

BOROUGH OF LAUREL SPRINGS  
REGULAR MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
MONDAY, JULY 13, 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, 2020 and posting on the Borough Website and bulletin board in the Borough Hall.

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- Regular Meeting of Monday, June 8, 2020 - The motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilman Riondino, with DiGregorio, DiMarco, Riondino and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and none abstaining.

**ORDINANCES – Second Readings, Public Hearings and Adoption:**

- 844:2020BOND 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
  - Second Reading by Title – Mayor Barbera read the ordinance by title
  - Public Hearing – Mayor Barbera opened the meeting to the Public.
    - Roy Kane – Park Avenue – asked for a simple explanation of each ordinance, to which Mayor Barbera responded that this ordinance is reserve funds in the form of a note for the Cord Mansion Project Phase 2. There are additional grant funds applied for as well.
  - Motion to Adopt by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilman Riondino with DiGregorio, DiMarco, Riondino and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.
- 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
  - Second Reading by Title – Mayor Barbera read the ordinance by title
  - Public Hearing – Mayor Barbera opened the meeting to the Public.
    - Mayor Barbera explained that this was funding for the 2020 Road Program. There was discussion of the 2019, 2020 and 2021 road projects which are in various stages.
  - Motion to Adopt by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilman Riondino with DiGregorio, DiMarco, Riondino and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and no abstentions
- 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
  - Second Reading by Title – Mayor Barbera read the ordinance by title
  - Public Hearing – Mayor Barbera opened the meeting to the Public.
    - Mayor Barbera explained that this was funding for routine repair of the Sewer systems, which unfortunately often occur in an emergent fashion.

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- Motion to Adopt by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilman Riondino with DiGregorio, DiMarco, Riondino and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and no abstentions
- 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
  - Second Reading by Title – Mayor Barbera read the ordinance by title
  - Public Hearing – Mayor Barbera opened the meeting to the Public.
    - Mayor Barbera explained that this was funding for the purchase of equipment which includes vehicles and computer equipment.
  - Motion to Adopt by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilwoman DiMarco with DiGregorio, DiMarco, Riondino and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and no abstentions

**RESOLUTIONS**

- #062-2020 - AUTHORIZING APPROVAL FOR SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, MUNICIPAL AID GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE 2021 ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM  
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of Laurel Springs formally approves the grant application for the above stated project.  
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as MA-2021-2021 Road Improvement Program-00545 to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of the Borough of Laurel Springs.  
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the Borough of Laurel Springs and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.
- The motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilman Riondino, with DiGregorio, DiMarco, Riondino and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and none abstaining.
- #063-2020 - AUTHORIZING SALE OF BOROUGH OWNED ITEMS ON ONLINE PUBLIC AUCTION  
WHEREAS, the Borough of Laurel Springs owns and/or has title to the following items and/or fixed assets
  - 2001 Ford Crown Victoria police vehicle, VIN: 2FAFP71W91X197552
  - 1996 Jeep, VIN: 11JA4FJ68S9TL193861
  - 1987 Badger Chipper, Serial Number: BD1-15987-038WHEREAS, the use of the above items are defunct and of no practical or useful life based upon the capacity for which they were used by the various Departments of the Borough of Laurel Springs; and  
WHEREAS, said items will be offered for public auction on GovDeals.com and or Craigslist, on-line public auction sites, the terms and conditions of which are available on said website and in the office of the Municipal Clerk; and  
WHEREAS, the sale is being conducted pursuant to Local Finance Notice 2008-9; and  
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs that the sale and public auction of the aforementioned Borough fixed assets and/or Borough-owned items is approved;  
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the said items may be offered for traditional public auction, and the Municipal Clerk is authorized to legally advertise such, should it be of greater benefit to the Borough of Laurel Springs to do so.
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▪ #064-2020 - FOR RENEWAL OF LIQUOR LICENSE

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;

WHEREAS, due to COVID-19 extension of terms under the executive orders of the Governor of New Jersey, ABC Licenses 2019-2020 ABC License terms were extended to September 30, 2020

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 October 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021.

- The motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilwoman DiMarco, with DiGregorio, DiMarco, Riondino and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and none abstaining.

▪ #065-2020 - FOR RENEWAL OF LIQUOR LICENSE

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;

WHEREAS, due to COVID-19 extension of terms under the executive orders of the Governor of New Jersey, ABC Licenses 2019-2020 ABC License terms were extended to September 30, 2020

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 October 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021.

- The motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilman Riondino, with DiGregorio, DiMarco, Riondino and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and none abstaining.

▪ #066-2020 - AMENDING RESOLUTION 084-2019 AND REAUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF A STRATEGIC PLAN FOR THE STERLING MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE

WHEREAS, the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse established the Municipal Alliances for the Prevention of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse in 1989 to educate and engage residents, local government and law enforcement officials, schools, nonprofit organizations, the faith community, parents, youth and other allies in efforts to prevent alcoholism and drug abuse in communities throughout New Jersey.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs, County of Camden, State of New Jersey recognizes that the abuse of alcohol and drugs is a serious problem in our society amongst persons of all ages; and therefore has an established Municipal Alliance Committee; and,

WHEREAS, the Laurel Springs Borough Council further recognizes that it is incumbent upon not only public officials but upon the entire community to take action to prevent such abuses in our community; and,

WHEREAS, the Laurel Springs Borough Council has applied for funding to the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse through the County of Camden;

WHEREAS, resolution #084-2019 requires amendment as the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse has reported a cut in funding due to a reduction in the DEDR account (alcohol related court charges);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough of Laurel Springs, County of Camden, State of New Jersey hereby recognizes the following:

The Laurel Springs Borough Council does hereby re-authorize and amend submission of a strategic plan for the Sterling Municipal Alliance grant for fiscal year FY21 in the amount of:

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DEDR	<u>\$ 9,186.65</u>
Cash Match	<u>\$ 2,296.66</u>
In-Kind	<u>\$ 6,889.99</u>

The Laurel Springs Borough Council acknowledges the terms and conditions for administering the Municipal Alliance grant, including the administrative compliance and audit requirements

- The motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilman Riondino, with DiGregorio, DiMarco, Riondino and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and none abstaining.

- #067-2020 - INSERTION OF AN ITEM OF REVENUE NJ CLEAN COMMUNITIES GRANT

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality, when such item shall have been made available by law, and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of any item of appropriation for an equal amount;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs do hereby request the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2020 in the sum of \$4,259.82, which is now available as a revenue from a NJ Clean Communities Grant.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a like sum of \$4,259.82 is hereby appropriated under the title "Clean Communities Grant – Other Expenses," pursuant to the provisions of the statute.

- The motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilman Riondino, with DiGregorio, DiMarco, Riondino and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and none abstaining.

- #068-2020 - FOR TAX COLLECTOR TO TURN OVER FUNDS FROM PREMIUM ACCOUNT TO GENERAL FUND

WHEREAS, certain adjustments are necessary to the records of the Tax Collector; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with NJSA 54:5-33, any premium payments shall be held by the collector and returned to the purchaser of the fee if and when redemption is made; and

WHEREAS, if redemption is not made within five years from date of sale or the Lienholder receives a Final Judgment, the premium payment shall be turned over to the treasurer of the municipality and become part of the funds of the municipality; and

WHEREAS, there was a \$12,000 premium bid on Block 27, Lot 8 by the Lienholder for Certificate 14-00013. The Lienholder of 14-00013 foreclosed all prior liens and a final judgment was entered on October 25, 2017.

WHEREAS, there was a \$14,100 premium bid on Block 49, Lot 1.06 by the Lienholder for Certificate 14-00026. The Lienholder of 14-00026 foreclosed all prior liens and a final judgment was entered on January 10, 2019.

WHEREAS, there was a \$25,000 premium bid on Block 19, Lot 6.02 by the Lienholder for Certificate 14-00007. The Lienholder of 14-00007 foreclosed all prior liens and a final judgment was entered on April 22, 2019.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs, that they hereby authorize the Chief Financial Officer to accept the premiums in the amount of \$51,100.00 for the above premiums of Tax Sale Certificates #14-00007, 14-00013, 14-00026.

- The motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilman Riondino, with DiGregorio, DiMarco, Riondino and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and none abstaining.

- #069-2020 - REFUND OF RECREATION ACCOUNT FEES FOR LAUREL SPRINGS YOUTH ASSOCIATION CANCELATIONS DUE TO COVID-19

WHEREAS, the following payments were received for the 2020 LSYA Baseball season which was cancelled due to COVID-19 restrictions; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs, County of Camden, State of New Jersey that the following refunds be processed:

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Hollie Rebecca  
210 Fairmount Ave  
Laurel Springs, NJ 08021 - \$175  
Danielle Kane  
501 Lindsay Ave  
Laurel Springs, NJ 08021 - \$100  
Steve Schmidt  
408 Glen Ave  
Laurel Springs, NJ 08021 - \$100  
John Hunsinger  
703 Park Ave  
Laurel Springs, NJ 08021 - \$100  
Christy Williams  
314 Kentland Ave  
Dover, DE 19901 - \$100  
Jessica Moran  
602 5th Avenue  
Lindenwold, NJ 08021 - \$100  
Lori Dougherty  
612 Central Ave  
Laurel Springs, NJ 08021 - \$100  
John Crawford  
211 Madison Ave  
Laurel Springs, NJ 08021 - \$100  
Meghan Calderon  
128 Garfield Ave  
Clementon, NJ 08021 - \$100  
Chris Neville  
621 Walnut Ave  
Laurel Springs, NJ 08021 - \$100

- Councilman Redstreak asked who he was seeing using the fields, to which it was responded that it was random use not organized use
- The motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilman Riondino, with DiGregorio, DiMarco, Riondino and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and none abstaining.

- #070-2020

- AUTHORIZING THE RENEWAL OF PLENARY RETAIL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE
- CONSUMPTION LICENSE 0420-33-001-007 HELD "IN POCKET STATUS" BY BONS GIRLS LLC, FOR THE LICENSING PERIOD THROUGH JUNE 30, 2021

WHEREAS, licensee, Bons Girls, LLC on July 24th, 2019 received from the State of New Jersey, Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control a Special Ruling granting relieve pursuant to NJSA 33:1-12.39 for the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 license years and has filed all fees required therefore; and

WHEREAS, due to COVID-19 extension of terms under the executive orders of the Governor of New Jersey, ABC Licenses 2019-2020 ABC License terms were extended to September 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, licensee Bons Girls, LLC has filed a renewal application for a Plenary Alcoholic Beverage Consumption License No. 0420- 33-001-007 being held "in-pocket" status effective through June 30, 2021 and has filed all fees required therefor; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the above mentioned fees, applications and petition relief, the applicant has also has complied with the health, safety and taxation regulations and applicable local ordinances and it is now the desire of this governing body to grant the renewal of said license.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs, County of Camden, State of New Jersey that Plenary Retail Alcoholic Beverage Consumption License No. 0420-33-

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001-007 held "in pocket" status by Bons Girls, LLC be and is hereby renewed for the licensing term through June 30, 2021.

- The motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilman Riondino, with DiGregorio, DiMarco, Riondino and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and none abstaining.
- RESOLVED TO PAY \$450,931.03 FROM CURRENT ACCOUNT AND \$2170,153.77 FROM TRUST AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS
- The motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilman Riondino, with DiGregorio, DiMarco, Riondino and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and none abstaining.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS** – all reports are on file and available for review.

- DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, BOARDS, SERVICES/PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL – Councilman Redstreak said all is well with Public Works. The Sewer Utility had a couple of the usual trouble spots, but overall it is also well. There was conversation about the cost of brush disposal and the uptick in Bulk pick up because everyone is home due to COVID19. A neighboring town has asked for help for brush collection from other municipalities work crews, but there is an issue with insurance coverage, so it may not be feasible. Councilman Redstreak said that Ordinance Review met on June 25<sup>th</sup>. It is going well and close to being completed.
- DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – Councilman Cruz was absent.
- DIRECTOR OF MUNICIPAL COURT – Councilwoman DiGregorio said that no report was available, and there was discussion that Municipal Court had been shut down due to COVID19, and has recently reopened.
- DIRECTOR OF RECREATION – Councilman DelPidio was absent.
- DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE – Councilman Riondino reviewed the CFO report for the month ending June 30, 2020.
- DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT- Councilwoman DiMarco reviewed the report dated July 13, 2020.
- DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY- POLICE AND FIRE- Barbera read the Fire and Police Report for the month of June, 2020, and commended a crew of the Laurel Springs Fire Department who were able to make a lifesaving incident during a Lindenwold Fire call.
- MAYOR'S REPORT – Mayor Barbera recounted his activities in his report dated July 13, 2020, saying most activities have been webinars or phone calls.

**OLD BUSINESS - none**

**NEW BUSINESS/CORRESPONDENCE**

- Notices have been sent for various violations regarding animals, pools and signs.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC - none**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Combined Land Use Meeting, Thursday, July 16<sup>th</sup> @7 pm @Recreation Center - cancelled
- No School Board Meeting in July
- No Work Session Meetings in May, June, July, August or October
- No Recreation Meeting in July or August
- Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council, Monday, August 10<sup>th</sup> @7pm @Recreation Center

**ADJOURNMENT** –There being no further business a motion was made by Councilman Redstreak to adjourn at 7:31 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Dawn T. Amadio, RMC, Municipal Clerk