

**BOROUGH OF LAUREL SPRINGS  
MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2015  
AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE BOROUGH HALL  
MAYOR THOMAS A. BARBERA PRESIDING  
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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, McCunney, Mochel, Cruz, DiGregorio and Redstreak; absent: none

**MATTERS REQUIRING OFFICIAL ACTION**

▪ **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** –

- Work Session Meeting of August 10, 2015 - The motion to approve with correction to header date by Councilman Redstreak, was seconded by Councilman Letts, with Redstreak, Mochel, Letts, and DiGregorio in favor, none opposed and McCunney and Cruz abstaining.

**PROCLAMATIONS**

• **PROCLAIMING SEPTEMBER 2015 NATIONAL CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, 46 children in the United States will be diagnosed with cancer each day; and,

**WHEREAS**, 1 out of 5 children diagnosed with cancer will not survive the disease; and,

**WHEREAS**, the types of cancers that affect children are most often very different from those that affect adults; and,

**WHEREAS**, childhood cancer is not just one disease but is made up of a dozen types and countless subtypes of cancer; and,

**WHEREAS**, childhood cancer spares no socioeconomic, ethnic, racial or geographic class; and,

**WHEREAS**, pediatric cancer is the leading cause of death by disease in US children under 19 years of age; and,

**WHEREAS**, the causes of most pediatric cancers are largely unknown and not strongly linked to lifestyle, unlike adult cancers; and,

**WHEREAS**, two-thirds of childhood cancer patients will develop long-lasting chronic conditions as a result from treatment that prevent them from fully participating in school, social activities and work; and,

**WHEREAS**, childhood cancer rates have been rising for the past few decades, and approximately 15,780 children were diagnosed in 2014, and the incidence of invasive pediatric cancer is up to 29% in the past 20 years; and,

**WHEREAS**, cancer kills more children than AIDS, asthma, cystic fibrosis, diabetes, and muscular dystrophy combined; and,

**WHEREAS**, in the last 25 years, only two drugs have been specifically developed for children’s cancer and in the last 20 years the FDA initially approved only one drug for any childhood cancer; and,

**WHEREAS**, less than 5 percent of the federal government’s total funding for cancer research is dedicated to childhood cancers, and only about 3 percent of funds raised for the National Cancer Institute go directly to pediatric cancer research; and,

**WHEREAS**, the funding for pediatric cancer research has gone down steadily since 2003; and,

**WHEREAS**, despite the facts, childhood cancer research is vastly and consistently underfunded; and,

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**WHEREAS**, despite the major advances in treatment, it is still critically important to conduct research and increase awareness regarding pediatric cancer.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs joins the American Cancer Society and the nation in declaring the month of September as Childhood Cancer Awareness month and adds their support of the goals of this awareness campaign.

• **PROCLAIMING NATIONAL SICKLE CELL AWARENESS MONTH - SEPTEMBER 2015**

**WHEREAS**, Sickle Cell Disease is the most common genetic disorder in the United State; and,

**WHEREAS**, an estimated 100,000 people live with Sickle Cell Disease in the United States; up to 80% are African American but many different races are affected. Millions are affected globally; and,

**WHEREAS**, Sickle Cell Disease occurs among about 1 out of every 500 African American births; and,

**WHEREAS**, Sickle Cell Disease is a group of inherited red blood cell disorders that is present at birth. To have the disease, both sets of parents must pass down sickle cell genes. There is a 25% chance if both parents carry the Sickle Cell Trait. People who have SCT inherit one sickle gene from one parent and one normal gene from the other parent. People with SCT usually do not have any signs of the disease and live a normal life, but they can pass the trait on to their children; and,

**WHEREAS**, Sickle Cell Trait occurs among about 1 in 12 African-Americans; and,

**WHEREAS**, Sickle Cell Disease is diagnosed with a simple blood test; it most often is found at birth during routine newborn screening tests at the hospital. Because children with SCD are at an increased risk of infection and other health problems, early diagnosis and treatment are important; and,

**WHEREAS**, Sickle Cell Disease is chronic but treatable although there is no single best treatment for all people with SCD; treatment options are different for each person depending on the symptoms which can range from mild to severe; and,

**WHEREAS**, there is no universal cure for Sickle Cell Disease and the average life expectancy is now in the mid-forties years of age; and,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs joins the Center of Disease Control and Prevention, the Sickle Cell Disease Awareness Association and the nation in declaring the month of September as Sickle Cell Awareness month and adds their support of the goals of this awareness campaign.

**RESOLUTIONS**

• **#087-2015 -APPOINTING THE HONORABLE KRISDEN MC CRINK ALTERNATE MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE FOR THE BOROUGH OF LAUREL SPRINGS**

**WHEREAS**, at their Meeting of October 27, 2014 the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs (Laurel Springs) authorized the execution of a Shared Service Agreement whereby Magnolia would aid and assist Laurel Springs with Municipal Court Services to perform all required Municipal Court office operations and Municipal Court sessions; and

**WHEREAS**, the Honorable Craig S. Larsen, Esquire was appointed to the position of Municipal Court Judge for Laurel Springs to a three-year term commencing January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, the Honorable Krisden McCrink, Esquire is the sitting Municipal Court Judge for Magnolia and is able to provide said services set forth in the afore mentioned Shared Service Agreement as Alternate Municipal Judge until the expiration of Judge Larsen's term; and

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**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs the Honorable Krisden McCrink, Esquire be appointed to the position of Alternate Municipal Court Judge; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that such appointment is for a term commencing January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015.

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

- **#088-2015 - ADOPTING YEAR 37 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANT AGREEMENT**

**WHEREAS**, a cooperative agreement was heretofore entered into between the Borough of Laurel Springs and the County of Camden for the establishment of a cooperative means of conducting certain community development activities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act (N.J.S.A. 40A:65-4 et seq.) permits local units such as counties and municipalities to enter into agreements for the provision of joint services; and

**WHEREAS**, the County has achieved "Urban County" status in accordance with the requirements set forth in Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended and the Housing and Urban-Rural Recovery Act of 1983; and

**WHEREAS**, the County has entered into a grant agreement with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act, as amended, for an Entitlement Grant; and

**WHEREAS**, this Grant is administered for the County by the Camden County Improvement Authority; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Laurel Springs has proposed certain activities to be carried out under the 37<sup>th</sup> Year Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the County has approved funding for eligible projects(s) of the Borough of Laurel Springs from said grant and desires the Borough of Laurel Springs to undertake said project(s).

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by Mayor and Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs, that the Year 37 Municipal CDBG Grant Agreement be adopted between the Borough of Laurel Springs and the County of Camden, a copy of the Agreement which is attached thereof; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this resolution shall take effect immediately upon its enactment as provided by law.

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

- **#089- RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIP IN THE CAMDEN COUNTY MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Laurel Springs is a member of the Camden County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund; and

**WHEREAS**, said renewed membership terminates as of December 31, 2015 unless earlier renewed by agreement between the Municipality and the Fund; and

**WHEREAS**, the Municipality desires to renew said membership;

**NOW THEREFORE**, be it resolved as follows:

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1. Borough of Laurel Springs agrees to renew its membership in the Camden County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund and to be subject to the Bylaws, Rules and Regulations, coverage's, and operating procedures thereof as presently existing or as modified from time to time by lawful act of the Fund.
  2. The Mayor and Clerk shall be and hereby are authorized to execute the agreement to renew membership annexed hereto and made a part hereof and to deliver same to the Camden County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund evidencing the Municipality's intention to renew its membership
    - The motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilwoman DiGregorio with Redstreak, DiGregorio, Mochel, Letts, McCunney, and Cruz in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.
- RESOLVED TO PAY \$409,824.82 FROM CURRENT ACCOUNT AND \$47,532.79 FROM TRUST AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS
    - The motion to approve by Councilman Mochel was seconded by Councilman McCunney with Mochel, Letts, McCunney, and Cruz in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- **DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, BOARDS, SERVICES-** Council President Redstreak read the Sewer Utility Report for the month of August, 2015, a copy of which is on file and available for review. Councilman Redstreak reported all was well with the Public Works Department with nothing of note to report for the month.
- **DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS & GROUNDS** – Councilman McCunney 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.
- **DIRECTOR OF MUNICIPAL COURT** – Councilwoman DiGregorio had not been presented with a report for the month.
- **DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE** – Councilman Letts read the CFO's Report for the Month ending August 31, 2015 as submitted by CFO Ciminera, a copy of which is on file and available for review.
- **DIRECTOR OF RECREATION** – Councilman Cruz read the Recreation Commission Report for September, a copy of which is on file and available for review.
- **DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY – POLICE AND FIRE** - Councilwoman Mochel read the Fire Report for the Month of July, 2015 as submitted by Chief Ken Cheeseman, 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 – attendees should let Cathy Sims know by October 1, 2015.
- From Sustainable Jersey regarding Annual Luncheon – this is their event at the League Convention.
- NJDOT regarding the Papal Visit – information is supposed to be kept up to date on njpope.com. The site is not up at the moment. However, it is expected to be running for the event.

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**OLD BUSINESS**

- LFN-2015-17-CY 2015/SFY 2016 Best Practices Inventory – this is done each year, and will be completed by the CFO and Clerk. It is not due until October 16.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- LFN-2015-14-regarding Local Units requiring employees to use direct deposit – municipalities have been approved to require direct deposit. There are still a very few employee who do not participate. Laurel Springs is interested in enforcing this in January 2016.
- Pre-construction Meeting - the County will hold a meeting for the Stone Road Project this upcoming Thursday.

**ITEMS RECEIVED AFTER THE AGENDA**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Thursday, September 17, 2015 @ 7 pm, Combined Land Use Board
- Saturday, September 19, 2015, 5 – 8 pm, Cord Murder Mystery Dinner @ Rec Center
- Saturday, September 25, 2015 @ 6 pm, Town Wide Campout @ Ballfield
- Monday, September 28, 2015 @ 6 pm, Laurel Green (Sustainable Jersey) @ Borough Hall
- Monday, September 28, 2015 @ 7 pm, Work Session Meeting @ Borough Hall

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

- **Mike Cannon**- 501 Grand Avenue- Condition of sidewalk down to school. The property adjacent to him hires a landscaper who does not do an adequate job on the sidewalk or gutter. Pedestrian traffic typically toward school. Mr. Cannon is concerned about property maintenance and snow removal. Chief Cheeseman explained that there has been a sheriff foreclosure on the property. All the notices that have been sent have come back. So as soon as there is a determination of who is maintaining the property the appropriate pressure can be placed to keep the property maintaining. There was discussion of the property lien process for maintaining properties.
- **Bob Lickfield**- 432 Grand Avenue- Concerned about Grand Avenue Property as well, and clarified to Council which property it is.

**ADJOURNMENT** –There being no further business a motion was made by Councilman Redstreak, which was seconded by Councilman Cruz to adjourn at 7:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn T. Amadio, RMC  
Municipal Clerk