

**BOROUGH OF LAUREL SPRINGS
MAYOR AND COUNCIL WORK SESSION
MONDAY, APRIL 27, 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 PUBLIC MEETINGS LAW – Mayor Barbera stated that adequate notice of this meeting was given by emailing the Central Record and the Courier-Post on January 6, 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, Cruz, and Redstreak; absent: McCunney

ENGINEERS REPORT – Environmental Resolutions

CAPITAL ITEMS

1. 2013 Road Improvement Program – East Maple, West Elma, West Atlantic & Arch Avenues

Work on the project is complete. The project was completed \$47,833.32 under the bid amount because of savings on project final as built quantities. Pay Estimate #3, Final and Change Order #1, Final were submitted to the Borough under ERI cover letters of October 31, 2014. NJDOT has approved the Change Order and the Borough should be receiving a check for the final 25% of the grant amount in the near future.

2. Safe Routes to School Application – FY 2014

An NJDOT Safe Routes to School Grant Application was submitted on June 27, 2014 for the reconstruction of sidewalk and associated improvements along both sides of Stone Road between Washington Avenue and Broadway.

The Borough received a letter from NJDOT dated March 17, 2015 indicating that the project was not selected for funding.

3. 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. We will continue to apprise Council of the status of these applications as we receive information. Historically, grant awards are announced by the NJDOT in the spring of the year following the submittal of the application(s).

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OTHER PROJECTS

4. Stone Road Reconstruction

Camden County is currently preparing Contract Documents to bid the resurfacing of Stone Road and associated work for future construction.

5. Tax Map Digitization / Revisions

The State Division of Taxation comments and requested revisions have been incorporated into the tax maps and a revised set of maps was sent to the State under our cover letter of April 13, 2015. Once the revisions have been accepted by the State and finalized we will begin work on the GIS mapping.

- Tax Maps resubmitted to State on April 13th. The GIS mapping should hopefully begin next month.

MATTERS REQUIRING OFFICIAL ACTION

- **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - Regular Meeting of March 9, 2015 - The motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak, was seconded by Councilwoman DiGregorio with McCunney, Mochel, Cruz, DiGregorio, and Redstreak in favor, and abstaining Mochel

• **RESOLUTIONS**

- **#060-2015 AUTHORIZATION FOR THE MUNICIPAL COURT ADMINISTRATOR TO CANCEL OUTSTANDING CHECKS**

WHEREAS, the following checks are outstanding, and;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs that the following nominal amounts be canceled from the court's Bail Account, 1263811:

1139 \$25.00
Total \$25.00

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

- **#061-2015 AUTHORIZATION FOR THE MUNICIPAL COURT ADMINISTRATOR TO CANCEL OUTSTANDING CHECKS**

WHEREAS, the following checks are outstanding, and;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs that the following nominal amounts be canceled from the court's General Account, 1263803:

1110 \$ 50.00
1111 364.00
1117 1.00
1128 1.00
Total \$415.00

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

- **#62-2015 BOROUGH OF LAUREL SPRINGS COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF LAUREL SPRINGS, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE BOROUGH IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,065,000; SETTING FORTH THE TERMS OF THE BONDS; MAKING CERTAIN COVENANTS TO EFFECT AND MAINTAIN THE EXEMPTION OF THE INTEREST ON SAID BONDS FROM FEDERAL**

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INCOME TAXATION; AND AUTHORIZING SUCH ACTIONS AND MAKING SUCH DETERMINATIONS AS ARE NECESSARY OR APPROPRIATE IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING.

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Local Bond Law, Chapter 2 of Title 40A of the New Jersey Statutes, as amended and supplemented (“Local Bond Law”), the Borough Council (“Council”) of the Borough of Laurel Springs (“Borough”), in the County of Camden, New Jersey, has, pursuant to bond ordinances of the Borough No. 739-2011, No. 742-2011, No. 747-2012, No. 754-2013, No. 755-2013, No. 756-2013, No. 771-2014, No. 772-2014, No. 773-2014 and No. 774-2014, duly and finally adopted on August 8, 2011, December 26, 2011, September 9, 2012, June 10, 2013, June 10, 2013, June 10, 2013, May 12, 2014, May 12, 2014, May 12, 2014, and May 12, 2014, respectively, and published as required by law (“Prior Ordinances”), and bond ordinances of the Borough No. 785-2015, No. 786-2015 and No. 787-2015, all duly and finally adopted on April 13, 2015, respectively, and published as required by law (“New Money Ordinances”; together with the Prior Ordinances, sometimes hereinafter referred to, collectively, as the “Ordinances”), authorized the issuance of general obligation bonds or notes of the Borough to finance the costs of the Improvements as more particularly described in the Ordinances (“Improvements”);

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Prior Ordinances, the Borough has heretofore issued a series of its general obligation notes in anticipation of the issuance of bonds to temporarily finance a portion of the costs of the Improvements therein authorized (“Prior Improvements”), which are currently outstanding in the aggregate principal amount of \$924,000, and due and payable on May 21, 2015 (“Bond Anticipation Notes”); and

WHEREAS, the Borough has not yet issued bonds or notes to finance any of the costs of those Improvements authorized pursuant to the New Money Ordinances (“New Money Improvements”), for the financing of which the issuance of \$141,000, aggregate principal amount of general obligation bonds or notes is authorized, and

WHEREAS, the Borough desires to permanently finance a portion of certain of the costs of the Improvements by the issuance and sale of its general obligation bonds in a principal amount sufficient, together with other available moneys of the Borough, to repay when due the principal amount of the Bond Anticipation Notes and to pay a portion of the costs of the New Money Improvements; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Local Bond Law and the Ordinances, the Borough wishes to authorize, approve and direct the issuance and sale of such bonds, to ratify and confirm certain actions heretofore taken by or on behalf of the Borough, and to make certain related determinations and authorizations in connection with such issuance and sale;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF LAUREL SPRINGS, IN THE COUNTY OF CAMDEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL BOND LAW, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: Authorization of Bonds. Pursuant to the Local Bond Law and the Ordinances, the issuance, sale and award of negotiable general obligation bonds of the Borough to be designated substantially “Borough of Laurel Springs, General Obligation Bonds, Series of 2015” (“Bonds”), in an aggregate principal amount of up to \$1,065,000 for the purpose of permanently financing a portion of the costs of the Improvements as aforesaid, including payment of the costs of issuance of the Bonds, are hereby authorized and approved.

Section 2: Form and Execution of Bonds.

The Bonds shall be issuable only in fully registered form without coupons in the denominations of \$5,000 and integral multiples thereof, and shall be substantially in the form set forth in Exhibit “A” annexed hereto and made a part hereof, which form is hereby approved and adopted. Registration and transfer of the Bonds shall occur as set forth in Exhibit “A”.

The Bonds shall be executed on behalf of the Borough by the manual or facsimile signatures of the Mayor or President of Council and the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough and shall be under the affixed, imprinted or reproduced seal of the Borough, attested by the manual or facsimile signature of the Borough Clerk. The Bonds shall not be valid or obligatory for any purpose unless the Paying Agent’s Authentication Certificate printed thereon shall be duly executed by the manual signature of an authorized officer of the Paying Agent hereinafter mentioned.

The Bonds will be initially issued in book-entry form, subject to the following terms and conditions:

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The Bonds will be initially issued in book-entry form, subject to the terms and conditions of the Blanket Letter of Representations executed by the Borough on August 5, 1999;

If the services of DTC should be terminated in accordance with the Letter of Representations and no successor or substitute securities depository satisfactory to the Borough can be found, then the Paying Agent hereinafter mentioned shall authenticate and cause delivery of replacement bonds with respect to the interests of the beneficial owners of the Bonds. The Borough will pay all costs incurred in connection with the printing, authentication and delivery of replacement bonds.

Section 3: Maturity Schedule; Redemption Prior to Maturity; Notice to Depositories.

The Bonds shall be dated the date of delivery thereof, shall mature at the times and in the amounts as set forth in the maturity schedule contained in the notice of sale annexed hereto as Exhibit "B" and made a part hereof ("Notice of Sale"). The term of the Bonds is less than the average period of usefulness of the Improvements, which, taking into consideration the respective amounts of obligations authorized to be issued for the several Improvements, in accordance with Section 40A:2-26 of the Local Bond Law is not less than 8.99 years.

The Bonds are NOT subject to redemption prior to maturity.

In the event the winning bidder elects to aggregate consecutive principal maturities of the Bonds into one or more Term Bonds pursuant to and as defined in Section 9(c) hereof, then each such Term Bond shall mature on the final maturity date of such consecutive maturities in an aggregate principal amount equal to the sum of the principal amounts of such consecutive maturities. Each such Term Bond shall be subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption prior to maturity, in part, on the dates and in the amounts that would have been consecutive serial maturities had no Term Bond designation been made (other than the final such maturity, which shall be the maturity date of such Term Bond), at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount to be redeemed, plus accrued interest thereon to the date fixed for redemption.

For the convenience of the depository named below and not as part of any redemption proceedings, the Paying Agent shall, prior to the mailing of the notice of redemption to the owners of the Bonds, send copies of such redemption notice to the following registered securities depository at the addresses set forth below or to such other address as such depository may provide and to Standard & Poor's Called Bond Record:

The Depository Trust Company
7 Hanover Square, 23rd floor
Garden City, New York 10004
Attention: Put Bonds Section, Reorganization Department

Section 4: Borough Chief Financial Officer Authorized to Sell and Award Bonds. Pursuant to Section 40A:2-34 of the Local Bond Law, the Borough Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized and directed to sell and award the Bonds at a public sale in accordance with and as set forth in the Notice of Sale of the Bonds in substantially the form annexed hereto as Exhibit "B", and the summary Notice of Sale, in substantially the form annexed hereto as Exhibit "C" (each, a "Notice of Sale"), such Exhibits being incorporated herein by this reference and made a part hereof. Such sale shall be in accordance with the provisions of Sections 40A:2-27 through 40A:2-32 of the Local Bond Law and the Notice of Sale. The preparation and publication of the Notice of Sale in accordance with Sections 40A:2-30 and 40A:2-31 of the Local Bond Law is hereby authorized and approved. At the next meeting of the Council after the sale and award of the Bonds, the Borough Chief Financial Officer shall report in writing to Council the principal amount, the rate or rates of interest, the maturities, and the dates upon which interest on the Bonds shall be paid, the price paid for the Bonds and the purchaser or purchasers thereof.

Section 5: Paying Agent. The Borough Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to solicit proposals for the appointment of a paying agent, transfer agent and registrar ("Paying Agent") for the Bonds and, after consideration of such proposals, to appoint a Paying Agent and to contract with the Paying Agent for its services in respect of the Bonds.

Section 6: Notice of Sale; Preliminary Official Statement.

The sale of the Bonds shall take place at the Borough Municipal Building, Tuesday, May 12, 2015, at 11:00 a.m., or such other date and time as may be determined by the Borough Chief Financial Officer upon the advice of the Borough's professional advisors ("Sale Date").

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The publication on or before May 5, 2015, or such other date as determined by the Borough Chief Financial Officer, of the Notice of Sale in the Courier Post, and in The Bond Buyer, in the forms annexed hereto as Exhibit "B" and Exhibit "C", respectively, as required by Section 40A:2-30 of the Local Bond Law, are hereby authorized and approved.

The distribution of the Preliminary Official Statement relating to the Bonds, to be dated and in the form as shall be approved by the Borough Chief Financial Officer or the Borough Clerk ("Preliminary Official Statement"), on behalf of the Borough, to prospective purchasers of the Bonds and others having an interest therein is hereby authorized and approved. The Borough Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized and directed, on behalf of the Borough, to deem the Preliminary Official Statement final as of its date, in accordance with Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Rule 15c2-12").

The authority of the Chief Financial Officer to change the Sale Date pursuant to this Section 6 is in addition to the power to postpone the sale pursuant to Section 9(b).

Section 7: Official Statement. The Mayor, the President of Council and the Borough Chief Financial Officer (each an "Authorized Officer") are hereby severally authorized to execute a definitive Official Statement with respect to the Bonds in final form ("Official Statement") and the distribution thereof to purchasers of the Bonds and others is hereby authorized and directed. The execution of the final Official Statement by any Authorized Officer shall constitute conclusive evidence of approval by the Borough of any changes therein from the Preliminary Official Statement. All Authorized Officers are hereby severally authorized to approve any amendments or supplements to the Official Statement.

Section 8: Sale of Bonds. o The Council is hereby authorized to sell and award the Bonds at a public sale upon sealed proposals in accordance with the requirements of the Local Bond Law set forth in Sections 40A:2-27 through -34 of the New Jersey Statutes Annotated and the Notice of Sale, notice of which the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized and directed to give and publish in accordance with law.

Section 9: Delegation of Authority to Borough Chief Financial Officer Concerning Term Bonds and Postponement of Sale.

Aggregation of Serial Maturities into Term Bonds. The Chief Financial Officer may permit, by the Notice of Sale, a bidder to aggregate the consecutive principal maturities for which such bidder bid in the same interest rate into term bonds, provided that mandatory sinking funds for such redemptions in lieu of the principal maturities are provided. For the purposes of this subsection, "Term Bonds" means a bond that is due in a certain year but has mandatory retirement provisions for portions of the Term Bond on specified dates prior to the maturity date of the Term Bond itself.

Postponement of Sale. In addition to a postponement prior to publication of the Notice of Sale, the Chief Financial Officer is hereby delegated the authority (if the Chief Financial Officer deems it to be in the best interests of the Borough) (i) to postpone from time to time the sale of the Bonds from the date specified in the Notice of Sale (or, in the case of a rescheduled sale, from such rescheduled date), in each case upon not less than 24 hours' notice, and (ii) to reschedule such sale upon not less than 48 hours' notice. Notice of any such postponement and rescheduling shall be given in the manner specified in the Notice of Sale. In the event of any such postponement and rescheduling, the Chief Financial Officer may (and shall, if required by the Local Bond Law) cause revised Notice of Sale and/or a revised summary thereof to be prepared and published.

Section 10: Continuing Disclosure Agreement. It is hereby determined that it is necessary and appropriate for the Borough to execute and deliver a Continuing Disclosure Agreement ("Continuing Disclosure Agreement") for the benefit of the holders from time to time of the Bonds, substantially in the form as annexed hereto as Exhibit "D", in order to enable the successful bidder for the Bonds to comply with the requirements of Rule 15c2-12. The Continuing Disclosure Agreement is hereby approved and the Authorized Officers are hereby severally authorized and directed to execute and deliver the Continuing Disclosure Agreement in substantially such form with such changes therein as counsel may advise and the Authorized Officer executing such agreement shall approve, such approval to be conclusively evidenced by such Authorized Officer's execution thereof.

Section 11: Covenants Relating to Federal Tax Exemption. The Borough covenants that it will not take any action, or fail to take any action, if any such action or failure to take action would adversely affect the exclusion from gross income of the interest on the Bonds under Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended ("Code"). The Borough will not directly or indirectly use or

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permit the use of any proceeds of the Bonds or any other funds of the Borough, or take or omit to take any action that would cause the Bonds to be "arbitrage bonds" within the meaning of Section 148(a) of the Code. To that end, the Borough will comply with all requirements of Section 148 of the Code to the extent applicable to the Bonds. In the event that at any time the Borough is of the opinion that for purposes of this Section 9 it is necessary to restrict or limit the yield on the investment of any proceeds of the Bonds held by or on behalf of the Borough, the Borough shall take such action as may be necessary to effect such restriction.

Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Borough shall pay or cause to be paid from time to time all amounts required to be rebated ("Rebate Amounts") to the United States pursuant to Section 148(f) of the Code and any temporary, proposed or final Treasury Regulations as may be applicable to the Bonds from time to time. This covenant shall survive payment in full or defeasance of the Bonds.

Notwithstanding any provision of this Section 11, if the Borough obtains an opinion of nationally recognized bond counsel to the effect that any action required under this Section is no longer required, or to the effect that some further action is required, to maintain the exclusion from gross income of the interest on the Bonds pursuant to Section 103 of the Code, the Borough may rely conclusively on such opinion in complying with the provisions hereof, and the covenants hereunder shall be modified to the extent set forth in such opinion without further action by the Borough.

Section 12: Bank-Qualified Designation. After due investigation, the Borough does not reasonably anticipate that the amount of tax-exempt obligations (other than private activity bonds) to be issued by it and subordinate entities of the Borough in the calendar year ending December 31, 2015, will exceed \$10,000,000. The Borough hereby designates \$141,000, aggregate principal amount of the Bonds as "qualified tax-exempt obligations", as defined in and for purposes of Section 265(b)(3) of the Code. The Borough is advised that the remaining \$924,000 is deemed so designated pursuant to such Code Section.

Section 13: Declaration of Official Intent under Treasury Regulations Section 1.150-2. It is hereby declared and/or confirmed to be the official intent of the Borough, as referred to in Section 1.150-2 of the Treasury Regulations promulgated under the Code, that the Borough be reimbursed from the proceeds of the bonds or notes authorized hereby for expenditures for the Improvements paid from current or other available funds of the Borough on and after the effective date hereof; provided that the issue of such bonds or notes occur not later than eighteen (18) months after the latest of (i) the date on which the earliest expenditure subject to Section 1.150-2 is paid, (ii) the date on which the Improvements are placed in service or abandoned, but in no event more than three (3) years after the earliest expenditure is paid, or (iii) the date otherwise permitted by the Code or Treasury Regulations promulgated thereunder.

Section 14: Applications to Rating Agency and Bond Insurers. The application submitted to Moody's Investors Service for a rating of the Bonds and the furnishing of financial and other information relating to the Borough for the purpose of qualifying the Bonds for a municipal bond guaranty insurance policy are hereby ratified, confirmed, approved and adopted.

Section 15: Professional Advisors. It is hereby acknowledged that George J. Botcheos, Jr., Esquire, Borough Solicitor, and Bowman & Company LLP, Borough Auditor, will perform certain required special services in connection with the issuance and sale of the Bonds.

Section 16: Ratification of Prior Actions; Settlement; Additional Authorization.

All actions heretofore taken and documents prepared or executed by or on behalf of the Borough by any Authorized Officer, or by the Borough's professional advisors, including, without limitation, the Borough Solicitor, the Borough Auditor, and Kutak Rock LLP, Bond Counsel, in connection with the issuance and sale of the Bonds are hereby ratified, confirmed, approved and adopted.

The Authorized Officers are hereby severally authorized and directed to determine all matters and execute all documents and instruments in connection with the Bonds not determined or otherwise directed to be executed by the Local Bond Law, the Ordinances, or by this or any subsequent resolution in order to effect settlement for the Bonds, including (but not by way of limitation), paying costs of issuance of the Bonds pursuant to a closing statement that may be executed and delivered by any Authorized Officer on behalf of the Borough at settlement for the Bonds, and the signature of any Authorized Officer on any such document or instrument shall be conclusive as to such determinations.

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Settlement of the sale of the Bonds shall be as soon as practicable. The Authorized Officers and the Borough Clerk, the Borough's professional advisors and other appropriate Borough officers are hereby severally authorized and directed to take all actions including the execution and delivery of documents and instruments, as are necessary or appropriate to effect the settlement of the sale of the Bonds.

In the event settlement for the Bonds cannot be completed prior to the maturity date of the Bond Anticipation Notes, the Chief Financial Officer is authorized to renew the Bond Anticipation Notes for an appropriate period of time, in accordance with the Local Bond Law and the Prior Ordinances.

Section 17: Repeal of Inconsistent Legislation. All other resolutions, parts of resolutions or parts of the Ordinances not required to be contained therein to the extent inconsistent herewith are hereby rescinded and repealed.

Section 18: Effective Date. This resolution shall take effect immediately this 27th day of April, 2015.

- The motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilwoman Mochel, with Letts, Mochel, DiGregorio, Cruz, and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.
- RESOLVED TO PAY \$210,859.18 FROM CURRENT ACCOUNT AND \$13,951.64 FROM TRUST AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS
- The motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilwoman Mochel, with Letts, Mochel, DiGregorio, Cruz, and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.

MATTERS FOR COUNCIL DISCUSSION

- On-line Auction – Borough Administrator Cheeseman discussed the results of the on-line auction. There was discussion of where the money goes, to which it was explained it was unappropriated revenue which will flow into surplus.
- Ordinance Review – There was discussion of the last revisions that need to be accomplished before codification takes place. The chapters to be amended are Curfews, Towing and Health.
- Rabies Clinic, Rabies Vaccine and and one month waiver of \$20 late fees – explanation was given as to why the Rabies Clinic was cancelled. Opportunities to get free or reduced cost rabies vaccinations will be promulgated. This, along with extending the \$4.00 late fee and waiving the increase to \$20 late fee one month.
 - #063-2015 - EXTENDING \$4.00 LATE FEE ON DOG LICENSES TO JULY 1, 2015
WHEREAS, the rabies vaccine for use at state sponsored municipal rabies vaccinations clinics was recalled by the manufacturer; and
WHEREAS, the April, 2015 Rabies Clinic sponsored by the Borough of Laurel Springs occurred before a new shipment could be procured, and was therefore cancelled; and
WHEREAS, there is not a suitable date to reschedule the clinic; and
WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Laurel Springs desires to assist residents in finding alternate methods for rabies inoculation by granting an additional month before the full late fee of \$20 is incurred;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Mayor and Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs, to extend the \$4.00 late fee through July 1, 2015;
BE, IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the late fee increase to \$20 normally incurred is hereby waived in all cases of pet licensing in the month of June, 2015.
- The motion by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilwoman Mochel with Lett, Mochel, DiGregorio, Cruz and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.
- Financial Disclosure Statements – the roster was reviewed and most have filed. The few that are left seem to be emailed related difficulties that will be resolved individually.
- A-4235- Transparent Tax Act of 2015 – There was discussion of what is and is not included in the bill, and questions about specific wording. There was discussion with some inherent problems with Tax Appeals and the Municipality having to foot 100% of the refund. Council President Redstreak asked for time to review the material more in depth. It was also requested that Solicitor Botcheos be forwarded the material to give his opinion.

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- Flag Pole- Cord Mansion –the Laurel Springs Lion’s Club has offered to install a Flag Pole at the Cord Mansion in celebration of their 35th anniversary. There was discussion of getting an electronic sign at the Cord Mansion, and perhaps incorporating it in the same area. There would be modification that would have to be made at that spot. There was conversation about the cost of a sign.
- Family Dinner Night – there was discussion of the success of the event, and whether it was a good fund raiser. There is another dinner in September, so there is opportunity to review the process.
- Sink Hole in Borough Hall Parking Lot – a sink hole seems to be appearing in the parking lot.

CORRESPONDENCE – none was received

ITEMS RECEIVED AFTER THE AGENDA WAS PRINTED

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Saturday, May 2, 2015 – Town Wide Yard Sale and Clean Community Day
- Wednesday, May 6, 2015 @ 7 pm – Recreation Commission @ Recreation Center
- Saturday, May 9, 2015 @ 11 am – Laurel Springs Day – Downtown Laurel Springs
- Monday, May 11, 2015 @ 7 pm - Regular Council Meeting @Borough Hall
- No Work Sessions for the Months of May, June, July and August
- Beginning in the month of May, 2015 Bulk Pick Up will be on the first AND THIRD Wednesday of each month

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

- Leah Straub- Good Event , nice time. She commented that money is starting to be made at the snack stand. There was discussion of creating an email database of all the residents in town.
- Brian Hofaker- 445 Tomlinson Avenue – is recommending a Coalition for Business to come to town. He described something he saw on NJ Network where they support their local business by having rebates when people use the local business. He alluded to a Movato article online which identified Laurel Springs as the #2 town for young couples. He mentioned the way the Recreation Commission is rolling, is a great time to bring business in. He would like to see Laurel Springs marketed as a town that wants business. Council President Redstreak invited him to be a part of the Economic Improvement Committee. Some of ideas that have been accomplished were reviewed. There was review of the process of getting the Streetscape accomplished, efforts that have been made with the downtown area, difficulties with NJDOT and the White Horse Pike, an uptick in sales and mercantile licenses. There was discussion of the Verizon situation. There was additional conversation about bringing baseball back as helpful, as well as rebates and incentives and a model available in Collingswood. It was suggested that much of this is through a business association, which is something that is being encouraged in Laurel Springs. There was discussion of there being Baseball on Laurel Springs, which should help swell the crowds. Councilman Redstreak commented that there needs to be inclusion from each committee to make sure the same people aren’t being over utilized.

ADJOURNMENT –There being no further business a motion was made by Councilman Redstreak, which was seconded by Councilwoman Mochel to adjourn at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn T. Amadio, RMC
Municipal Clerk