

BOROUGH OF LAUREL SPRINGS  
WORK SESSION MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
MONDAY, February; 28, 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**

- Regular Meeting of February 14, 2022 - The motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilwoman DiGregorio, with DiGregorio, DiMarco, and Redstreak in favor, and Cruz, Riondino, and DelPidio abstaining.

**ORDINANCES – Second Reading by Title**

- **863-2022- AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AND FIXING SCHEDULE OF RATES, FEES AND SEWER CHARGES FOR THE USE, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE SANITARY SEWER OF THE BOROUGH OF LAUREL SPRINGS, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY**
  - Second Reading – Mayor Barbera read the ordinance by title, saying that Lindenwold had asked for this increase.
  - 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 DelPidio, DiGregorio, DiMarco, Riondino and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and no abstentions
- **864-2022- AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE SALARIES OF THE POLICE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF LAUREL SPRINGS, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**
  - Second Reading – Mayor Barbera read the ordinance by title, saying the auditors had asked for this update.
  - 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 Councilwoman DiGregorio, with DiGregorio, DelPidio, DiMarco, Riondino and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and no abstentions

**RESOLUTIONS**

- **#033-2022 – REFUND OF CONSTRUCTION PERMIT FEES**
  - WHEREAS**, a payment of \$364.00 including the DCA fee of \$45.00 was made for construction permit #21076 on the property listed below.
  - WHEREAS**, this payment was to be applied for a permit plus DCA fees on the below listed property; and
  - WHEREAS**, the customer cancelled the contract with SunnyMac Solar and the company is requesting a refund; and
  - WHEREAS**, as per N.J.A.C 5:23-2.27 refunds are allowable with the exception of plan review fees and DCA fees thereby allowing SunnyMac Solar, a refund of \$319.00 of the \$364.00; and
  - NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and council of the Borough of Laurel Springs, County of Camden, State of New Jersey that the refund is approved.
- The motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak, was seconded by Councilman DelPidio, with DelPidio, DiGregorio, DiMarco, Riondino, and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.
- **#034-2022 - ACKNOWLEDGING 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 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.

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

- **#035-2022 - DISPOSING OF SURPLUS PROPERTY BY MEANS OF A PRIVATE SALE**

**WHEREAS**, office equipment and other property have accrued and remain part of the official inventory of the Borough of Laurel Springs; and

**WHEREAS**, the Administrator has indicated that the following items are obsolete and are no longer being utilized by the Borough; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-36(6), municipalities are permitted to dispose of such property by means of a private sale if the estimated fair market value of the property does not exceed the bid threshold;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Borough Council, that authorization is hereby granted to the Administrator to proceed with the sale of the following surplus item to Christ Community Church – Lindenwold, NJ;

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

- **#036-2022 - AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF A STRATEGIC PLAN FOR THE STERLING MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE**

**WHEREAS**, the Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse established the Municipal Alliances for the Prevention of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse in 1989 to educate and engage residents, local government and law enforcement officials, schools, nonprofit organizations, the faith community, parents, youth and other allies in efforts to prevent alcoholism and drug abuse in communities throughout New Jersey; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs, County of Camden, State of New Jersey recognizes that the abuse of alcohol and drugs is a serious problem in our society amongst persons of all ages; and therefore has an established Municipal Alliance Committee; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Laurel Springs Borough Council further recognizes that it is incumbent upon not only public officials but upon the entire community to take action to prevent such abuses in our community; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Laurel Springs Borough Council has applied for funding to the Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse through the County of Camden;

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**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Borough of Laurel Springs, County of Camden, State of New Jersey hereby recognizes the following:

1. The Laurel Springs Borough Council does hereby authorize submission of a strategic plan for the Sterling Municipal Alliance grant for fiscal year FY23 in the amount of:

DEDR	\$ <u>13,390.00</u>
Cash Match	\$ <u>3,347.50</u>
In-Kind	\$ <u>10,042.50</u>
  2. The Laurel Springs Borough Council acknowledges the terms and conditions for administering the Municipal Alliance grant, including the administrative compliance and audit requirements.
- The motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak, was seconded by Councilwoman DiGregorio, with DiGregorio, DelPidio, DiMarco, Riondino, and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.
  - Resolved to pay \$58,260.39 from Current Fund and \$14,388.51 from the Trust/Capital Accounts. The motion by Councilman Redstreak, was seconded by Councilman DelPidio, with DelPidio, DiGregorio, DiMarco, Riondino, and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.

**OLD BUSINESS - None**

**NEW BUSINESS/CORRESPONDENCE**

- Annual Tax Collector's Report – The report was distributed to Council and reviewed by Mayor Barbera.
- Traffic and Parking issues – Councilman Redstreak commented that he had hoped to speak with Chief Mazziotta and Borough Administrator Cheeseman before the meeting but had not. He had been made aware of a couple of parking and traffic issues. The first was Fairmount and Central where a request for a four way stop sign had been made. There is a slow down at Arch Avenue, but it picks up between there and Stone. There was conversation about the procedure for placing four way stops via action of the Governing Body. The second is Park Avenue and Stone, where a rental property has tenants parking past the sign that clearly says no parking. The Caterers' employees' vehicles also contribute to the issue. There is often a blue truck parked illegally. Something that is to be done there. The third instance is the vehicles from Clean Streak out in front of the stores on West Atlantic not allowing patrons to easily access the shops. He asked for a crack down on these items. There was conversation about the number of units in the apartment house on Park. Mayor Barbera said he would speak to the Chief.
- Ordinance Review Meeting – Mayor Barbera said there were conflicts with the upcoming date, and he would be communicating with the members.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Bob Lickfield – 542 Glen Avenue – participated in the discussion about stop signs by saying he observed people blow through stop sign and described a near miss. He referred to information on the State website and more of his observations of four-way stops and parking too close to the intersection.

Cliff Jones – Saint Paul's Presbyterian – wanted to thank Council and the Borough for the Proclamation for appreciation. He wanted to give a word of explanation about the Dickens Christmas Festival and St. Paul's participation. The video presentation was not able to be shown because the vendor did not arrive on site, so he was disappointed by the way that happened and wanted to explain. Mayor Barbera said he had read Reverend Cliff's note of appreciation.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Tuesday, March 1st a \$4 late fee is now in effect for pet licensing.
- Wednesday, March 2nd Recreation Commission @7pm @Rec Center

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- Tuesday, March 8th Whitman Stafford Committee @7pm @Farmhouse
- Monday, March 14th - Regular Council Meeting @ 7pm @Rec Center

**ADJOURNMENT** –There being no further business a motion was made by Councilman Redstreak to adjourn at 7:20 pm with all in favor and none opposed.

Respectfully submitted

Dawn T. Amadio, RMC, Municipal Clerk