

BOROUGH OF LAUREL SPRINGS  
WORK SESSION MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
MONDAY, January 24, 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: DiGregorio, DiMarco, Riondino, DelPidio and Redstreak; and absent: Cruz

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- Recessed Meeting of January 10, 2022 - The motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilwoman DiMarco with DiGregorio, DiMarco, DelPidio, and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and Riondino abstaining.
- Reorganization Meeting of January 10, 2022 - The motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilwoman DiMarco with DiGregorio, DiMarco, DelPidio, and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and Riondino abstaining.

**ORDINANCES – Second Reading by Title**

- **862-2021- AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING ANNUAL FEE SCHEUDLE FOR THE BOROUGHOF LAUREL SPRINGS FOR YEAR 2022**
  - Second Reading – Mayor Barbera read the ordinance by title.
  - Public Hearing – Mayor Barbera opened the meeting to the public for questions and comments. Hearing none, he closed the meeting to the public.
  - Motion to Adopt by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilman DelPidio, with DiGregorio, DiMarco, Riondino and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and no abstentions

**RESOLUTIONS**

**#030-2022 - TO PARTICIPATE THE PROGRAMS OF THE CAMDEN COUNTY MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND (JIF) AND THE SAFETY INCENTIVE PROGRAM OF THE BOROUGH OF LAUREL SPRINGS THEREBY EXECUTING THE 2022 SAFETY CONTRACT**

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs recognizes the important role an effective safety program plays in lowering employee injury rates, reducing lost time accidents, and cutting insurance costs, all of which contribute to greater employee safety and lower tax rates; and

**WHEREAS**, health and safety must never be compromised, providing quality services is our number one priority, making every effort to ensure employee and public safety; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs applauds the JIF's initiatives in providing many of the safety resources needed to enhance local safety efforts, and declare their support of the JIF's safety programs striving to achieve an accident-free environment through a health and safety culture built on the following:

- TRUST - we respect each other's opinions and decisions and will follow through on all health and safety concerns
- CARE – we approach each day with the determination to care for ourselves, workers and the community we serve
- KNOWLEDGE – we seek the education and skills to properly fulfill our responsibilities
- COMMUNICATION – we communicate with each other in a clear, open and honest manner; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Laurel Springs educates its employees about appropriate conduct in the workplace and encourages employees to report workplace harassment or discrimination;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs to participate in the Camden County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund's 2022 Safety Incentive Program for the Borough of Laurel Springs' and appoint as Safety Coordinator, Borough Administrator Ken Cheeseman; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the following operational criteria is endorsed for the employees of the Borough of Laurel Springs:

- The Borough Safety Committee will meet on the following Tuesdays– March 15<sup>th</sup>, June 14<sup>th</sup>, September 20<sup>th</sup> and December 15<sup>th</sup> at 12:30pm in the Borough Hall

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- “Putting Safety on Our Agenda” by including safety and risk management topics on the Governing Body agenda on at least once per year
- Keeping regulatory training and written programs current
- Conducting periodic hazard inspections surveys and Job Site Observations
- Encouraging supervisors and crew leaders to make a “daily safety contact” with employees
- Managing our claims, reporting all claims in a timely manner, offering transitional duty and investigating incidents and near misses
- Actively promoting and supporting health and wellness activities
- 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.
- Resolved to pay \$107,298.92 from Current Fund and \$18,503.81 from the Trust/Capital Accounts by Councilman Redstreak, was seconded by Councilman DelPidio, with DiGregorio, DiMarco, Riondino, DelPidio and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- **Infrastructure Funding** – Councilman Redstreak followed up with Robert Fernandez pursuant to the meeting he attended on infrastructure. If there is any interest in i-bank, the NJmoves should be signed up for. Councilman Redstreak briefed the follow up information. Mayor Barbera said there would be no harm in registering, however, CFO Ciminera will be consulted prior to registration.

**NEW BUSINESS/CORRESPONDENCE**

- **Use of the Recreation Center** – Councilman DelPidio addressed the concerns of residents for usage of the Recreation Center, to which he responded with the history of the initial consent of the Borough usage during the construction of the Borough Hall. He reviewed the difficulties encountered during construction and pursuing difficulties with COVID. Currently the date to begin rentals is March 1st but that date is a movable date. Mayor Barbera said that date might be optimistic. Borough Administrator Cheeseman said he spoke with Hardenbergh the Insurance Consultant on Thursday saying generally in person gatherings were not being encourage throughout the first quarter of the year to be cautious. There is language that can be considered for waivers for COVID. However, the surrounding towns were checked, and none are renting their centers yet, but he feels it will be ready for rentals on March 1st.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC - none**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Saturday, January 29th – Free Rabies and Pet Licensing Clinic – 10 – 11 am @Firehouse
- Saturday, January 29th – Board of Health – 11 am @Firehouse
- Wednesday, February 2nd – No Recreation Meeting Scheduled
- Tuesday, February 8th – LSYA Baseball Signups – 6-8 pm @Rec Center
- Monday, February 14th - Regular Council Meeting @ 7pm
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**ADJOURNMENT** –There being no further business a motion was made by Councilman Redstreak to adjourn at 7:08 pm with all in favor and none opposed.

Respectfully submitted

Dawn T. Amadio, RMC, Municipal Clerk