

BOROUGH OF LAUREL SPRINGS  
WORK SESSION MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
MONDAY, March 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: DiMarco, Riondino, DelPidio arriving at 7:16 and Redstreak; and absent: Cruz and DiGregorio

**PRESENTATION** – Safety on the Agenda – Joe Henry – Hardenberg Insurance Group – Mr. Henry said that part of the Municipal Safety Program was to make this presentation to Council. The topic that he chose was “Slips, Trips and Falls.” He chose the topic because it is the bulk of claims that present in municipalities and are therefore very costly but preventable problems. A presentation packet was given to each member of Council and he highlighted the content of pages 5, 6, 7, 9, 11, 14, 18, 19 and 20. He referred council to NJMEL.org for additional information and training.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- Regular Meeting of March 14, 2022 - The motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilman Riondino, with Riondino, DiMarco, and Redstreak in favor.

**RESOLUTIONS**

- **#039-2022 – FOR RENEWAL OF MERCANTILE LICENSE**

**WHEREAS**, Mayor and Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs have passed an ordinance establishing Chapter 169 of the code of the Borough of Laurel Springs, known as “Mercantile License”; and

**WHEREAS**, a license is required to operate or conduct any business establishment in the Borough of Laurel Springs; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by Mayor and Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs that the proper investigation has been made and the following applicants have complied with the general laws and statutes of the state and the ordinance of the Borough of Laurel Springs.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that approval has been granted by Mayor and Council for renewals of “MERCANTILE LICENSE” for:

- Mid Atlantic Fire – 121 White Horse Pike
- McFadden Catering - 831 Stone Road
- Adagio Dance Center – 301 White Horse Pike
- The motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak, was seconded by Councilwoman DiMarco, with DiMarco, Riondino, and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.
- Resolved to pay \$76,688.58 from Current Fund and \$50,739.91 from the Trust/Capital Accounts. The motion by Councilman Redstreak, was seconded by Councilman Riondino, with Riondino, DiMarco, Riondino, and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.

**ORDINANCES – Second Reading by Title**

- **865-2022- AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)**

**WHEREAS**, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget to 2.5% unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year’s final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and,

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriations and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

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**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs, in the County of Camden, finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2022 budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Borough Council hereby determines that a 1.0% increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$19,777.14 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Borough Council hereby determines that any amount authorized hereinabove, that is not appropriated as part of the final budget, shall be retained as an exception to the final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs, in the County of Camden, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring that, in CY 2022 budget year, the final appropriations of the Borough of Laurel Springs shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14, be increased by 3.5%, amounting to \$69,220.00, and that the CY 2022 municipal budget for the Borough of Laurel Springs be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and,

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to the final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction: and,

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

- 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 Riondino, with Riondino, DelPidio, DiMarco, and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.

#### **INTRODUCTION OF THE 2022 MUNICIPAL BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,308,000**

- The motion to introduce by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilwoman DiMarco, with DiMarco, Riondino, DelPidio and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.
- The Public Hearing and Adoption is scheduled for Monday, April 24, 2022, 7 pm in the Laurel Springs Recreation Center.

#### **MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION:**

- Receipt of Bids – Redevelopment Counsel – four submission of bid proposals were provided for Council. There was discussion of the review of the proposals. The Borough Engineer added input into the process. Councilman Riondino said he had worked successfully with Maley Givens.
- #040-2022 – APPOINTING SPECILA MUNICIPAL REDEVELOPMENT COUNSEL

**WHEREAS**, professional services contracts may be awarded by criteria established pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44-01 et. seq.; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Laurel Springs desires to appoint a Special Redevelopment Counsel for the term of March 28, 2022 through December 31, 2022;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that Emily K. Givens, Maley Givens, Counsellors at Law, 1150 Haddon Avenue, Suite 210, Collingswood, NJ 08108-2003, is hereby appointed as Special Redevelopment Counsel for the Borough of Laurel Springs for a term beginning March 28, 2022 through December 31, 2022 not to exceed a cost of \$17,500.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a notice of the appointment be published in a designated publication of the Borough of Laurel Springs.

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**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Roy Kane – Had noticed at his grandson’s baseball game there was alot of goose poop on the artificial turf, which is not a good combination. Borough Administrator Cheeseman said they had been speaking with the Rec Commissioners who oversee Baseball, and they hope they may be able to replace the turf with natural grass next year.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Wednesday, April 6<sup>th</sup> Recreation Commission @7pm @Rec Center
- Monday, April 11<sup>th</sup> - Regular Council Meeting @ 7pm @Rec Center

**ADJOURNMENT** –There being no further business a motion was made by Councilman Redstreak to adjourn at 7:21 pm with all in favor and none opposed.

Respectfully submitted

Dawn T. Amadio, RMC, Municipal Clerk