

**BOROUGH OF LAUREL SPRINGS
MAYOR AND COUNCIL WORK SESSION
MONDAY SEPTEMBER 26, 2016 - 7:00 P.M.
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, 2016 and posting on the website and bulletin board in the Borough Hall, also on Borough's website.

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

ENGINEERS REPORT – Environmental Resolutions -

CAPITAL ITEMS

1. **NJDOT Municipal Aid Grant Applications – FY 2016**

The Borough recently received a \$200,000.00 Municipal Aid Grant for the Reconstruction of Washington Avenue, between Stone Road and Chestnut Avenue. ERI has completed the survey, roadway coring and base plans and the Construction Plans and Specifications are approximately 75% complete.

We recently received correspondence from NJDOT indicating that due to budgetary shortfalls in the Transportation Trust Fund, which is the primary funding source of this project, that no construction can begin until the State Legislature and Senate rectify this budget issue. NJDOT has indicated that the Borough may proceed with receipt of bids for the project in the interim. After discussing this situation in depth with Administrator Cheeseman, we mutually agreed that the advertisement for bids should be postponed due to the lingering uncertainty with the TTF funding, which has no apparent resolution in the short term. Once the funding issue has been alleviated, the project will be advertised for bid.

2. **Laurel Lake Dam Inspection**

ERI recently completed our inspection of the dam, which is required by NJDEP Bureau of Dam Safety every four (4) years. The inspection revealed that the improvements that were made to the dam in 2014 have greatly improved the function of the dam. Some minor maintenance work, such as brush clearing, etc., will be necessary but these tasks should be able to be accomplished by the Borough's Public Works staff.

Our final inspection report was submitted to the Bureau of Dam Safety, who subsequently deemed the report satisfactory, conditioned upon the recommended minor repairs being completed. The next dam inspection must be completed in 2020.

OTHER PROJECTS

3. **Tempo Builders Mixed Use Development**

ERI recently received Final Plans for conformance review to the terms of the Planning Board approval received by the developer in 2013. The design engineer has revised the Plans to satisfy ERI's review comments from March and the Final Plans have been signed by the Borough Engineer. Construction will be able to begin once the developer has posted a performance bond, inspection escrow; and has held a Preconstruction Meeting with our office and appropriate Borough officials.

MATTERS REQUIRING OFFICIAL ACTION

- **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**- Regular Meeting of September 12, 2016 – the motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak, was seconded by Councilman McCunney, with Letts, McCunney, Cruz and Redstreak, in favor, none abstaining and none opposed.
- **RESOLUTIONS**
 - **#077-2016- APPOINTING MARCO LOMBARDI AS A YEAR ONE FULL-TIME PATROLMAN**
WHEREAS, the Borough of Laurel Springs requires a full time police officer for the Laurel Springs Police Department; and

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WHEREAS, Marco Lombardi has been approved by Chief Carmen Rabottino for this position;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Mayor and Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs, County of Camden, State of New Jersey do hereby appoint Marco Lombardi as a Year-One, Full-Time Patrolman for the Laurel Springs Police Department effective October 9, 2016.

- The motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilman McCunney with Letts, McCunney, Cruz and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.
- RESOLVED TO PAY \$40, 653.54 FROM CURRENT ACCOUNT AND \$10,994.76 FROM TRUST AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS
- The motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilman McCunney, with Letts, McCunney, Cruz and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.
- **APPOINTMENTS** – Todd Crain as Junior Fire Fighter. The motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilman McCunney with Letts, McCunney, Cruz and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.

MATTERS FOR COUNCIL DISCUSSION

- LFN 2016-13-Best Practices Inventory – This is an annual endeavor which has been successfully completed in the past with no reductions in state aid.
- League of Municipalities Conference attendance – Councilman Cruz will attend along with Mayor Barbera and his wife.
- Resident request for Tax Payment Plan - A Borough resident has made a specific request to the Tax Collector for a payment plan. The options were presented to Council and they are agreeable to approve it. A resolution will be prepared for the next meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Ñ From NJDEP reporting SATISFACTORY dam inspection – Borough Engineer Hansen previously reported on this matter in his monthly report.
- Ñ From Laurel Lake Regional Fire Alliance announcing Fire Prevention Open House, Saturday, October 8, 2016, 9 am to 12 pm.

ITEMS RECEIVED AFTER THE AGENDA WAS PRINTED

- Resolution for Bellmawr’s Historic Hugg-Harrison-Glover House – Mayor Barbera reviewed the resolution from Bellmawr asking for support for the preservation of this house. Council was in favor and it will be on the agenda for the next meeting.
- Speeding on Stone – Mayor Barbera commented that a resident had complained about speeding on Stone Road at the last School Board Meeting. Chief Rabottino will look into the matter.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Saturday, October 1, 2016 – Fall Town-Wide Yard Sale and Clean Communities Weekend. Tours will be conducted at the Whitman Stafford Farmhouse and a Fire Department Hoagie Sale.
- Wednesday, October 5th @ 7 pm Recreation Commission @ Recreation Center
- Thursday, October 6, 2016 – Local Ladies Market Night Downtown 5 – 8 pm
- Monday, October 10, 2016 – Columbus Day – Borough Offices will be closed
- Tuesday, October 11, 2016 - @ 7 pm Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council @ Borough Hall

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC – none

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

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn T. Amadio, RMC, Municipal Clerk