

BOROUGH OF LAUREL SPRINGS  
REGULAR MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
MONDAY, April 11, 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: DiMarco, Riondino, DelPidio, Cruz and Redstreak; and absent: DiGregorio

**ENGINEER'S REPORT –**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- Work Session Meeting of March 28, 2022 - The motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilwoman DiMarco, with Riondino, DiMarco, and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and Cruz and DelPidio abstaining.

**RESOLUTIONS**

- **#041-2022 – AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER TO CONDUCT THE LOCAL BUDGET EXAMINATION**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-78b has authorized the Local Finance Board to adopt rules that permit municipalities in sound fiscal condition to assume the responsibility, normally granted to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, of conducting the annual budget examination; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.A.C. 5:30-7 was adopted by the Local Finance Board on February 11, 1997; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-7.2 through 7.5, the Borough of Laurel Springs has been declared eligible to participate in the program by the Division of Local Government Services, and the Chief Financial Officer has determined that the Borough of Laurel Springs meets the necessary conditions to participate in the program for the 2022 budget year;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs that, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:30-7.6a & b and based upon the Chief Financial Officer's certification, the governing body has found that the Budget has met the following requirements:

1. That, with reference to the following items, the amounts have been calculated pursuant to law, and appropriated as such in the Budget:
  - a. Payment of interest and debt redemption charges
  - b. Deferred charges and statutory expenditures
  - c. Cash deficit of preceding year
  - d. Reserve for uncollected taxes
  - e. Other reserves and non-disbursement items
  - f. Any inclusions of amounts required for school purposes
2. That the provisions relating to limitation on increases of appropriations pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.2 and appropriations for exceptions to limits on appropriations found at 40A: 4-45.3 et seq. are fully met.
3. That the Budget is in such form, arrangement and content as required by the Local Budget Law and N.J.A.C. 5:30-4 & 5:30-5.
4. That pursuant to the Local Budget Law:
  - a. All estimates of revenue are reasonable, accurate and correctly stated
  - b. Items of appropriation are properly set forth
  - c. In itemization, form, arrangement and content the Budget will permit the exercise of the comptroller function within the municipality.

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5. The Budget and associated amendments have been introduced and publicly advertised in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Local Budget Law, except that failure to meet the deadlines of N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-5 shall not prevent such certification.

6. That all other applicable statutory requirements have been fulfilled.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

- The motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak, was seconded by Councilman Cruz, with Cruz, DiMarco, Riondino, DelPidio and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.
- Resolved to pay \$367,924.41 from Current Fund and \$103,842.94 from the Trust/Capital Accounts. The motion by Councilman Redstreak, was seconded by Councilman Cruz, with Cruz, Riondino, DiMarco, DelPidio, and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS – All filed reports are available for review.**

- **DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, BOARDS, SERVICES/PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL**- Councilman Redstreak said everything was going well with Public Works, they planted twenty-eight bushes and trees at Crystal Springs. They were of the holly, lilac and laurel varieties and a gift from the Whitman Stafford Committee. After they were planted there was rain, so they should do well. Public Works weeded and backfilled with stone areas behind the firehouse and Cord Mansion. Regarding Sewer all is going well. He had the February and March Invoice for public review. For Boards and Services, the Ordinance Review Committee met on March 24 with everything going smooth with the review of the White Horse Pike Redevelopment Plan. He gave reminders of the Lake Clean Up on April 23<sup>rd</sup> and WaltFEST on May 21.
- **DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS & GROUNDS** – Councilman Cruz reported that the finalization of the documents for the close out of the Cord Mansion Stairwell Addition. Monthly checks of public buildings and structures is being conducted by Public Works. Public Works refurbished and repainted a bench and installed it in front of the Recreation Center.
- **DIRECTOR OF MUNICIPAL COURT** – DiGregorio
- **DIRECTOR OF RECREATION** – Councilman DelPidio said that the Miss Laurel Springs Pageant had been cancelled due to lack of participation. At the Baseball field new cement has been installed and quotes are being acquired for larger repairs at the ballfield, as well as a quote to replace the aging turf. There was discussion of corporate sponsors and county grants for some of the ballfield work and repair of the candy stand roof. He reported that there is a shortage of umpires. It was decided to move ahead with Laurel Springs Day on the same day as WaltFEST by providing inflatables, live music, with the possibility of vendors on the sidewalk in front of stores. Council concurred that it would be acceptable to use the downtown sidewalks in a sidewalk sale fashion for the vendors, but that the store owners would need to be contacted and if they are okay, then okay. There will also be a scavenger hunt.
- **DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE** – Councilman Riondino reviewed the CFO Report for the month ending March 31, 2022.
- **DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT** – Councilwoman Di Marco said she has been busy promoting the Lake Clean Up on April 23<sup>rd</sup> and WaltFEST on May 21<sup>st</sup>. The Rabies Clinic on April 30 is getting promoted since the January clinic was cancelled due to inclement weather. She is working on material for the shared date of Laurel Springs Day with WaltFEST. The Town Wide Yard Sale is Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup> and the request from the Whitman Stafford Committee to get help with their herb garden has been resolved.
- **DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY – POLICE AND FIRE** – Chief Mazziotta reviewed the Police Report for the month of March and Chief Cheeseman reviewed the Fire Report for the month of March. Borough Administrator Cheeseman gave a summary of upcoming changes to EMS saying that Laurel Springs Ambulance was done asway with years ago and then merged with Stratford, which is a private ambulance

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association which is part of an ambulance alliance with magnolia. Stratford Ambulance is not going to be able to continue, and their Borough Council may take over EMS in Stratford and have included Laurel Springs and Hi-Nella in their computations which are forthcoming. Magnolia has also reached out with a proposal of \$5,000 starting in 2023. County wide there is a mismatch of private, healthcare and municipal associations, so it is difficult, however, he will keep Council posted. Mayor Barbera said the Mayors' Association discussed the possibility of having the County take over, which does not seem highly likely.

- MAYOR'S REPORT – Mayor Barbera reviewed his activities since the date of the last regular meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS -**

- Financial Disclosure Statements are due on April 30, 2022. Mayor Barbera emphasized the simplicity and ease of filing these required reports.

**NEW BUSINESS/CORRESPONDENCE –**

- Memorial Tree Request from Kathy Green, West Elma Avenue – the matter has already been cleared with Public Works. No objection was raised by Borough Council.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

- Bob Lickfield – Glen Avenue – mentioned that Pastor Dave's wife Carolyn Meldrum has two broken wrists and must be operated on to set the bones.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Monday, April 18<sup>th</sup> is Easter Monday, Borough Offices are closed.
- Wednesday, April 20<sup>th</sup> – no School Board Meeting it is the following Wednesday, April 27<sup>th</sup>
- Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup> -Land Use Board Meeting @7pm @Rec Center – no matters were received for consideration.
- Monday, April 25<sup>th</sup> – Work Session Meeting @7pm @Rec Center

**ADJOURNMENT** –There being no further business a motion was made by Councilman Redstreak to adjourn at 7:31 pm with all in favor and none opposed.

Respectfully submitted

Dawn T. Amadio, RMC, Municipal Clerk