

BOROUGH OF LAUREL SPRINGS  
REGULAR MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
MONDAY, December 13, 2021  
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 4, 2021 and posting on the Borough Website and bulletin board.

**ROLL CALL** recorded as present: DiGregorio, DiMarco, Riondino, DelPidio and Redstreake; and as absent: Cruz

**ENGINEER'S REPORT** – It was noted that the Borough Engineer was away, and no report was submitted but there have been no recent changes.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- Work Session Meeting of November 22, 2021 - The motion to approve by Councilman Redstreake was seconded by Councilman Riondino, with DiGregorio, DiMarco, Riondino, and Redstreake in favor, and DelPidio abstaining.

**RESOLUTIONS**

- #092-2021 - TO CANCEL TAX BALANCE

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs, County of Camden, State of New Jersey that the following adjustments be approved.

| OWNER          | BLOCK/LOT | AMOUNT           | REASON                |
|----------------|-----------|------------------|-----------------------|
| LAUREL SPRINGS | 37/1.01   | \$1489.31 (2020) | MUNICIPAL ACQUISITION |
| LAUREL SPRINGS | 27/7      | \$37.14 (2020)   | MUNICIPAL ACQUISITION |

- The motion to approve by Councilman Redstreake was seconded by Councilwoman DiMarco, with DiGregorio, DiMarco, Riondino and Redstreake in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.

**#093-2021- TO CANCEL GENERAL & SEWER CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AUTHORIZATIONS**

WHEREAS, certain General & Sewer Capital Improvement Authorization balances remain dedicated to projects that have been completed; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to formally cancel these authorizations so that the unexpended balances may be credited to the proper accounts, and unused debt authorizations may be cancelled.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Borough Council that the following unexpended and dedicated General & Sewer Capital Improvement Authorizations be cancelled:

| Bond             | Date              | Project Description                | Amount      |             |
|------------------|-------------------|------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| <u>Ordinance</u> | <u>Authorized</u> |                                    |             |             |
| #2016-803.1      | 06/13/16          | Reconstruct Washington Ave.        | \$ 2,400.00 |             |
|                  |                   | TOTAL TO GENERAL RES. TO PAY BONDS |             | \$ 2,400.00 |
| #2014-771.1      | 05/12/14          | Miscellaneous Improvements         | \$ 1,354.49 |             |
| #2014-771.2      | 05/12/14          | Purchase of Software               | 300.00      |             |
|                  |                   | TOTAL TO SEWER RES. TO PAY BONDS   |             | \$ 1,654.49 |

- The motion to approve by Councilman Redstreake was seconded by Councilwoman DiGregorio, with DiGregorio, DiMarco, Riondino, DelPidio and Redstreake in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.

**#094-2021 - CANCELLING OUTSTANDING CHECKS**

WHEREAS, upon review of the financial records of various bank accounts maintained by the Borough of Laurel Springs, it was determined that there are stale-dated outstanding checks; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Borough to cancel these outstanding checks;

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs, that the following outstanding checks be cancelled:

| ACCOUNT<br>& CHECK # | DATED    | PAYEE                          | AMOUNT             |
|----------------------|----------|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| General Fund         |          |                                |                    |
| #6401                | 12/02/20 | Yolanda Grate Campbell         | \$ 24.00           |
| #6444                | 12/28/20 | Winner Ford, Inc.              | 256.98             |
| #6468                | 01/25/21 | Gen Serv, Inc.                 | 425.00             |
| #6536                | 02/22/21 | Municipal Equipment Enterprise | 277.50             |
| #6552                | 03/01/21 | Treasurer, State of NJ         | 316.00             |
|                      |          |                                | <u>\$ 1,299.48</u> |

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

**#095-2021 - APPROVING BUDGET TRANSFER #1**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-58 provides that a municipal governing body may make Budget Transfers during the last two months of the fiscal year;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs, that the following **2021 Budget Transfers (#1)** be approved:

**GENERAL FUND**

| <u>Account #</u>          |                           | <u>From</u>       | <u>To</u>         |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| 1-20-120-103              | Municipal Clerk - SW      | \$1,500.00        |                   |
| 1-20-130-103              | Finance Dept. - SW        |                   | \$1,000.00        |
| 1-21-180-201              | Planning Board - OE       |                   | 500.00            |
| 1-25-240-201              | Police Dept. – OE         | 1,500.00          |                   |
| 1-25-265-301              | Fire Hydrant Service - OE |                   | 1,500.00          |
| 1-26-290-102              | Streets & Roads - SW      | 1,000.00          |                   |
| 1-26-290-201              | Streets & Roads - OE      |                   | 1,000.00          |
| <b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b> |                           | <u>\$4,000.00</u> | <u>\$4,000.00</u> |

- The motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilman DelPidio with DiGregorio, DiMarco, Riondino, DelPidio and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.
- #096-2021 - AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF VOORHEES AND THE BOROUGH OF LAUREL SPRINGS**  
WHEREAS, the Township of Voorhees wishes to enter into a Shared Services Agreement (“Agreement”) with the Borough of Laurel Springs to share services and reduce costs by working together to provide Tax Collector services for the Borough of Laurel Springs; and  
WHEREAS, by entering into the Agreement, Voorhees and Laurel Springs agree that the shared service will benefit each respective entity; and  
WHEREAS, Laurel Springs shall pay Voorhees for the provision of Tax Collector services as defined in the Agreement, attached hereto and made a part hereof; and  
WHEREAS, the parties hereto are permitted in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:8A-1 et seq., the Interlocal Services Act (“Act”), to enter into an Agreement to provide jointly, or through each respective agency itself, such services authorized by the Act, including areas of general government administration;  
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Voorhees as follows:

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1. The Mayor and/or Deputy Mayor are hereby authorized to execute a Shared Services Agreement by and between the Township of Voorhees and the Borough of Laurel Springs in a form to be attached hereto and made a part hereof as Exhibit "A".
  2. The Shared Services Agreement shall be placed on file in the office of the Voorhees Township Municipal Clerk and made available for public inspection upon execution.
  3. The terms and provisions of the Shared Services Agreement shall take effect upon execution of the Agreement by all parties.
- The motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilwoman DiMarco with DiGregorio, DiMarco, Riondino, DelPidio and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.
  - Resolved to pay \$588,960.28 from Current Fund and \$27,689.47 from the Trust/Capital Accounts by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilman Riondino, with DiGregorio, DiMarco, Riondino, DelPidio and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.

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

- DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, BOARDS, SERVICES/PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL – Councilman Redstreak reported that everything is smooth with Public Works with attention right now on leaves. They are doing a good job with good headway. There is an issue with a truck which will be fixed Thursday. Everything is well with the Sewer Utility with the November Bill available for review which shows activity was slow. He spoke with Tony at Lindenwold Sewer Utility who was saying the per home rate will likely be raised to \$200. They alluded to this last year and did not do it, so it is now more likely to be done. They were meeting with NJAW so this may be related. Concerning Board and Services, Ordinance Review meeting was held on the ninth. He did not attend, but they were working on Redevelopment Plans. He gave reminders of the Crystal Springs Clean Up on Saturday, April 23, 2022 and WaltFEST on Saturday, May, 21, 2022. He commented that the Tree Lighting was a great event and a great night. He gave thanks to Councilman DelPidio along with Borough support from the Police Department and Public Works. He feels it was the highest attended Tree Lighting ever held. The Beautification Committee sold all its ornaments. The Makers' Workshop and the Bella Vita both reported that they had a good night. He reported on a National Opioid settlement, and the large amount of money expected to be distributed in New Jersey and discussions about getting the Borough registered. He registered to attend a municipal water quality seminar on December 16<sup>th</sup>. Regarding the Engineers report, he did speak to the Borough Engineer before he left, and everything seems to be okay with all the various projects. He spoke about a Stratford Meeting about the Tomlinson Mansion. He felt the Laurel Springs' participation mostly concerned them receiving Laurel Springs blessing on drawings of the whole property covered primarily with impervious surface which drains behind the dam through a filtration to the street with four culverts to the storm culverts. He feels it is an adequate plan. The Borough Engineer will continue to keep a look.
- DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – Councilman Cruz was not in attendance.
- DIRECTOR OF MUNICIPAL COURT – Councilwoman DiGregorio reviewed the Municipal Court Report for the month of October.
- DIRECTOR OF RECREATION – Councilman DelPidio reiterated by saying that the Dickens Festival was especially good. The Recreation Commission is also holding a House Decorating Contest through December 22<sup>nd</sup>. Recreation Commission Hofacker has communicated that he will step down from the Chair position in 2022 due to family conflicts. Councilman DelPidio says he has done a good job as Chair, with the Mayor confirming that he has done very well.
- DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE – Councilman Riondino reviewed the CFO report for the month ending November 30, 2021. He also commented on the success of the Tree Lighting.
- DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT- Councilwoman DiMarco also said the Winter Festival was awesome which he posted and reposed. She is posting information about leaf season and solid waste facilities, trying to share information about different landfill operations with regard to not being able to pick up brush in November and December. Information has come in from other services regarding carbon monoxide poisoning in the cold months and eviction protection and utility scams.

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- DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY- POLICE AND FIRE- Chief Mazziotta reviewed the report for November, 2021, and Chief Cheeseman gave the Fire Report for November, 2021.
- MAYOR'S REPORT – which starts with the last meeting through this meeting. He also reviewed the Stratford meeting about the historic Tomlinson Mansion and concurred that Laurel Springs is involved because of dam and drainage.

**OLD BUSINESS - none**

**NEW BUSINESS/CORRESPONDENCE**

- From Ed Bolam regarding his role at the Tree Lighting, which he has faithfully attended for 20 years and will now retire.
- Pine Valley Correspondence regard the merger of the Boroughs of Pine Valley and Pine Hill and the particular service of Borough Treasurer Cathy Sims and Municipal Clerk Dawn Amadio.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Bob Lickfield – 432 Glen Avenue – He asked about recycling and what primarily is being rejected at the recycling facility, to which it was responded plastic grocery sacks. He complained about his neighbors leaving their trash cart lids down to be broken by the claw that grabs them to empty the contents into the trash truck.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- *Wednesday, December 15th - School Board Meeting @7pm @Laurel Springs School – Mayor Barbera commented that this would be Doris Walsh's last meeting as a member of the School Board. They had asked for a ceremonial resolution; however, he has chosen to do that at the Borough Reorganization Meeting.*
- *Thursday, December 16th - Combined Land Use Board @7pm @Rec Center - cancelled*
- *Friday, December 24th – Visit from Santa on each street – wave Santa down when he arrives on your street.*
- *Saturday, December 25th - Christmas Day*
- *Monday, December 27th – Work Session Meeting @ 7pm*

**ADJOURNMENT** –There being no further business a motion was made by Councilman Redstreak to adjourn at 7:33 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Dawn T. Amadio, RMC, Municipal Clerk