

BOROUGH OF LAUREL SPRINGS
WORK SESSION MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL
MONDAY, November 26, 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, DelPidio and Redstreake

ENGINEERS REPORT – Jeff Hansen – Environmental Resolutions

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. ERI has completed the field survey work and the base plans. We have started the design work with the intention of having the Plans and Specifications completed during 2018 for an early 2019 construction start date.

3. **NJDOT Local Aid Grant Applications – FY2019**

The NJDOT Local Aid Applications for the FY2019 Grant Cycle were submitted to the state prior to the October 8, 2018 deadline. We will apprise the Governing Body of any news with regard to the Application as it is received.

OTHER PROJECTS

4. **Municipal Building Redevelopment Plan / Stone Road Redevelopment Area**

A preconstruction meeting was held between the developer, our office and the Borough Administrator on November 21, 2018. The developer has applied for and received all permits and has posted the required escrow. Final Plans for appropriate signatures have been submitted. The developer has indicated that the work on the project will begin sometime during early December.

Borough Council adopted the Stone Road Rehabilitation Plan Plans at their March 26, 2018 meeting.

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MATTERS REQUIRING OFFICIAL ACTION

• **APPROVAL OF MINUTES –**

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

• **ORDINANCES – First Reading and Introduction**

- #830-2018-AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE SALARIES OF THE POLICE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF LAUREL SPRINGS, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, FOR THE YEARS 2018-2019
- First Reading
- The motion to introduce by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilwoman Mochel, with Letts, Mochel, DiGregorio, Cruz, DelPidio and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.
- Second Reading, Public Hearing and Adoption are scheduled for Monday, December 10, 2018, 7pm in the Laurel Springs Recreation Center.

• **RESOLUTIONS**

• #087-2018 - REFUND OF CONSTRUCTION PERMIT FEES

WHEREAS, a payment of \$735.00 including the DCA fee of \$20.00 was made for a construction permit #15063 on the property listed below.

WHEREAS, this payment was to be applied for a permit plus DCA fees on the below listed property; and

WHEREAS, the contractor has determined that the customer no longer wants to move forward with the project at this time and is requesting a refund; and

WHEREAS, as per N.J.A.C 5:23-2.27 refunds are allowable with the exception of plan review fees and DCA fees thereby allowing Vivent Solar, a refund of \$715.00 of the \$735.00; and

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 refund is approved.

BLOCK	LOT	ADDRESS	AMOUNT
52	3	525 Beech Avenue	\$715.00

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

088-2018 – APPROVING BUDGET TRANSFERS #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 **2018 Budget Transfers (#1)** be approved:

GENERAL FUND

<u>Account #</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
1-20-120-201	\$1,000.00	
1-20-130-205 Municipal Clerk - OE	500.00	
1-20-145-207 Finance Department - OE		\$2,000.00
1-23-210-210 Tax Collection - OE	4,100.00	
1-23-215-210 Liability Insurance - OE	1,000.00	
1-23-225-210 Worker Comp. Insurance - OE	1,000.00	
1-23-230-210 Disability Insurance - OE		1,000.00

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1-26-290-102	Unemployment Insurance - OE		7,000.00
1-26-290-201	Road Department - SW	1,500.00	
1-26-310-101	Road Department - OE	6,000.00	
1-26-310-207	Buildings & Grounds - SW		4,000.00
1-31-430-203	Buildings & Grounds - OE	2,000.00	
1-31-430-206	Natural Gas - OE		2,000.00
1-36-471-202	Other Telecommunications - OE		100.00
1-43-490-201	PERS Contribution - OE		1,000.00
	Municipal Court - OE		
TOTAL GENERAL FUND			
			\$17,100.00
			\$17,100.00

- The motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilwoman Mochel, with Letts, Mochel, DiGregorio, Cruz, DelPidio and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.
- #089-2018 - 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 – Borough Organization - December 14th
 - Brian Mazziotta – Borough Employee – December 31st
- The motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilwoman Mochel, with Letts, Mochel, DiGregorio, Cruz, DelPidio and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.
- #090-2018 - APPROVING TREE REMOVAL PERMIT AT 531 PARK AVENUE
 WHEREAS, Chapter 258 of the Code of the Borough of Laurel Springs entitled “TREES” authorizes Borough Council to grant a permit to remove or destroy non-Borough tree or trees; and
 WHEREAS, the cutting or removal restrictions set forth in such ordinance were reviewed by James M. McBride, 531 Park Avenue, hereinafter the applicant, and a plan in the form of letter containing the required information has been submitted to Borough Council; and
 WHEREAS, the applicant has requested permission for removal of trees deemed significant by said Code and exemption from any restrictions on removal of any other trees indicated in his property plan; and
 WHEREAS, the Borough inspected the site on which are located the tree or trees sought to be cut or removed and no conditions existing on the subject property and adjoining properties would be impaired or disadvantaged by the removal requested; and
 WHEREAS, the applicant has identified the hardships with the presence of said trees as proximity to the main and secondary structures and power lines and identification by homeowners insurance of a hazardous condition; and
 WHEREAS, the applicant has stated his intention of maintaining specific trees that pose no threat and this thinning will be more conducive to a managed tree canopy; and
 WHEREAS, all tree removal permits shall be limited to one year from the date of issuance, and should approved tree (s) removal not occur within one year, a new permit must be applied for and is subject to the payment of new fees;
 NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs that James M. McBride, 531 Park Avenue, be granted a permit in the form of this resolution to remove the trees indicated in his property plan attached hereto.

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- There was conversation about which house was the subject of this request and brief background on the landscaping situation and difficulties with their homeowners insurance.
- The motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilwoman DiGregorio, with Letts, Mochel, DiGregorio, Cruz, DelPidio and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.
- RESOLVED TO PAY \$90,434.93 FROM CURRENT ACCOUNT AND \$55,361.69 FROM TRUST AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS
- The motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilwoman Mochel, with Letts, Mochel, DiGregorio, Cruz, DelPidio and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION/CORRESPONDENCE

- Letter from Aikido Agatsu Dojos – Mayor Barbera reviewed the thank you letter to Council giving appreciation to the professional assistance from the Borough Staff
- Receipt of Proposals – Professionals – the receipt of proposal was held on Tuesday, November 20, 2018. All the proposals were exhibited at the meeting and reviewed by Council. Mayor Barbera invited the public to view the proposals and explained that it appeared that there would be no change from the current roster of Borough professionals, but that those appointments would be made at the Borough Reorganization Meeting to be held on Monday, January 7, 2019.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC –

- James McBride – 531 Park Avenue, apologized for being late and was informed that his proposal was approved. Mayor Barbera confirmed that the landscaping requirements would be handled by professionals. Mr. McBride expressed appreciation for Laurel Springs, and he in turn received a warm welcome and was informed of the proximity and relationship of various attendees to his new home.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Ñ Saturday, December 1st @7 pm – Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony @Cord Mansion Greene – there was discussion of the rain plan, which is just to carry on from inside the Firehouse.
- Ñ Monday, December 3rd – Hay Bale Round Up – seasonal debris picked up @curbside
- Ñ Wednesday, December 5th @7pm – Rec Meeting @Recreation Center
- Ñ Thursday, December 6th @12:30 JIF Safety Meeting @Firehouse
- Ñ Monday, December 10th @7 pm - Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council - @Rec Center

ADJOURNMENT –There being no further business a motion was made by Councilman Redstreak which was seconded by Councilwoman DiGregorio to adjourn at 7:14 pm with all in favor and none opposed.

Respectfully submitted

Dawn T. Amadio, RMC,
Municipal Clerk