus it’s required local in-kind match by means of fringe benefits; and
 - WHEREAS, the project is a joint effort between the Department of Law and Public Safety and the Borough of Laurel Springs, for the purpose described in the application;
 - NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs that:
 1. As a matter of public policy the Borough of Laurel Springs wishes to participate to the fullest extent possible with the Department of Law and
 2. The Attorney General of New Jersey will receive funds on behalf of the applicant.
 3. The Division of Criminal Justice shall be responsible for the receipt and review of the applications for said funds.
 4. The Division of Criminal Justice shall initiate allocations to the applicant as authorized by law.
 - BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs that it is authorized to accept and does accept the Sub award for the purpose described in the application.
- The motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilwoman Mochel with Letts, Mochel, DelPidio and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.

- **#053-2018- AUTHORIZING SALE OF BOROUGH OWNED ITEMS ON ONLINE PUBLIC AUCTION**
 - WHEREAS, the Borough of Laurel Springs owns and/or has title to the following items and/or fixed assets:

Crown Victoria Police Vehicle
 - WHEREAS, the use of the above items are defunct and of no practical or useful life based upon the capacity for which they were used by the various Departments of the Borough of Laurel Springs; and
 - WHEREAS, said items will be offered for public auction on GovDeals.com and or Craigslist, on-line public auction sites, the terms and conditions of which are available on said website and in the office of the Municipal Clerk; and
 - WHEREAS, the sale is being conducted pursuant to Local Finance Notice 2008-9; and
 - NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs that the sale of the aforementioned Borough fixed assets and/or Borough-owned items is approved:
- The motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilwoman Mochel with Letts, Mochel, DelPidio and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.

- **#054-2018-APPOINTING BRINKERHOFF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES OF MANASQUAN, NEW JERSEY FOR ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING AND CONSULTING SERVICES RELATIVE TO THE REDEVELOPMENT OF BLOCK 12, LOT 1 IN THE BOROUGH OF LAUREL SPRINGS**

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WHEREAS, Borough of Laurel Springs has determined that there has been, or it suspects that there has been, a discharge of hazardous substances or a hazardous waste on the Property located at Block, Lot 1 on the Official Tax Map of the Borough of Laurel Springs, more commonly referred to as 135 Broadway; and

WHEREAS, Borough of Laurel Springs is in need of environmental engineers and consultants for the assessment and investigation of Block, Lot 1 on the Official Tax Map of the Borough of Laurel Springs in order to determine the extent or the existence of any hazardous substance or hazardous waste.

WHEREAS, Brinkerhoff Environmental Services of Manasquan, New Jersey has in its employ environmental engineers and consultants who can perform the assessment and investigation of Block, Lot 1 on the Official Tax Map of the Borough of Laurel Springs in order to determine the extent or the existence of any hazardous substance or hazardous waste.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs that Brinkerhoff Environmental Services of Manasquan, New Jersey be and is hereby awarded a contract not to exceed \$17,500.00 for environmental engineering and consulting services relative to the assessment and investigation of Block, Lot 1 on the Official Tax Map of the Borough of Laurel Springs in order to determine the extent or the existence of any hazardous substance or hazardous waste.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Professional Services Contract is being not being awarded pursuant to a "fair and open" process under the New Jersey Local Unit Pay-To-Play Act, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq., and the criteria adopted by the Borough, inasmuch as the value of this contract is not expected to exceed the statutory minimum.

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

- **#055-2018-TO READ BUDGET BY TITLE ONLY**

WHEREAS, N.J.S. 40A:4-8, as amended by Chapter 259 P.L. 1995 § 14, 2015, provides that the budget may be read by title only at the time of the public hearing if a resolution is passed not less than a majority of the full governing body, providing that at least one week prior to the date of hearing a complete copy of the budget has been made available for public inspection, and has been made available to each person upon request; and

WHEREAS, these two conditions have been met;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Laurel Springs, County of Camden, State of New Jersey that the 2018 Municipal Budget will be read by title only.

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

- **RESOLVED TO PAY \$162,718.46 FROM CURRENT ACCOUNT AND \$25,472.96 FROM TRUST AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS**

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

ADOPTION OF THE 2018 MUNICIPAL BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,177,000

- Mayor Barbera opened the Meeting to the Public for comments or questions. Hearing none, he closed the meeting to the public.
- The motion to adopt by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilman Cruz with, Letts, DiGregorio, Cruz, DelPidio, and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and no abstentions

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MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION-

- 2018 Elected Official Online Training – the flyer was distributed and discussion ensued about some technical issues of the JIF website.
- Camden County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund Certificates of Achievement – Mayor Barbera announced that the Borough had received two certificates of achievement for reduced and No loss time for the year 2017.
- Annual Financial Disclosure Statements must be submitted by next Monday, April 30th – there was discussion of the remaining week to file and assistance available to get them filed.
- Spring Clean Up- Mayor Barbera thanked the Green Team and specifically Councilman Redstreak who spearheads the effort and Councilman DelPidio for the influx of new faces, the Laurel Springs Fire Department and Chief Cheeseman along with Laurel Springs Department of Public Works and residents in Lindenwold. Councilman Redstreak segued into thanking the Green Team, especially Kait Amadio, Marie Nasuti and Councilman DelPidio. Chief Cheeseman and the Laurel Springs Fire Department and Laurel Springs Public Works, Cathy Sims and Miss Laurel Springs Pageant and Riley Molway. He thanked Lindenwold residents who were a pleasant surprise and were expecting 50 to 60 people at the Clean Up. It was encouraging. There was discussion of work done on boats. A good job was done.
- Mayor Barbera announced that Governor Murphy was coming to the Voorhees Middle School next Wednesday, May 1st to meet with residents of the South Jersey/Camden County area.

ITEMS RECEIVED AFTER THE AGENDA WAS PRINTED - None.

MAYORAL PROCLAMATION- Mayor Barbera proclaimed, Friday, June 1, 2018 as Gun Violence Awareness Day

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Saturday, April 28th Free Rabies and Pet Licensing Clinic 10-11 am @Firehouse
- Saturday, April 28th Board of Health @11 am @Firehouse
- Wednesday, May 2nd Recreation Commission Meeting @7pm @Recreation Center
- Saturday, May 5th Spring Town Wide Yard Sale and Clean Community Day (Dumpsters at the Train Station)
- Monday, May 7th there is NO Council Meeting – there is an error on the Town Calendar.
- Tuesday, May 8th Whitman Stafford Committee @7pm @Farmhouse
- Saturday, May 12th is Laurel Springs Day 11 am – 4 pm Downtown
- Sunday, May 13th is Mother's Day
- Monday, May 14th Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council, @7pm @Borough Hall – there is an error in the Town Calendar.
- Tuesday, April 24th, 2018 – School Board meets @7pm @ Laurel Springs School.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC – None

ADJOURNMENT –There being no further business a motion was made by Councilman Redstreak which was seconded by Councilwoman Mochel to adjourn at 7:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn T. Amadio, RMC, Municipal Clerk