

BOROUGH OF LAUREL SPRINGS
WORK SESSION MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL
MONDAY, December 29, 2022
COUNCIL PRESIDENT JAMES REDSTREAKE 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: Cruz, DiMarco, DelPidio and Redstreak; and absent: DiGregorio and Riondino and Mayor Barbera

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Regular Meeting of Regular Meeting of December 12, 2022 - The motion to approve by Councilman DelPidio, was seconded by Councilman Redstreak, with DelPidio and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and Cruz and DiMarco abstaining.

ORDINANCES – Second Reading by Title:

- ORDINANCE #871-2022 – AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING ANNUAL FEE SCHEDULE FOR THE BOROUGH OF LAUREL SPRINGS FOR YEAR 2023
- Council President Redstreak opened the meeting for a Public Hearing. With no questions or comments being heard, Councilman Redstreak closed the meeting the public.
- The motion to adopt by Councilman Cruz was seconded by Councilman DelPidio, with Cruz, DiMarco, DelPidio and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.

RESOLUTIONS

- #091-2022 - TERMINATING PARTICIPATION IF THE STATE HEALTH BENEFITS PROGRAM
WHEREAS, the Borough of Laurel Springs, with offices located at 723 West Atlantic Avenue, Laurel Springs, NJ 08021, with Borough phone number 856-784-0500, and with Employer Identification Number 000-216-000-787 currently has 9 enrolled in the State Health Benefits Program, and
WHEREAS, this resolution to terminate all participation under the SHBP and SEHBP (including prescription drug plan and dental plan coverage) together with the attached form is to be completed by the employing agency's Certifying Officer;
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs the following:
 1. The Borough of Laurel Springs with SHBP Employer ID# 022100 hereby resolves to terminate its participation in the State Health Benefit Program (Medical Plan, Prescription Drug Plan, and/or Dental Plan coverage) thereby canceling coverage provided by the SHBP (N.J.S.A. 52:14-17.25 et seq.) for all its active employees.
 2. We shall notify all active employees of the date of their termination of coverage under the Program.
 3. We understand that the New Jersey Division of Pensions & Benefits (NJDPB) will notify retired employees of the cancellation of their coverage.
 4. We understand that all COBRA participants will be notified by the NJDPB and advised to contact our office concerning a possible alternative health, prescription drug, and dental insurance plan.
 5. We understand that this resolution shall take effect the first of the month following a 60-day period beginning with the receipt of the resolution by the State Health Benefits Commission.BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the certifying officer be authorized to complete any and all forms to accomplish the cancelation of coverage.
- Borough Administrator gave a brief description of the current condition of State Health Benefits and the ongoing alternatives to the drastic increase in premiums.
- The motion to approve by Councilman Cruz was seconded by Councilwoman DiMarco, with Cruz, DiMarco, DelPidio and Redstreak with none opposed and no abstentions.

- #092-2022 - TO CANCEL GENERAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AUTHORIZATIONS

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WHEREAS, certain General Capital Improvement Authorization balances remain dedicated to projects that have been completed; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to formally cancel these authorizations so that the unexpended balances may be credited to the proper accounts, and unused debt authorizations may be cancelled;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Borough Council that the following unexpended and dedicated General Capital Improvement Authorizations be cancelled:

<u>Bond</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Project Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<u>Ordinance</u>	<u>Authorized</u>		
#2018-823.1	08/13/18	Reconstruct Washington/Arch Ave.\$	35,906.25

TOTAL TO GENERAL RES. TO PAY BONDS **\$ 35,906.25**

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

- #093-2022 – APPROVING BUDGET TRANSFER #3

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 **2022 Budget Transfers (#3)** be approved:

GENERAL FUND

<u>Account #</u>		<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
1-20-120-207	Municipal Clerk - OE	\$1,100.00	
1-23-210-210	Liability Insurance - OE	2,200.00	
1-23-215-210	Worker Comp. Insurance - OE	900.00	
1-25-240-101	Police Department - SW	1,600.00	
1-26-310-101	Public Bldgs. & Grounds - SW	1,800.00	
1-26-310-203	Public Bldgs. & Grounds - OE		\$1,800.00
1-26-315-201	Vehicle Maintenance - OE		5,000.00
1-28-370-102	Parks Commission - SW		100.00
1-31-430-201	Electricity - OE		3,000.00
1-31-430-202	Water - OE		500.00
1-31-430-203	Natural Gas - OE	900.00	
1-31-430-206	Other Telecommunications - OE		400.00
1-36-473-202	Social Security & Med. Taxes - OE	2,300.00	

TOTAL GENERAL FUND

\$10,800.00 \$10,800.00

SEWER OPERATING

<u>Account #</u>		<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
7-55-500-513	Administration - OE		\$2,500.00
7-55-502-511	Operations - OE	\$2,500.00	
7-55-508-536	Social Security & Med. Taxes - OE	500.00	
7-55-512-543	Interest on Notes - OE		500.00

**TOTAL SEWER
OPERATING**

\$3,000.00 \$3,000.00

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• #094-2022 - TO CANCEL APPROPRIATIONS

WHEREAS, the following accounts in the 2022 Budget have appropriation balances which remain unexpended:

General Fund

<u>Account #</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1-23-220-200	Group Health Insurance – OE	\$18,000.00
1-23-225-200	Temporary Disability Insurance – OE	923.69
1-23-230-200	Unemployment Insurance – OE	851.06
1-25-240-200	Police Department – OE	9,100.00
1-26-290-100	Streets & Roads – SW	2,000.00
1-36-471-200	Public Employee Retirement – OE	96.00
1-36-472-200	Police & Fire Retirement – OE	72.00
1-42-350-200	Voorhees Trash Agreement – OE	93.92
1-42-355-200	Voorhees Tax Collector Agreement – OE	40.01
1-42-360-200	Voorhees Construction Agreement – OE	2,609.12
1-45-925-000	Note Principal – OE	900.00
1-45-930-000	Interest on Bonds – OE	1.69
1-45-935-000	Interest on Notes – OE	<u>502.92</u>
	Cancel to General Fund Surplus	\$35,190.41

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 2022 Budget be cancelled.

- The motion to approve by Councilman Cruz, was seconded by Councilwoman DiMarco, with Cruz, DiMarco, DelPidio and Redstreak with none opposed and no abstentions.
- **#095-2022 - AUTHORIZING THE EXTENSION OF A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF LAUREL SPRINGS AND THE BOROUGH OF BERLIN FOR CONSTRUCTION OFFICE SERVICES**

WHEREAS, by virtue of Resolution #048-2022 the Borough of Laurel Springs (Laurel Springs) entered into a Shared Services Agreement (“Agreement”) with the Borough of Berlin (Berlin Borough) to provide Construction Office services for the Borough of Berlin; and

WHEREAS, the agreement can be extended by mutual agreement of the parties and both parties have agreed to extend the current contract, which is expiring on December 31, 2022; and; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Laurel Springs is agreeable to providing a month-to-month extension, with the term not to extend beyond December 31, 2023; and;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs authorize the extension of the Shared Services Agreement by and between the Borough of Laurel Springs and the Borough of Berlin for Construction Office Services on a month-to-month basis effective January 1, 2023.
- The motion to approve by Councilman Cruz, was seconded by Councilwoman DiMarco, with Cruz, DiMarco, DelPidio and Redstreak with none opposed and no abstentions.
- Resolved to pay \$60,278.32 from Current Fund and \$36,983.77 from the Trust/Capital Accounts. The motion by Councilman Cruz, was seconded by Councilwoman DiMarco, with DiMarco, DelPidio and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Amendment of the White Horse Pike Redevelopment Plan** – Council President Redstreak announced that the Land Use Board, pursuant to Resolution #075-2022, held a public hearing on December 15th to present the report that had been prepared amending the White Horse Pike Redevelopment Plan. The Board voted to approve sending the report to Mayor and Council. They will memorialize that decision at their January meeting; therefore, it will likely be back to Council on January 23rd.

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- **Award of NJDCA Borough Hall Renovation Grant** – Council President Redstreak said that the letter had been received awarding the grant. He thanks Senator Greenwald’s office and Mayor Barbera for their efforts.

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION/CORRESPONDENCE – none

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Bob Lickfield – 432 Glen Avenue – he reported some eye sores on Hemlock Avenue behind the commercial buildings, to which it was responded that those properties had been sold and that likely a site plan will be required which will allow issues such as those to be addressed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Borough Offices are closed on Monday, January 2, 2023 to celebrate New Year’s
- School Board Reorganization Tuesday, January 3, 2023 @6pm @Laurel Springs School.
- Recreation Commission, Wednesday, January 4, 2023 @7pm @Recreation Center
- Reorganization Meeting of Mayor and Council Monday, January 9, 2023 @7 pm @Recreation Center

Motion to Recess meeting to Monday, January 9, 2023 at 7:00 pm - there being no further business a motion was made by Councilman DelPidio, which was seconded by Councilman Redstreak to recess the meeting until Monday, January 9, 2023 at 7 pm with Cruz, DiMarco, DelPidio and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.

Respectfully submitted

Dawn T. Amadio, RMC, Municipal Clerk