

BOROUGH OF LAUREL SPRINGS
WORK SESSION MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL
MONDAY, October 29, 2018
MAYOR THOMAS A. BARBERA PRESIDING

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 Retrospect and the Courier-Post on May 17, 2018 and posting on the Borough Website and bulletin board in the Borough Hall.

ROLL CALL recorded as present: Letts, DiGregorio, Cruz, DelPidio and Redstreak, with Mochel absent.

ENGINEERS REPORT – Jeff Hansen – Environmental Resolutions

CAPITAL ITEMS

1. **Reconstruction of Washington Avenue, Phase 1 - NJDOT FY2016 Municipal Aid Grant**

The Borough received a \$200,000.00 Municipal Aid Grant for the Reconstruction of Washington Avenue, between Stone Road and Central Avenue. The Contractor, Paving Plus, LLC, substantially completed construction in September, 2017.

Our office is currently in the process of closing out the project with NJDOT in order for the Borough to receive the remaining \$50,000.00 of grant money.

2. **NJDOT Local Aid Grant Applications – FY2018**

The Borough was recently awarded a Municipal Aid Grant in the amount of \$195,000.00 for the Reconstruction of Arch Avenue. ERI has completed the field survey work and the base plans. We have started the design work with the intention of having the Plans and Specifications completed in time for a late Fall 2018 bid date with a late 2018 or early 2019 construction start date.

3. **NJDOT Local Aid Grant Applications – FY2019**

The NJDOT Local Aid Applications for the FY2019 Grant Cycle were submitted to the state prior to the October 8, 2018 deadline. We will apprise the Governing Body of any news with regard to the Application as it is received.

OTHER PROJECTS

4. **Municipal Building Redevelopment Plan / Stone Road Redevelopment Area**

The Site Plan for the conversion of the municipal building to twelve (12) age restricted one-bedroom apartments, and associated site work was granted Preliminary and Final Site Plan Approval at the May 17, 2018 Borough Combined Planning Zoning Board meeting. The Site Plan was developed in symmetry with the previously approved Municipal Building Redevelopment Plan. We have completed a conformance review of the Plans and the revisions have been made in substantial conformance with the Board approval. Final Plans for appropriate signatures should be forthcoming from the developer.

There are no improvements within the project that require a performance bond under the new municipal bonding laws that were passed earlier this year. Our office has prepared a construction cost estimate for the site improvements in order to determine the appropriate inspection escrow amount. Once the Plans are signed, all outstanding outside agency approvals are received and escrow is posted a preconstruction meeting can be schedule and the work can proceed.

Borough Council adopted the Stone Road Rehabilitation Plan Plans at their March 26, 2018 meeting.

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MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

• **APPROVAL OF MINUTES –**

- Regular Meeting of Monday, September 24, 2018 – the motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilman Cruz with Letts, Cruz and Redstreak in favor, DiGregorio and DelPidio abstaining and none opposed.
- Work Session of Monday, October 15, 2018 – the motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilwoman DiGregorio, with DiGregorio, DelPidio, and Redstreak in favor, Letts and Cruz abstaining and none opposed

• **RESOLUTIONS**

- #082-2018 - CONFIRMING SUPPORT AND COMMITMENT FOR INSTALLATION OF HISTORICAL MARKERS AT THE HISTORIC WHITMAN STAFFORD FARMHOUSE AND CRYSTAL SPRINGS

WHEREAS, the Borough of Laurel Springs has three sites listed on the Camden County Inventory of Historic Places, developed by the Camden County Cultural and Heritage Commission dated April, 1977, those being Crystal Springs, Laurel Mills and Whitman Stafford House; and

WHEREAS, the Camden County History Alliance (CCHA) has developed a County Historical Interpretive Marker Program; and

WHEREAS, Crystal Springs and the Whitman Stafford Farmhouse have been faithfully and lovingly preserved by the citizens of the Borough of Laurel Springs, often partnering with the County of Camden; and

WHEREAS, Crystal Springs and the Whitman Stafford Farmhouse fully meet the criteria for the Historical Marker Application, which requests a letter of commitment from the landowner of the proposed historical marker location, approving the installation of a historical marker on their property; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Laurel Springs, and Whitman Stafford Committee desire to submit 2018-2019 applications for Crystal Springs and Whitman Stafford Farmhouse and to allow this resolution to serve as that letter of commitment;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs that they confirm their commitment and support for the installation of historical markers on properties owned by the Borough of Laurel Springs.

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

- #083-2018 - FOR NEW MERCANTILE LICENSES

WHEREAS, Mayor and Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs have passed an ordinance establishing Chapter 169 of the code of the Borough of Laurel Springs, known as “Mercantile License”.

WHEREAS, a license is required to operate or conduct any business establishment in the Borough of Laurel Springs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Mayor and Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs that the proper investigations have been made and the following applicant has complied with the general laws and statutes of the State and the ordinance of the Borough of Laurel Springs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that approval has been granted by Mayor and Council for NEW “MERCANTILE LICENSE” effective October 29, 2018:

Aikido Agatsu Dojos
1124 Stone Road

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

- #084-2018 - SUPPORTING THE PROJECT SAVE PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Project SAVE program, a voluntary substance abuse treatment referral and intervention strategy for municipal court defendants arrested for non-violent crimes, is currently active in two Camden County towns and has reduced crime in these communities while garnering the support and trust of the community and its leaders by fostering strong relationships with the residents, especially youth; and

WHEREAS, statistics have shown a significant number of municipal court defendants suffer from drug and/or alcohol addiction, which has in large measure contributed to the defendant’s commission of non-violent crimes; and

WHEREAS, various measures available have been studied to respond to the substance abuse crisis and information from police departments and municipal court officials want defendants

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suffering with addiction to be provided with information and options for assessment and/or treatment; and

WHEREAS, after careful consideration, the County of Camden and certain participating Municipal Courts have determined that a cooperative approach to implement the Project SAVE program would offer effective and efficient means of providing these services;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs that they support the efforts that are being studied and implemented by the County of Camden and those municipalities participating in Project SAVE to provide a voluntary substance abuse treatment referral program in Camden County.

- The motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilman Cruz with Letts, DiGregorio, Cruz, DelPidio and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.
- RESOLVED TO PAY \$320,902.58 FROM CURRENT ACCOUNT AND \$16,411.89 FROM TRUST AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS
- The motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilman Cruz with Letts, DiGregorio, Cruz, DelPidio and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

- Best Practices Checklist – CFO Ciminera, Borough Administrator Cheeseman and Municipal Clerk Amadio met this afternoon and reviewed what the CFO had compiled. The inventory must be filed every year, and the Borough has always been compliant to the point where no State Aid reduction has ever occurred. There was discussion about the procedure for submitting, the items that were new were highlighted and the changes effected in the past were discussed. There was discussion of the results which were 41 Yes; 8 No; 11 N/A; 1 Prospective; 61 Total Answered: 53 Score (Yes + N/A + Prospective); 87% Score %; 0% Percent Withheld; and the color coding at the end of the document.
- Cord Mansion Project – Mayor Barbera reviewed the Borough Architects letter and discussed the changes that are going to be effected for revised plan. It will be rebid shortly.
- 2019 Dates for Council Meetings – Council reviewed the draft of the proposed 2019 meeting dates. Mayor Barbera indicated the months in which the normal second or fourth Monday could not be utilized. He pointed out that in the summer months there would be no meetings on the fourth Monday as usual.
- Fireworks – Council President Redstreak reported that he had reached out the Magnolia and let them know that he and Councilwoman DiGregorio would be happy to help out. He said that as things progress he would keep them informed.
- Tina Lilley – Mayor Barbera had received word that Mrs. Lilley has passed and what the arrangements would be.

CORRESPONDENCE – none

ITEMS RECEIVED AFTER THE AGENDA WAS PRINTED – None.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC –

- **Roy Kane** – 510 Park Avenue – inquired about the Pet Waste ordinance, and the fine thereof, as he had had an unfortunate incident. Borough Administrator Cheeseman indicated that it would be the standard fine that the Borough Ordinances allow, and that it is mostly up to the discretion of the judge.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Ñ Monday, October 29th – 31st 8 pm curfew for Juveniles
- Ñ Wednesday, October 31st – 3 – 8 pm Trick or Treat
- Ñ Sunday, November 4th Daylight Savings Time end, set clocks back one hour
- Ñ Tuesday, November 6th Election Day, polls open 6 am – 8pm @Recreation Center
- Ñ Wednesday, November 7th Recreation Commission Meeting @7pm @Recreation Center
- Ñ Saturday, November 11th Veterans Day
- Ñ Monday, November 12th Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council, @7pm @Recreation Center.

ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business a motion was made by Councilman Redstreak to adjourn at 7:20 pm with all in favor and none opposed.

Respectfully submitted

Dawn T. Amadio, RMC,
Municipal Clerk