

BOROUGH OF LAUREL SPRINGS
WORK SESSION MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL
MONDAY, MARCH 25, 2019
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 January 8, 2019 and posting on the Borough Website and bulletin board in the Borough Hall.

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

ENGINEERS REPORT – Jeff Hanson – Environmental Resolutions

CAPITAL ITEMS

1. NJDOT Local Aid Grant Applications – FY2018

The Borough was awarded a Municipal Aid Grant in the amount of \$195,000.00 for the Reconstruction of Arch Avenue. The construction plans and specifications are complete and were transmitted to NJDOT Local Aid for their review on March 14, 2019. Unless substantive revisions are required by NJDOT, the project will be advertised for bids on April 4, 2019, with a bid opening date of April 25, 2019 at 2:00PM. Construction can be expected to commence in approximately June, 2019.

2. 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

3. Laurel Whitman Urban Renewal (Former Municipal Building Redevelopment Site)

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 started work at the site in December. ERI is providing construction inspections of the work as necessary.

4. Stone Road Rehabilitation Plan

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

5. Laurel Lake Cleanup Day - Lake Lowering Permit Application

Our office prepared a Lake Lowering Permit application for the period between April 1, 2019 and April 14, 2019 and submitted the Application to NJDEP Division of Fish and Wildlife. DFW subsequently contacted the Borough Clerk and indicated that the regulations have changed and all waters in southern New Jersey must be restored to normal level prior to April 1. The permit was issued accordingly. The lake is now being lowered for the second half of March in order to give homeowners along the lake an opportunity to do some clean up with the lake lowered. The Borough's Lake Cleanup Day will still be held as previously scheduled, but the lake will not be lowered for the event due to the new regulations.

MATTERS REQUIRING OFFICIAL ACTION

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• **APPROVAL OF MINUTES -**

- Work Session Meeting of Monday, February 25, 2019 – the motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilwoman DiGregorio, with Letts, DelPidio, DiGregorio and Redstreak in favor, Cruz abstaining and none opposed.

RESOLUTIONS

• **#043-2019- APPROVING TRANSFER BETWEEN 2018 APPROPRIATION RESERVES**

WHEREAS, NJSА 40A:4-59 provides that all unexpended balances carried forward after the close of the year are available, until lapsed at the close of the succeeding year, to meet specific claims, commitments or contracts incurred during the preceding fiscal year, and;

WHEREAS, NJSА 40A:4-59 further allows transfers to be made from unexpended balances to those reserve accounts which are expected to be insufficient, during the first three months of the succeeding year;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs that the following transfers between 2018 Appropriation Reserves be approved:

GENERAL FUND

Account #		FROM	TO
1-25-240-103	Police Department - SW		\$1,500.00
1-25-240-201	Police Department - OE	\$1,500.00	
1-26-290-202	Streets & Roads - OE		2,000.00
1-26-300-201	Shade Tree - OE	2,000.00	
1-31-430-201	Electricity - OE		4,000.00
1-31-430-203	Natural Gas - OE	1,000.00	
1-31-430-204	Telephone - OE	2,000.00	
1-31-430-205	Gasoline & Diesel Fuel - OE	1,000.00	
1-32-465-204	Solid Waste Disposal - OE	2,000.00	
1-36-473-202	Soc. Sec. & Med. Taxes - OE		2,000.00
	TOTAL	\$9,500.00	\$9,500.00

SEWER UTILITY

Account #		FROM	TO
7-55-500-515	Administration - OE		\$1,000.00
7-55-502-511	Operations - OE	\$2,000.00	
7-55-508-536	Soc. Sec. & Med. Taxes - OE		1,000.00
	TOTAL	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00

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

• **#036-2019- TO APPROVE USE OF BOROUGH OWNED PROPERTY BY OUTSIDE ORGANIZATION**

WHEREAS, the Laurel Springs Home and School Council has made application for a Special Event for their 5K Color Run to be held on Sunday, May 19, 2019; and

WHEREAS, they have certified their proof of insurance coverage and contacted the appropriate Borough Departments;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs that they approve the use of Borough Owned properties for the aforementioned event.

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- **#044-2019- HONORING LAUREL SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH UPON ITS 125 ANNIVERSARY**
 - WHEREAS**, May 19, 2019 marks the 125th Anniversary of Laurel Springs Baptist Church; and
 - WHEREAS**, for 125 year Laurel Springs Baptist Church has been an important part of the Borough of Laurel Springs, with countless residents attending services there over the years; and
 - WHEREAS**, it is certainly noteworthy and honorable for an organization to have existed and flourished for this length of service within the community;
 - NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by Mayor and Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs that they recognize and applaud Laurel Springs Baptist Church on this distinguished and worthy accomplishment.
 - There was discussion of their also being a celebration for Pastor Meldrum on Sunday May 19th
 - The motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilwoman DiGregorio, with DiGregorio, Cruz, DelPidio, Mochel and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.
- **#045-2019- 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:
 - Bill Searles 3/30/19 - Fire Department
 - Brian Waer 5/31/19 - Fire Department
 - Larry Winters 6/1/19 -Fire Department
 - Cindy Cheeseman 6/22/19 – Borough Employee
- The motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilwoman DiGregorio, with DiGregorio, Cruz, DelPidio, Mochel and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.
- **#046-2019-AUTHORIZING THE LAUREL SPRINGS FIRE COMPANY TO SET UP AUCTION TO SELL OFF OLD EQUIPMENT**
 - WHEREAS**, the Laurel Springs Fire Company has equipment that no longer meet fire standards and are not fit to be in service; and
 - WHEREAS**, the Fire Company are able to dispose of said equipment to vehicle collectors by means of public sale or online auction; and
 - WHEREAS**, the proceeds of the auction will be turned over to the Borough of Laurel Springs; and
 - NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY** Mayor and Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs, County of Camden, State of New Jersey, that the Fire Company is hereby authorized to hold, advertise and/or post online for public sale or auction of the following:
 - 1987 Grumman Fire Truck
- The motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilwoman DiGregorio, with DiGregorio, Cruz, DelPidio, Mochel and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.
- **#047-2019-AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR REMOVAL OF ARCHITECTURAL BARRIERS FUNDED BY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM**
 - WHEREAS**, funding and architectural services have been provided to remove architectural barriers in the Borough of Laurel Springs at the Laurel Springs Borough Hall at the Historic Cord Mansion; and

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WHEREAS, bids and rebids were solicited and publicly opened on September 18, 2018 and November 29, 2018, respectively, both of which had to be rejected for lack of funding, and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Laurel Springs, accordingly, increased Capital Funds and appropriated an amount sufficient to complete this stage of the project, based upon those bids received; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Laurel Springs still wishes to expend its Community Development Block Grant funds on this worthy project which will increase accessibility to Borough offices and community activities; and

WHEREAS, Camden County Community Development has found no problems with this contractor;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs that the bid for Removal of Architectural Barriers – the Borough of Laurel Springs at the Laurel Springs Borough Hall at the Historic Cord Mansion be awarded to:

W. J. Gross, Inc.
General Contracting
495 Center Street
Sewell, NJ 08080

Amount: \$1,232,000.00

- The motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilwoman DiGregorio, with DiGregorio, Cruz, DelPidio, Mochel and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.
- RESOLVED TO PAY \$65,713.97 FROM CURRENT ACCOUNT AND \$22,412.54 FROM TRUST AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS
- The motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilwoman DiGregorio, with DiGregorio, Cruz, DelPidio, Mochel and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.

APPOINTMENT –

- Ryan Bax - Senior Member of Fire Department - The motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilwoman DiGregorio, with DiGregorio, Cruz, DelPidio, Mochel and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION/CORRESPONDENCE-

- From Laurel Springs Board of Education- Change pf Meeting Schedule- Online Elected Officials course- \$250 reduction

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC –

- Doris Walsh- 130 Broadway- complained about a property on the corner of Summit and Arch specifically cars and junk. It was discussed that a Police Officer has been assigned to Property Maintenance issues.
- Bob Lickfield confirmed that the date for the celebration for Pastor Dave and Laurel Springs Baptist Church is Sunday, May 19, 2019.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Wednesday, April 3rd, Recreation Commission Reorganization Meeting @7 pm @Rec Center.
- Monday, April 8th, Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council @7 pm @Recreation Center

MOTION TO ADJOURN by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilwoman DiGregorio to adjourn at 7:12 pm with all in favor and none opposed.

Respectfully submitted

Dawn T. Amadio, RMC, Municipal Clerk

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