

**BOROUGH OF LAUREL SPRINGS
MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 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 5, 2015 and posting on the website and bulletin board in the Borough Hall, also on Borough’s website.

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

MATTERS REQUIRING OFFICIAL ACTION

▪ **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** –

- Work Session Meeting of October 26, 2015 - The motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak, was seconded by Councilman Letts, with Redstreak, Letts, DiGregorio, and Cruz in favor, none opposed and none abstaining.

RESOLUTIONS

• **#097-2015 – INSERTION OF AN ITEM OF REVENUE – BODY ARMOR REPLACEMENT FUND**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality, when such item shall have been made available by law, and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of any item of appropriation for an equal amount;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs do hereby request the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve **the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2015 in the sum of \$1,089.36, which is now available as a revenue from the State of New Jersey Body Armor Replacement Fund.**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a like sum of \$1,089.36 is hereby appropriated under the title “Body Armor Replacement Fund – Other Expenses,” pursuant to the provisions of the statute.

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

• **#098-2015- TO REFUND CONSTRUCTION PERMIT FEES**

WHEREAS, the following fees were received for Construction Permits that were erroneously overcharged:

Vaughn Heating and Air	\$61.00
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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs that amount indicated be refunded.

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

• **#099-2015- TO REFUND FIRE PERMIT FEES**

WHEREAS, the following fees were received for Fire Permits that were subsequently withdrawn for reasons beyond their control:

Paula Novakowski	\$45.00
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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs that amount indicated be refunded.

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

• **100-2015- TO REFUND VENDOR PERMIT FEES**

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WHEREAS, the following fees were received for Vendor Permits that were subsequently withdrawn for reasons beyond their control:

Paula Novakowski	\$25.00
Jessica Held	\$25.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs that amount indicated be refunded.

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

• **101-2015- 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 2015 Budget Transfers (#1) be approved:				
GENERAL FUND				
Account #			From	To
1-20-120-101	Municipal Clerk - SW			\$1,000.00
1-20-120-207	Municipal Clerk - OE		\$3,000.00	
1-20-145-103	Tax Collection - SW		7,000.00	
1-20-150-205	Tax Assessment - OE			1,000.00
1-20-155-205	Legal Services - OE			2,000.00
1-22-200-102	Construction Office - SW			8,500.00
1-23-225-210	Disability Insurance - OE		1,000.00	
1-26-290-201	Road Department - OE			2,000.00
1-26-300-201	Shade Tree Program - OE			1,000.00
1-26-305-202	Garbage & Trash - OE			500.00
1-26-310-101	Buildings & Grounds - SW		5,000.00	
1-31-430-204	Telephone - OE		500.00	
1-31-430-206	Other Telecommunications - OE			500.00
1-42-340-103	Interlocal Court Agreement - SW		8,700.00	
1-42-340-205	Interlocal Court Agreement - OE			8,700.00
TOTAL GENERAL FUND			\$25,200.00	\$25,200.00

- The motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilman Letts with Redstreak, Letts, Cruz and DiGregorio, in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.
- **RESOLVED TO PAY \$626,115.73 FROM CURRENT ACCOUNT AND \$34,117.65 FROM TRUST AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS**
 - The motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilwoman DiGregorio with Redstreak, DiGregorio, Letts and Cruz in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.

ORDINANCES

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- **794-2015- AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING ANNUAL FEE SCHEDULE FOR THE BOROUGH OF LAUREL SPRINGS FOR YEAR 2016**
 - The motion to Introduce by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilman Letts with Letts, DiGregorio, Cruz and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.
 - Second Reading, Public Hearing and Motion to Adopt will be held on Monday, December 14, 2015, 7 pm in the Borough Hall.
- **795-2015- AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 76 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF LAUREL SPRINGS ENTITLED "ANIMALS"**
 - The motion to Introduce by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilwoman DiGregorio with DiGregorio, Letts, Cruz and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.
 - Second Reading, Public Hearing and Motion to Adopt will be held on Monday, December 14, 2015, 7 pm in the Borough Hall.
- **796-2015- AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 241 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF LAUREL SPRINGS ENTITLED "TAXATION"**
 - The motion to Introduce by Councilman Redstreak with correction to Chapter 241 was seconded by Councilwoman DiGregorio with DiGregorio, Letts, Cruz and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.
 - Second Reading, Public Hearing and Motion to Adopt will be held on Monday, December 14, 2015, 7 pm in the Borough Hall.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – Mayor Barbera congratulated Councilman Redstreak and Councilwoman DiGregorio on their re-election. Councilman Redstreak congratulated Mayor Barbera on his re-election.

- **DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, BOARDS, SERVICES-** Council President Redstreak read the Sewer Utility Report for the month of October, 2015, a copy of which is on file and available for review. Councilman Redstreak also reported on some caps that were missing. He currently working to have them replaced. Reiterated the work at Crystal Springs, complimented the Public Works Department and Recreation Commission on the Monster Bazaar event, and discussed preventive maintenance and recalls that were handled on the new trash and dump trucks.
- **DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS & GROUNDS** – Councilman McCunney was absent
- **DIRECTOR OF MUNICIPAL COURT** – Councilwoman DiGregorio read the Municipal Court Report for September, 2015 as submitted by Jacqueline Vicari, Municipal Court Administrator, copies of which are on file and available to review.
- **DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE** – Councilman Letts read the CFO's Report for the Month ending October 31, 2015 as submitted by CFO Ciminera, a copy of which is on file and available for review.
- **DIRECTOR OF RECREATION** – Councilman Cruz reported that he attended the Recreation Commission Meeting on November 4, 2015. The topics of discussion were the House Decorating Contest, a new Score Board for the Ballfield, creating sub-committees for each event, purchasing soccer nets, Tree Lighting December 5, 2015, Tree Tossing Event January 9, 2015; and a Sound System at the Rec Center.
- **DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY – POLICE AND FIRE** - Councilwoman Mochel was absent.
- **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. Mayor Barbera thanked the Police and Public Works Department and the Recreation Commission for the fine time that was had at the Monster Bazaar Event.

CORRESPONDENCE

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- From Judge Craig S. Larsen announcing his Retirement – Mayor Barbera reiterated the new Shared Service with Magnolia and how Judge Larsen served in that capacity. Now, with Judge Larsen retiring, the Magnolia Judge will be used in all instances for Laurel Springs.
- Local Finance Notice regarding Calendar Year 2016 Municipal Budget Cap Information – this is an annual Local Finance Notice to outline the requirements of the budget.
- From New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection regarding Laurel Springs Well #10 Ground Water Contamination – There quite a number of core tests which will be performed in the environs of the Well Head. Back in 2008 two readings were received for which they installed a filter to correct the problem. However, at this time, the DEP wants to attempt to determine where the contamination came from. In excess of 20 holes need to be bored in Borough streets to complete the testing. A negotiated price was arrived at so they could accomplish the testing.
 - **102-2015- TO REDUCE STREET OPENING PERMIT FEES**
 - WHEREAS, approximately 20 or more core samples must be extracted in connection with a New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Case No. 08-06-16-0920-34 and their agent Kleinfelder, Inc. ; and
 - WHEREAS, it is excessive to create a Street Opening Permit for each and every core sample; and
 - WHEREAS, a cost of \$400.00 was arrived at as reasonable for the completion of the task;
 - NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs that all core samples required in connection with NJDEP Case No. 08-01-0920-34 be permitted for a reduced fee amount of \$400.00.
- The motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilman Letts, with Letts, DiGregorio, Cruz and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS – None

ITEMS RECEIVED AFTER THE AGENDA – None

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

- **Leah Straub- 518 Glen Avenue-** Inquired who tracks Pet Stores Sales, to which, Mayor Barbera responded Camden County Health Department, and reviewed why the ordinance was promulgated to municipalities by Camden County Freeholder Nash. The Recreation Commission had discussed parking at the Rec Complex and wondered why parking is prohibited on one side of Chestnut Avenue which would really help during Baseball season, to which Borough Administrator responded it was because of balls coming over the fence, but that problem has been eliminated. It is something Ordinance Review could look at. Lastly she spoke of a Board of Education Workshop on Shared Services between Towns and Schools. She encouraged Council attend BOE meetings to look for Shared Services opportunities between the Borough and the School.
- **Cindy Kennerup- 237 Washington Avenue** – In order to back out of her driveway each morning, she must fight with Laurel Springs School Parents. In place already are no parking signs and a curb painted yellow. She asked if the Police Department could enforcement the no parking regulations in place, to which Chief Rabottino said that he was aware of the problems and cones had been installed to hinder parents parking there. He said he was made aware that the cones had been removed. He said that there is a Police Officer at the school every morning and suggested that she find the officer when the problem occurs. Solicitor Botcheos suggested that since Mrs. Kennerup leaves the same time each morning that the officer be told to be at her location at specific time. There was discussion of the Stone Road Construction. Mrs. Kennerup asked if an indentation could be installed on Stone Road the way it is on Broadway to help alleviate park, to which it was responded that it is a County Project and it was not a feasible option for them

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Tuesday, November 10, 2015 @ 7 pm, Whitman Stafford Committee @ Farmhouse
- Wednesday, November 11, 2015 – Veteran’s Day
- Wednesday, November 11, 2015 @ 7 pm – School Board @ Laurel Springs School (rescheduled)
- Tuesday, November 24, 2015 @ 4 pm – Ordinance Review @ Borough Hall
- Thursday, November 19, 2015 @ 7 pm, Combined Land Use @ Borough Hall
- Monday, November 23, 2015 @ 6 pm, Laurel Green @ Borough Hall
- Monday, November 23, 2015 @ 7 pm, Work Session Meeting @ Borough Hall

ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business a motion was made by Councilman Redstreak, which was seconded by Councilwoman DiGregorio to adjourn at 7:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn T. Amadio, RMC
Municipal Clerk