

BOROUGH OF LAUREL SPRINGS
WORK SESSION MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL
MONDAY, December 27, 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 Borough Website and bulletin board.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Regular Meeting of December 13, 2021 - The motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilman Riondino with Cruz, DiMarco, Riondino and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and DiGregorio abstaining.

ORDINANCE – First Reading

- Ordinance #862-2021- ADOPTING ANNUAL FEE SCHEUDLE FOR THE BOROUGH OF LARUEL SPRINGS FOR THE 2022
 - First Reading by Title – Mayor Barbera read the ordinance by title
 - The motion to introduce by Councilman Redstreak, was seconded by Councilman Riondino with DiGregorio, DiMarco, Riondino, DelPidio and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.
 - Second Reading, Public Hearing and Adoption will be held on Monday, January 27, 2022, 7 pm in the Laurel Springs Recreation Center, 820 Grand Avenue, Laurel Springs, NJ 08021

RESOLUTIONS

- **#097-2021 - AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF THE 2021 CAMDEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE**
 - WHEREAS**, all jurisdictions within Camden County have exposure to hazards that increase the risk to life, property, environment, and the County and local economy; and
 - WHEREAS**; pro-active mitigation of known hazards before a disaster event can reduce or eliminate long-term risk to life and property; and
 - WHEREAS**, The Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-390) established new requirements for pre and post disaster hazard mitigation programs; and
 - WHEREAS**; a coalition of Camden County municipalities with like planning objectives has been formed to pool resources and create consistent mitigation strategies within Camden County; and
 - WHEREAS**, the coalition has completed a planning process that engages the public, assesses the risk and vulnerability to the impacts of natural hazards, develops a mitigation strategy consistent with a set of uniform goals and objectives, and creates a plan for implementing, evaluating and revising this strategy;
 - NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Borough of Laurel Springs:
 - Adopts in its entirety, the 2021 Camden County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update (the “Plan”) as the jurisdiction’s Hazard Mitigation Plan and resolves to execute the actions identified in the Plan that pertain to this jurisdiction.
 - Will use the adopted and approved portions of the Plan to guide pre- and post-disaster mitigation of the hazards identified.
 - Will coordinate the strategies identified in the Plan with other planning programs and mechanisms under its jurisdictional authority.
 - Will continue its support of the Mitigation Planning Committee as described within the Plan.
 - Will help to promote and support the mitigation successes of all participants in this Plan.
 - Will incorporate mitigation planning as an integral component of government and partner operations.

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- Will provide an update of the Plan in conjunction with the County no less than every five years.
- 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.
- #098-2021 - AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH CAMDEN COUNTY ENERGY RECOVERY ASSOCIATES, L.P. (COVANTA) FOR SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Borough of Laurel Springs (Laurel Springs) has received correspondence from the Recycling in Camden County Subcommittee group, that while it is a Camden County Municipality that did not participate in the new Camden County Cooperative for Solid Waste Disposal bid, the Camden County Purchasing Department has secured pricing for Solid Waste Disposal Services for both the county and participating municipalities in the cooperative and those who at the time of bid were not a part of this bid offering, and the Camden County Cooperative Rules and Regulations allow any municipal member that is not initially identified in the bid to still participate in securing the benefits of the contract upon formal request to the County and contracted vendor for this service; and

WHEREAS, Laurel Springs would like to participate in the potential contract and has sent a requesting email to both the Camden County Energy Associates L.P. (Covanta) as well as the County Board of Commissioners, as consent to allow the cooperative group to secure a total weight in excess of 125,000 tons/year, therefor providing pricing for 2022 of \$86.00/ton; and

WHEREAS, if towns do not request inclusion into the contract, the cooperative group will not be able to obtain the necessary weight of 125,000 tons/year; and

WHEREAS, the county has exercised the existing contract co-op year for 2022 (with the provision they would suspend this existing contract upon award of the new pricing structure), and not being able to meet the weight requirement of 125,000 tons/ year will require all towns to stay in the existing contract at \$86.47, with the end result of all non-participating towns soliciting inclusion into the new contract will save all participating members \$0.47/ton; and

WHEREAS, Laurel Springs is being asked to pass a formal resolution to authorize a contract for these services at the terms and conditions as herein set forth;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs that it authorizes a contract for the solid waste disposal services herein set forth with Camden County Energy Recovery Association, L.P. (Covanta) and that the required Borough officials be authorized to execute any and all contracts for the same.

- 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.
- #099-2021 – APPROVING BUDGET TRANSFER #2

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 (#2) be approved:

GENERAL FUND		From	To
Account #			
1-31-430-206	Other Telecommunications - OE		\$1,000.00
1-36-473-202	Social Security & Med. Taxes - OE	\$2,000.00	
1-43-490-201	Municipal Court - OE		1,000.00

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TOTAL GENERAL FUND \$2,000.00 \$2,000.00

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- #100-2021 - TO CANCEL APPROPRIATIONS**

WHEREAS, the following accounts in the 2021 Budget have appropriation balances which remain unexpended:

General Fund		
<u>Account #</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1-20-145-100	Tax Collection – SW	\$ 2,900.00
1-21-195-100	Code Enforcement – SW	3,100.00
1-23-220-200	Group Health Insurance – OE	4,000.00
1-25-240-100	Police Department – SW	5,000.00
1-26-290-100	Streets & Roads – SW	10,700.00
1-32-465-200	Solid Waste Disposal – OE	5,000.00
1-36-472-200	Police & Fire Retirement – OE	88.00
1-42-345-100	Pine Valley Clerk Agreement – SW	310.17
1-42-346-100	Pine Valley Treasurer Agreement – SW	173.24
1-42-355-200	Voorhees Tax Collector Agreement – OE	9.92
1-42-360-200	Voorhees Construction Agreement – OE	2,930.75
1-45-925-000	Note Principal – OE	700.00
1-45-930-000	Interest on Bonds – OE	867.53
1-45-935-000	Interest on Notes – OE	<u>1,014.01</u>

Cancel to General Fund Surplus \$36,793.62

WHEREAS, it is necessary to formally cancel said balances so that the unexpended appropriations may be credited to Fund Balance;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Borough Council, that the above listed unexpended appropriations of the 2021 Budget be cancelled.

- 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.

- #101-2021 - AWARDED QUOTE OF KDI OFFICE TECHNOLOGY, INC. FOR PURCHASE OF MULTIFUNCTIONING COPIER AND MAINTENANCE**

WHEREAS, four quotations were solicited, and two quotations received from document technology companies, which were reviewed by a committee consisting of the Borough Administrator, Municipal Clerk and Borough Treasurer: and

WHEREAS, the purchase amount falls under the quotation threshold for Local Public Contracts Law units with Qualified Purchasing Agents and Borough Capital Funds are available to complete this purchase; and

WHEREAS, KDI Office Technology, Inc. 200 Racoosin Drive, Aston, PA 19014 has provided a proposal, herewith attached, that the steering committee believes best addresses the requirements of the Borough in the amount of \$5,995.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs, in the County of Camden, and the State of New Jersey that a purchase agreement be approved with KDI Office Technology for the purchase of a multifunctional copier as herein set forth.

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- Resolved to pay \$53,261.88 from Current Fund and \$44,574.24 from the Trust/Capital Accounts
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OLD BUSINESS

- **NJIB Presentation** – Councilman Redstreak said that on Thursday, December 16th he was part of a nice presentation, but resembled that it resembled an infomercial. They were encouraging the use of I-Bank. There were many NJIB and Camden County officials in attendance. The attention is on infrastructure money for which 12.8 billion is coming to New Jersey with extra money for Amtrak. For a municipality it would take the form of loans, which Councilman Riordino mentioned are low and competitive. Councilman Redstreak has information available for any who would like to review it.
- **Sterling High School Strategic Planning** – Councilwoman DiMarco said that every three years this process must be undertaken, and the community is encouraged to participate. Meetings will be held at the high school on January 25th, February 22nd, and March 22nd. She will post the information and make it available for review.

NEW BUSINESS/CORRESPONDENCE

- Receipt of Bids – Professionals – Mayor Barbera reviewed the receipt of Bids which will incur no change from the current professionals. No opposition to the current arrangement or this receipt of proposals was expressed. Hard copies of the proposals were available for review at the meeting. Mayor Barbera said that should any questions come up, they could contact him.
- Letter from Camden County Historic Preservation regarding Round 21 Grant Award – the letter was reviewed by Mayor Barbera, who mentioned work that is currently going on under phase 1 which utilized old grant money. This award will complete the project.
- League Conference – Borough Administrator Ken Cheeseman said he and Councilman DelPidio, and Councilman Cruz has attended the Elected Officials Course. An amount will come off the 2022 bill for taking the class. It is also available online and the information on that will be available soon. He reported that the \$10,958.00 dividend will be applied to the next year. There will be an increase due to increasing cyber security attacks along with some drastic law changes such as child sexual assault case law and increases in costs due to state changing pension regarding the amount pensionable on workers comp cases. However, between the dividend and the class bonuses the cost should be about the same next year.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC - none

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- *School Board Reorganization Wednesday, January 5, 2021 @6pm @Laurel Springs School.*
- *Recreation Commission, Wednesday, January 5, 2021 @7pm @Recreation Center*
- *Reorganization Meeting of Mayor and Council Monday, January 10, 2021 @7 pm @Recreation Center*

MOTION TO RECESS–There being no further business a motion was made by Councilman Redstreak and seconded by Councilman DelPidio to recess the meeting to Monday, January 10, 2022 with DiGregorio, DiMarco, Riordino, DelPidio and Redstreak in favor.

Respectfully submitted

Dawn T. Amadio, RMC, Municipal Clerk