

**BOROUGH OF LAUREL SPRINGS
MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL
MONDAY, June 8, 2015
AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE BOROUGH HALL
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SALUTE TO THE FLAG AND MOMENT OF SILENCE was led by Mayor Barbera

OPEN MEETING ACT– Mayor Barbera stated that adequate notice of this meeting was given by emailing the Central Record and the Courier-Post on January 7, 2015 and posting on the website and bulletin board in the Borough Hall, also on Borough's website.

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

ENGINEER'S REPORT

CAPITAL ITEMS

1. **NJDOT Municipal Aid Grant Applications – FY 2015**

Our office submitted FY2015 NJDOT Municipal Aid Grant Application for the reconstruction of Washington Avenue between Grand Avenue and Chestnut Avenue and also submitted a FY2015 NJDOT Safe Routes to Transit Application for the reconstruction of sidewalk along both sides of Stone Road between Washington Avenue and Broadway. A letter from NJDOT dated April 20, 2015 indicated that funding was denied for the Washington Avenue project. A letter dated June 26, 2015 was also received from NJDOT indicating that the Borough will not receive FY2015 Safe Streets to Transit funding for the Stone Road sidewalk project.

OTHER PROJECTS

2. **Stone Road Reconstruction**

Bids for the construction were recently received by the County. It is anticipated that the project will be awarded to the low bidder at an upcoming County Freeholder meeting and that construction should begin in Fall 2015, dependent upon Contractor scheduling.

3. **Tax Map Digitization / Revisions**

The State Division of Taxation comments and requested revisions were addressed and the tax maps have been accepted by the State. The tax map revisions are now finalized and ERI will be commencing work on the GIS mapping in the coming months.

4. **Glen Avenue Sinkholes**

During the spring sinkholes were observed in the 600 block of Glen Avenue that appeared to coincide with New Jersey American Water's recently abandoned water main. NJAW repaired the sinkholes in June. Another sinkhole was observed in July. Again NJAW excavated to expose their abandoned main and no issues were discovered with the main. The storm sewer and sanitary sewer along the block were televised and no problems were observed. It is possible that the sinkholes were caused by improperly backfilled areas and that the problem took years to manifest itself. The repaired areas will continue to be monitored to determine whether further corrective action will be necessary.

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MATTERS REQUIRING OFFICIAL ACTION

▪ **APPROVAL OF MINUTES –**

- Work Session Meeting of July 13, 2015 - The motion to approve by Councilwoman Mochel, was seconded by Councilman Letts, with Mochel, and Letts, in favor, none opposed and DiGregorio, and Redstreake abstaining.

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▪ **PROCLAMATIONS**

- **PROCLAIMING SEPTEMBER OVARIAN CANCER AWARENESS MONTH**

WHEREAS, Ovarian Cancer is called the “silent disease” because its symptoms are often vague or subtle, and a woman’s lifetime risk of getting Ovarian Cancer is 1 in 72; and

WHEREAS, At present, there are no early detection tests routinely conducted for Ovarian Cancer, the leading cause of gynecological cancer deaths in the United States, and where each year, more than 22,000 women are diagnosed with the disease and approximately 17,000 die from it; and

WHEREAS, If medical research can be developed, and if this deadly disease can be detected in its early stages, survival from Ovarian Cancer is 90-95 percent. Sadly however, the five-year survival rate for the disease is only 28 percent because it usually is not detected until the later stages; and

WHEREAS, the Ovarian Cancer Awareness campaign was launched nationwide by the Ovarian Cancer National Alliance, located in Washington DC. The month of September was designated, and a visual aid was established by utilizing the recognized cancer ribbon logo, with the ribbon color in teal; and

WHEREAS, The Susan Marie Rupp Foundation set as their mission to promote public awareness of this silent, deadly disease and its symptoms through their “teal ribbons of hope” Ovarian Cancer awareness campaign;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs joins the Ovarian Cancer National Alliance, the Susan Marie Rupp Foundation and the nation in declaring the month of September as Ovarian Cancer Awareness month and adds their support of the goals of this awareness campaign.

• **RESOLUTIONS**

- ***#086-2015 SUPPORTING THE USE OF A “NO PASSING ZONE” ON ROUTE 30***

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) recently completed a traffic investigation on Route 30 in the Borough of Laurel Springs; and

WHEREAS, NJDOT investigation revealed the current centerline pavement markings on Route 30 meet and conform to current design standards; and

WHEREAS, NJDOT will update existing records to reflect current “No Passing Zone” conditions along (US) (NJ) Route 30;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Mayor and Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs, County of Camden, in the State of New Jersey, that it supports the use of a “No Passing Zone” on Route 30 in the Borough of Laurel Springs as recommended by NJDOT.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to NJDOT as requested.

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

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- **RESOLVED TO PAY** \$585,377.03 FROM CURRENT ACCOUNT AND \$65,891.47 FROM TRUST AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS
 - The motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilwoman Mochel with Redstreak, Mochel, Letts and DiGregorio in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.

- **APPOINTMENTS-**
 - Board of Health – Mayor Barbera made the following appointments to the Board of Health

Wayne Bommer	Three-year term
Carolyn Redstreak	Two-year term
JoAnn Weidler	Two-year term
Michael Bosler	One-year term
Cathy Sims	One-year term

 - A motion was made by Councilman Redstreak which was seconded by Councilman Letts to appoint Michaela Bosler and Cathy Sims as Administrative Support Clerks assigned to the Board of Health.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, BOARDS, SERVICES-** Council President Redstreak read the Sewer Utility Report for the month of July, 2015 copies of which are on file and available to review. He gave a brief overview of the activities of the Public Works Department.
- **DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS & GROUNDS** – Councilman McCunney was not present.
- **DIRECTOR OF MUNICIPAL COURT** – Councilwoman DiGregorio read the Municipal Court Report for the month of July, 2015 a copy of which is on file and available for review.
- **DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE** – Councilman Letts read the CFO’s Report for the Month ending July 31, 2015 as submitted by CFO Ciminera, a copy of which is on file and available for review.
- **DIRECTOR OF RECREATION** – Councilman Cruz was not present.
- **DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY – POLICE AND FIRE** - Councilwoman Mochel read the Police Report for the Month of July, 2015 as submitted by Chief Carmen Rabottino, a copy of which is on file and available for review.
- **MAYOR’S REPORT** – Mayor Barbera read his report which reviews his activities from the date of the last regular Meeting, a copy of which is on file and available for review.

CORRESPONDENCE

- From NJ LOM regarding League Convention Registration deadline – the pre-conference deadline for registering is October 1. Councilwomen Mochel and DiGregorio expressed interest in getting the class schedule once it has been released by the League.
- From NJDOH regarding Right to Know Compliance Inspection – the follow up inspection found all things in compliance.

OLD BUSINESS - none

NEW BUSINESS - none

ITEMS RECEIVED AFTER THE AGENDA - none

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Thursday, August 20, 2015 @ 7 pm, Combined Land Use Board
- There are no Work Session Meetings in the month of May, June, July or August
- Wednesday, September 2, 2015 @ 7 pm, Recreation Commission @ Rec Center
- Monday, September 7, 2015 Borough Offices are closed in celebration of Labor Day
- Tuesday, September 8, 2015 @ 7pm, Whitman Stafford Committee @ Farmhouse
- Monday, September 14, 2015 @ 7 pm, Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council @ Borough Hall

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

ADJOURNMENT –There being no further business a motion was made by Councilman Cruz, which was seconded by Councilman Letts to adjourn at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn T. Amadio, RMC
Municipal Clerk