

BOROUGH OF LAUREL SPRINGS  
REGULAR MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
MONDAY, JUNE 8, 2020  
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 January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020 and posting on the Borough Website and bulletin board in the Borough Hall.

**ROLL CALL** recorded as present: Cruz, DiGregorio, DelPidio, DiMarco Riondino and Redstreak

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- Regular Meeting of Monday, May 11, 2020 - The motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilman Cruz, with Cruz, DiMarco, Riondino, Cruz and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and DelPidio abstaining.

**APPOINTMENTS**

Mitchell Mai – Regular Member of the Laurel Springs Fire Department. The motion by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilman Cruz with Cruz, DiGregorio, DelPidio, DiMarco, Riondino and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and none abstaining.

**ORDINANCES– First Readings and Introductions:**

- 844:2020 - BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE COMPLETION OF IMPROVEMENTS TO VARIOUS MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS IN AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF LAUREL SPRINGS, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$225,000 THERFOR; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OR BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES OF THE BOROUGH OF LAUREL SPRINGS, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY, IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF UP TO \$213,750; MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS AND COVENANTS; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN RELATED ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING
  - First Reading
  - The Motion to Introduce by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilman Riondino with Cruz, DiGregorio, DelPidio, DiMarco, Riondino and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.
  - Second Reading, Public Hearing and Adoption will be held on Monday, July 13, 2020, 7 pm in the Recreation Center, 820 Grand Avenue, Laurel Springs, New Jersey.
- 845:2020 - BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE RECONSTRUCTION OF VARIOUS ROADS IN AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF LAUREL SPRINGS, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$81,000 THERFOR; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OR BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES OF THE BOROUGH OF LAUREL SPRINGS, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY, IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF UP TO \$76,950; MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS AND COVENANTS; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN RELATED ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING First Reading
  - First Reading
  - The Motion to Introduce by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilwoman DiMarco with Cruz, DiGregorio, DelPidio, DiMarco, Riondino and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.
  - Second Reading, Public Hearing and Adoption will be held on Monday, July 13, 2020, 7 pm in the Recreation Center, 820 Grand Avenue, Laurel Springs, New Jersey.
- 846-2020 - BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE COMPLETION OF VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS TO THE SEWER UTILITY SYSTEM IN AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF LAUREL SPRINGS, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$32,000 THERFOR; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OR BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES OF THE BOROUGH OF LAUREL SPRINGS, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY, IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF UP TO \$30,400; MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS AND COVENANTS; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN RELATED ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING First Reading
  - First Reading
  - The Motion to Introduce by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilman Cruz with Cruz, DiGregorio, DelPidio, DiMarco, Riondino and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.

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- 847-2020 - BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF VARIOUS EQUIPMENT FOR THE BOROUGH OF LAUREL SPRINGS, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$116,000 THEREFOR; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OR BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES OF THE BOROUGH OF LAUREL SPRINGS, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY, IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF UP TO \$110,200; MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS AND COVENANTS; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN RELATED ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING  
First Reading
  - First Reading
  - The Motion to Introduce by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilman Cruz with Cruz, DiGregorio, DelPidio, DiMarco, Riondino and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.
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**RESOLUTIONS**

- #060-2020 - SUPPORTING THE ENACTMENT OF ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 3971 AND SENATE BILL NO. 2475 TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF CORONAVIRUS RELIEF BONDS BY MUNICIPALITIES AND COUNTIES  
WHEREAS, municipalities and counties throughout New Jersey are facing unprecedented financial challenges, including significant loss of revenue and unanticipated spending, due to the ongoing COVID-19 State of Emergency and Public Health Emergency; and  
WHEREAS, without relief, local government may have to significantly reduce services and layoff personnel; and  
WHEREAS, in response to these conditions, Assemblymen Benson and Coughlin introduced A-3971 and Senator Singleton introduced S-2475, which authorizes local units to issue "coronavirus relief bonds" to allow them to borrow money, with a ten-year payback period, to cover shortfalls and unanticipated costs that are a direct result of the COVID-19 pandemic; and  
WHEREAS, such bonds will provide local units with the flexibility to ensure continuation of essential services.  
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough of Laurel Springs that it hereby affirms its support for the enactment of A-3971 and S-2475.  
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk shall be directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the Governor, Senate President, Assembly Speaker and the legislative delegation of the 4th district.  
Councilman Redstreak asked what the dollar amount for these relief bonds will allow, to which it was discussed that this allows issuance of Coronavirus relief debt that stays within each municipalities debt cap.
  - The motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilman Cruz, with Cruz, DiGregorio, DiMarco, Riondino, Cruz and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and none abstaining
- #061-2020 - ADOPTING THE 3-YEAR COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF CAMDEN  
WHEREAS, the Borough of Laurel Springs and the County of Camden wish to establish a cooperative means of conducting certain eligible community development and affordable housing 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, Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, the Housing and Urban-Rural Recovery Act of 1983, the HOME Program Act of 1991, and the Emergency Solutions Grant, as amended, provides federal funds being made available to Camden County for use to carry out eligible Community Development Activities therein; and  
WHEREAS, the Borough of Laurel Springs will propose certain activities to be carried out under the 2021, 2022 and 2023 Community Development, HOME Programs and Emergency Solutions Grant programs; and  
WHEREAS, the aforesaid activities are in the best interest of the Borough of Laurel Springs and the County of Camden;  
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs that the 2021 to 2023 Cooperation Agreement be adopted;  
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its enactment.

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- The motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilman DelPidio, with Cruz, DiGregorio, DiMarco, Riondino, Cruz and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and none abstaining
- RESOLVED TO PAY \$859,802.27 FROM CURRENT ACCOUNT AND \$46,0003.66 FROM TRUST AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS
- The motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilman Riondino, with DelPidio, DiMarco, Riondino, Cruz and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and none abstaining.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

- COVID-19-Permit for Villari's – Borough Administrator Cheeseman spoke to the Police Department about the submitted plan and questions about them being open to 2 am and whether that is too late, and whether live entertainment is even allowed with consideration to neighborhood proximities. Councilman Cruz said setting up in the parking lot is temporary only until July when things will open up more, so they should be allowed to open outside. Councilman Redstreak concurred saying the Borough has to be business friendly. No objections to any of the matters were objected to by Borough Council.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Carolyn Redstreak – commented that the Memorial Day Drive-by was a success. Regarding the Fourth of July, the Borough should be able to have. Councilman DelPidio commented that it is run by volunteers and if they choose to, let them do it. The Fire Department does not direct any specific part other than those who volunteer. No assembly downtown should be encouraged. Councilwoman DiGregorio commented that the Patriotic Memorial Day Parade was pretty great. The previous Thursday the Freeholder Director and the Assembly representative Aide said a municipality cannot allow a parade. You can protest as an exception, but there must be no congregation. There was further discussion of the same format as Memorial Day. Mr. Kane did point out that the Fourth of July is on a Saturday, so a lot of people will be away, so it is not likely that there would be a lot of people. There was further discussion of today's protest, which is their right and that's great, but the children from our town can't play on the playground equipment at the School, yet the protesters can congregate and use the playground equipment or have a Fourth of July Parade. There was a discussion of the messaging of the protestors, and additional discussion of the protestors vs. towns' children in the use of the school ground equipment. It was stated that it was up to the Fire Department and those volunteers' decision not a Borough decision. Mr. Lippincott gave historical perspective on Memorial Day.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- JIF Safety Meeting of Tuesday, June 9, 2020 is cancelled
- Combined Land Use Meeting, Thursday, June 18th @7 pm @Recreation Center
- Summer begins Saturday, June 20th
- Fathers' Day Sunday June 21st
- No Work Session Meetings in May, June, July, August or October
- School Board Meeting, Wednesday, June 24th @7pm @Laurel Springs School
- No Recreation Meeting in July or August
- Independence Day, Saturday, July 4th – Parade to be determined – Field events cancelled
- Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council, Monday, July 13th @7pm @Recreation Center

**ADJOURNMENT** –There being no further business a motion was made by Councilman Redstreak, which was seconded by Councilman Cruz to adjourn at 7:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Dawn T. Amadio, RMC, Municipal Clerk