

BOROUGH OF LAUREL SPRINGS
WORK SESSION MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL
MONDAY, May 23, 2022
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 adequate notice of this meeting was given by emailing the Retrospect and the Courier-Post on January 11, 2022 and posting on Borough Website and bulletin board.

ROLL CALL recorded as present: Cruz, DiGregorio, DiMarco, Riondino, DelPidio(arrived 7:03) and Redstreake.

WaltFEST – Councilman Redstreake took a moment to comment on how fabulous an event WaltFEST was, and to offer thanks to the many people who participated. He comments on the artwork from Laurel Springs School and Sterling, which was contained in two tents, and how good it was to be able to showcase the school kids. He also congratulated Councilwoman DiMarco on the Blackout Poetry activity.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Regular Meeting of May 9, 2022 - The motion to approve by Councilman Redstreake was seconded by Councilwoman DiMarco, with Redstreake, Riondino, DiGregorio and DiMarco in favor. Cruz abstaining.

APPOINTMENTS

- Stephen Huesken – Senior Member of the Fire Department - The motion to approve by Councilman Redstreake was seconded by Councilman Cruz, with Redstreake, DiGregorio, Riondino, DiMarco and Cruz in favor.

ORDINANCES

- **867-2022 – BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE COMPLETION OF IMPROVEMENTS TO VARIOUS MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS IN THE BOROUGH OF LAUREL SPRINGS, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$538,000 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 \$511,100; MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS AND COVENANTS; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN RELATED ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING**
 - First Reading by Title – Mayor Barbera read the ordinance by title.
 - Motion to Introduce by Councilman Redstreake was seconded by Councilman Cruz, with Redstreake, Riondino, DiGregorio, DiMarco, and Cruz in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.
 - Second Reading, Public Hearing and Adoption is scheduled for Monday, June 13, 2022, 7 pm in the Laurel Springs Recreation Center, 820 Grand Avenue, Laurel Springs, NJ 08021
- **868-2022 – BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF VARIOUS VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT FOR THE BOROUGH OF LAUREL SPRINGS, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$144,000 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 \$136,800; MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS AND COVENANTS; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN RELATED ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING**
 - First Reading by Title – Mayor Barbera read the ordinance by title.
 - Motion to Introduce by Councilman Redstreake was seconded by Councilman Cruz, with Redstreake, Riondino, DiGregorio, DelPidio, DiMarco, and Cruz in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.
 - Second Reading, Public Hearing and Adoption is scheduled for Monday, June 13, 2022, 7 pm in the Laurel Springs Recreation Center, 820 Grand Avenue, Laurel Springs, NJ 08021
- **869-2022 – BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE RECONSTRUCTION AND/OR RESTORATION OF VARIOUS ROADS IN AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF LAUREL SPRINGS, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$84,000 THERFOR; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF**

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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 \$79,800; MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS AND COVENANTS; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN RELATED ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING

- First Reading by Title – Mayor Barbera read the ordinance by title.
- Motion to Introduce by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilman Cruz, with Redstreak, Riondino, DiGregorio, DelPidio, DiMarco, and Cruz in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.
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RESOLUTIONS

- **#049-2022 – AUTHORIZING SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE CAMDEN COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY FOR PARTICIPATION IN A COUNTY-WIDE REGISTRATION PROGRAM ESTABLISHED BY THE AUTHORITY AND ADMINISTERED BY PROCHAMPS**

WHEREAS, Camden County Improvement Authority (“Authority”) has established a County-wide Registration Program, administered by Property Registration Champions, LLC (“PROCHAMPS”) a corporation that provides and administers a Property Registration Program that includes a portal for creditor registration, notification and enforcement services, and fee collection, in order to assist municipalities with enforcement of local ordinances; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Laurel Springs has adopted an Ordinance, pursuant to its authority provided by P.L.2021, c.444, which, among other things, requires creditors of commercial and residential properties that file foreclosure actions to:

- (i) register with the Program within ten (10) days of filing a foreclosure action;
- (ii) provide the contact person(s) for the creditor who is to receive notices pertaining to the property;
- (iii) remit a registration fee; and
- (iv) in the event the property becomes vacant and abandoned during the foreclosure process, update their registration to reflect the vacant and abandoned status, and ensure proper security and maintenance is undertaken at the property (the “Ordinance”);

WHEREAS, the Borough of Laurel Springs now wishes to enter into a Shared Services Agreement to participate in the County-wide Registration Program established by the Authority and administered by PROCHAMPS, the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act, N.J.S.A. 40A:55-1 et seq., specifically authorizing governmental entities to do so.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs, County of Camden, authorizes the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to sign a Shared Services Agreement with the Camden County Improvement Authority for participation in a County-wide Registration Program established by the authority and administered by PROCHAMPS

- The motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak, was seconded by Councilman Cruz, with Redstreak, DiGregorio, DiMarco, DelPidio, Riondino, and Cruz in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.
- **#050-2022 – FOR RENEWAL OF LIQUOR LICENSE – WINE BARREL**

WHEREAS, PMK Beverage Inc. of 211 White Horse Pike, is the holder is the holder of a Plenary Retail Consumption License in the Borough of Laurel Springs; and

WHEREAS, the said applicant has paid the \$200.00 fee filing application with the State of New Jersey, and \$2,500.00 fee to the Borough of Laurel Springs; and

WHEREAS, said applicant has complied with the health, public safety, and taxation regulations and applicable local ordinances;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Mayor and Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs, that Plenary Retail Consumption License No. 0420-44-003-014 is granted to PMK Beverage Inc. for the period of July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023.
- The motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak, was seconded by Councilman Cruz, with Redstreak, DiGregorio, DiMarco, DelPidio, Riondino, and Cruz in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.

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- **#051-2022 – FOR RENEWAL OF LIQUOR LICENSE – VILLARIS**

WHEREAS, SFV, LLC of 26 Stone Road, is the holder of a Plenary Retail Consumption License in the Borough of Laurel Springs; and

WHEREAS, the said applicant has paid the \$200.00 fee filing application with the State of New Jersey, and \$2,500.00 fee to the Borough of Laurel Springs; and

WHEREAS, said applicant has complied with the health, public safety, and taxation regulations and applicable local ordinances;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Mayor and Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs, that Plenary Retail Consumption License No. 0420-33-002-003 is granted to SFV, LLC for the period of July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023
- The motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak, was seconded by Councilman Cruz, with Redstreak, DiGregorio, DiMarco, DelPidio, Riondino, and Cruz in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.
- **#052-2022 – CHANGE ORDER #4 – REMOVAL OF ARCHITECTURAL BARRIERS FUNDED BY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs awarded the bid for Removal of Architectural Barriers – the Borough of Laurel Springs at the Laurel Springs Borough Hall at the Historic Cord Mansion be awarded to W. J. Gross, Inc. General Contracting, 495 Center Street, Sewell, NJ 08080 in the amount of \$1,232,000.00; and

WHEREAS, an amendment to the original contract was approved via Resolution 049-2020–Change Order #1 to increase the contract time in the amount of 210 days, with the date of substantial completion as June 27, 2020;

WHEREAS, an amendment to the original contract was approved via Resolution 091-2020–Change Order #2 to increase the contract in a net amount of \$6,446.69 creating a new contract sum of \$1,238,446.69;

WHEREAS, an amendment to the original contract was approved via Resolution 042-2022–Change Order #3 to decrease the contract in a net amount of \$10,785.40 creating a new contract sum of \$1,227,661.29; and

WHEREAS, an amendment to the original contract is necessary due to a decrease in the contract amount in the net amount of \$9,125.00, which represents \$5,625.00 deduction for credit for repairs to existing concrete pad and 3,500.00 deduction for credit for installed non-service rated Automatic Transfer Switch, creating a new contract sum of \$1,218,536.29.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Borough Council that Change Order #4, which amends the original contract with W. J. Gross for Removal of Architectural Barriers at the Cord Mansion, is hereby approved.
- The motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak, was seconded by Councilman Cruz, with Redstreak, DiGregorio, DiMarco, DelPidio, Riondino, and Cruz in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.
- **#053-2022 – SUPPORTING SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION FOR NEW JERSEY ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION’S LAKES STORMWATER MANAGEMENT GRANT**

WHEREAS, the Department of Environmental Protection’s Water Quality Restoration Grants Program has issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) public lake management entities to address stormwater and nonpoint source pollution management and infrastructure needs on affected waterbodies that would directly maintain, enhance, improve or protect the variety of recreational and conservation activities currently available at these public lakes; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Laurel Springs desires to apply for funding to conduct stormwater management, improvement of existing stormwater infrastructure, management and restoration of the riparian zone, wetland buffer, lake dredging/hydro-raking, and watershed and lake management activities on Laurel Lake, Laurel Springs, NJ

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of Borough Laurel Springs that they hereby express support for the submission of a grant application to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Agency; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Engineer be authorized to complete the electronic grant application and associated documentation for submission electronically using the DEP's System for Administering Grants Electronically (NJDEP SAGE); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby to execute any and all documents necessary and related to the submission of said grant application or grant agreement and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

- Councilman Redstreak commented that Laurel Springs is going to apply for the grant on its own, as nothing more was heard from Lindenwold. He had worked with Borough Engineer Jeff Hansen to apply for a \$220,000 grant. \$50,000 for hydro raking, \$100,000 for disposal, \$30,000 for tree removal and \$40,000 for buffering.
- The motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak, was seconded by Councilman Cruz, with Redstreak, DiGregorio, DiMarco, DelPidio, Riondino, and Cruz in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.
- **#054-2022 - AUTHORIZING PREPARATION OF SPECIFICATIONS AND SOLICITATION OF BIDS FOR EMERGENCY GENERATOR INSTALLATION BY RODIER EBERSBERGER ARCHITECTS, LLC**

WHEREAS, by virtue of Resolution #091-2021, the quote of Rodier Ebersberger Architects, LLC for architectural services for emergency generator installation was approved; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Laurel Springs has reviewed and identified the specific requirement for the emergency generator for the Cord mansion; and

WHEREAS, Sustainable Jersey Grant and Capital Funds have been appropriated for the purchase and installation of such an emergency generator;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Laurel Springs, that they authorize Borough Architect, Rodier Ebersberger Architects, LLC to prepare and advertise the specifications and the solicitation of bids for Emergency Generator purchase and installation.
- The motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak, was seconded by Councilman Cruz, with Redstreak DelPidio, DiMarco, DiGregorio, Riondino, and Cruz in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.
- Resolved to pay \$191,914.15 from Current Fund and \$20,436.23 from the Trust/Capital Accounts. The motion by Councilman Redstreak, was seconded by Councilman Cruz, with Redstreak, DiGregorio, DelPidio, Riondino, DiMarco, and Cruz in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION/CORRESPONDENCES – none

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC – none

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Monday, May 30th – Memorial Day – Borough Offices are Closed
- Monday, May 30th – Memorial Day Service @ 10 am @War Memorial
- Wednesday, June 1st – Recreation Commission @7pm @Rec Center
- Tuesday, June 7th – Primary Election @6 am – 8 pm @ Recreation Center
- Monday, June 13th – Regular Council Meeting @ 7pm @Rec Center

ADJOURNMENT –There being no further business a motion was made by Councilman Redstreak to adjourn at 7:16 pm with all in favor and none opposed.

Respectfully submitted

Dawn T. Amadio, RMC, Municipal Clerk