

BOROUGH OF LAUREL SPRINGS
REGULAR MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL
MONDAY, February 22, 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 that adequate notice of this meeting was given by emailing the Retrospect and the Courier-Post on January 5, 2021 and posting on the Borough Website and bulletin board in the Borough Hall.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Regular Meeting of February 8, 2021 - The motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilman Cruz, with Cruz, DiGregorio, DiMarco, Riondino, DelPidio and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and none abstaining.

ORDINANCES – First Reading by Title:

- 851:2020-AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)
 - First Reading – Mayor Barbera read the ordinance by title.
 - The motion to introduce by Councilman Redstreak, was seconded by Councilman Cruz with Cruz, DiGregorio, DiMarco, Riondino, DelPidio and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and none abstaining.
 - Second Reading, Public Hearing and Adoption will be held on Monday, March 8, 2021, 7 pm in the Laurel Springs Recreation Center, 820 Grand Avenue, Laurel springs, NJ 08021.

RESOLUTIONS

- **#031-2021 - REQUESTING EXTENSION OF CONTRACT AWARD DEADLINE FY 2019 MUNICIPAL AID GRANT**

WHEREAS, as stipulated in the agreement for the 2019 Laurel Springs Road Improvement Program funded by the New Jersey Transportation Trust Fund Authority Act, the construction contract is to be awarded by March 25, 2021; and

WHEREAS, due to difficulties with relocation of utilities poles along the adjacent railroad right-of-way in order to widen the roadway to allow for the addition of parking spaces in front of the recently expanded municipal building, it is anticipated that the award of the construction contract will be delayed until approximately April 12, 2021.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs requests a one-time six (6) month extension for the award of the contract.

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

- **#032-2021 - AUTHORIZING MEMBERSHIP IN A MUTUAL AID AND ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT WITH PARTICIPATING UNITS**

WHEREAS, mutual aid and assistance agreements between municipalities, counties, law enforcement agencies police, Emergency Medical Service, fire departments, fire companies or EMS organizations and fire departments situated in fire districts operated by a Board of Fire Commissioners, are permitted pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A: 14 -26 and 40A: 14-156.1; and

WHEREAS, the President in Homeland Security Directive (HSPD) - 5, directed the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security to develop and administer a National Incident Management System (NIMS), which would provide a consistent nationwide approach to Federal, State, local and tribal

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governments to work together more effectively and efficiently to prevent, prepare for, respond to and recover from domestic incidents, regardless of cause, size or complexity; and

WHEREAS, "The New Jersey Civilian Defense and Disaster Control Act" App.A9 -33 et. seq, provides for the health, safety and welfare of the people of the State of New Jersey during any emergency by centralizing control of all civilian activities having to do with such emergency giving the Governor control over the resources of each and every political subdivision to cope with any condition that shall arise out of such emergency, and

WHEREAS, The Director of the Division of Fire Safety in the Department of Community Affairs promulgated rules in accordance with the "Fire Service Resource Emergency Deployment Act," NJ.A.C. 52:14E-11 et. seq., commonly referred to as the "Fire Service Resource Emergency Deployment Regulations" NJ.A.C. 5:75A et. seq, and

WHEREAS, it is deemed to be in the best interests of the residents of this municipality and/or fire district to enter into a mutual aid and assistance agreement with the County of Camden and other municipalities including (but not limited to) municipal police, Emergency Medical Service or fire departments, volunteer fire companies or EMS organizations and/or fire districts to provide additional protection against loss, damage or destruction by fire, catastrophe, civil unrest, major emergency or other extraordinary devastation damage or destruction to person and property, in those situations when outside aid and assistance is needed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs, County of Camden, and State of New Jersey as follows:

That the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to enter into the Camden County Mutual Aid and Assistance Agreement Between Participating Units, a copy of which is attached hereto and made part hereof, on the terms and conditions contained herein.

That the Borough Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to forthwith forward a copy of this Resolution and an executed copy of Schedule A of the agreement to the offices of the Camden County Office of Emergency Management for review and filing by the appropriate Fire, EMS and County Prosecutor or his designee as appropriate.

- The motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilman Cruz, with Cruz, DiGregorio, DiMarco, Riondino, DelPidio and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.
- **#033-2021 - GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE UNITED STATES EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION'S "Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decisions Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964"**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5 as amended by P.L. 2017, c.183 requires the governing body of each municipality and county to certify that their local unit's hiring practices comply with the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's "Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decisions Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964," as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e et seq., (April 25, 2012) before submitting its approved annual budget to the Division of Local Government Services in the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs; and

WHEREAS, the members of the governing body have familiarized themselves with the contents of the above-referenced enforcement guidance and with their local unit's hiring practices as they pertain to the consideration of an individual's criminal history, as evidenced by the group affidavit form of the governing body attached hereto.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs, hereby states that it has complied with N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5, as amended by P.L. 2017, c.183, by certifying that the local unit's hiring practices comply with the above-referenced enforcement guidance and hereby directs

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the Clerk to cause to be maintained and available for inspection a certified copy of this resolution and the required affidavit to show evidence of said compliance.

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- **RESOLVED TO PAY \$327,679.14 FROM CURRENT ACCOUNT AND \$23,694.89 FROM TRUST AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS**
- The motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilman Cruz, with Cruz, DiGregorio, DiMarco, Riondino, DelPidio and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Camden County Recreational Enhancement Grant** – Mayor Barbera announced that word had been received from the County regarding award of a grant to resurface the ball courts at the Recreation Complex.

NEW BUSINESS/CORRESPONDENCE

- Mayor Barbera announced the arrangement details for the CFOs' mother's funeral and offered condolences.
- Mayor Barbera reviewed the change of location for Sterling's Board Meetings

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC – none

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Monday, March 1st a late fee is incurred for pet licensing.
- Tuesday, March 2nd JIF Safety Meeting @12:30 @Fire Department Training Room
- Wednesday, March 3rd Recreation Commission Meeting @7pm @Rec Center
- Monday, March 8th Regular Council Meeting @7pm @Rec Center

ADJOURNMENT –There being no further business a motion was made by Councilman Redstreak to adjourn at 7:09 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Dawn T. Amadio, RMC, Municipal Clerk