

BOROUGH OF LAUREL SPRINGS
WORK SESSION MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL
MONDAY, February 27, 2023
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 10, 2023 and posting on Borough Website and bulletin board.

ROLL CALL recorded as present: Cruz, DiGregorio, DiMarco, Riondino, DelPidio and Redstreak; absent: none.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Regular Meeting of February 13, 2023 - The motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak, was seconded by Councilman Cruz, with Cruz, DiGregorio, DiMarco, Riondino, DelPidio and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.

RESOLUTIONS

- **#036-2023 - 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 Cruz, with Cruz, DiGregorio, DiMarco, Riondino, DelPidio and Redstreak

#037-2023 - CONFIRMING SUPPORT FOR AN OPEN SPACE RECREATIONAL ENHANCEMENT PROJECT AT LAUREL SPRINGS SCHOOL

WHEREAS, Camden County Open Space Trust Fund for Recreation Facility Enhancement is soliciting application for funding; and

WHEREAS, Laurel Springs School expressed a desire to apply for funds to enhance the school playground; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of the Borough of Laurel Springs use the school playground location as a recreational open space bringing the community together and providing a safe place to play for community children; and

WHEREAS, Laurel Springs School also uses this open space as a way to strengthen social skills in the school children and provide practice in conflict resolution; and

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WHEREAS, both school and community use this recreational open space to strengthen communication as a team together for the greater good of the community, it's citizens and its children;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs that they confirm support for the above-mentioned Recreational Enhancement Project and applaud their effort to submit a Grant Application to the Camden County Open Space Preservation Trust Fund Advisory Committee for their consideration.

- The motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak, was seconded by Councilman Cruz, with Cruz, DiGregorio, DiMarco, Riondino, DelPidio and Redstreak
- **#038-2023 - AMENDING RESOLUTION 068-2022-ADOPTED AUGUST 8, 2022, AUTHORIZING SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF LAUREL SPRINGS, THE BOROUGH OF HI-NELLA AND THE BOROUGH OF SOMERDALE (STERLING MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE) AND THE COUNTY OF CAMDEN RELATIVE TO DMHAS YOUTH LEADERSHIP GRANT TO EXTEND THE TERM FOR AN ADDITIONAL THREE MONTHS WITH NO COST TO THE MUNICIPALITY**

WHEREAS, by Resolution 068-2022 adopted August 8, 2022, the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs authorized a Shared Service Agreements pursuant to the Camden County Municipal Alliance Program, Youth Leadership Grant for the term beginning July 1, 2022 and ending March 14, 2023; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to amend said agreement to extend the term of the agreement for an additional three (3) months, through June 30, 2023, at no additional cost;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs that the appropriate officials are hereby authorized to execute all documents necessary to affect an amended agreement.

- The motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak, was seconded by Councilman Cruz, with Cruz, DiGregorio, DiMarco, Riondino, DelPidio and Redstreak
- **#039-2023 - APPOINTING DONALD W. ALEXANDER, III AS REGULAR FULL-TIME POLICE OFFICER**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Laurel Springs requires a full-time police Officer for the Laurel Springs Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Donald W. Alexander, III has been approved by Chief Brian Mazziotta and Borough Administration for this position;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Mayor and Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs, County of Camden, State of New Jersey do hereby confirm that Donald W. Alexander, III has been appointed as Regular Full-Time Police Officer effective Monday, March 13, 2023.
- Borough Administrator Cheeseman offered some of the details of this hired saying he was interviewed by the Public Safety Committee
- The motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak with the amendment of the effective date to Monday, March 13, 202, was seconded by Councilman Cruz, with Cruz, DiGregorio, DiMarco, Riondino, DelPidio and Redstreak
- Resolved to pay \$47,109.59 from Current Fund and \$14,221.70 from the Trust/Capital Accounts. The motion by Councilman Redstreak, was seconded by Councilman Cruz, with Cruz, DiGregorio, DiMarco, Riondino, DelPidio and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.

OLD BUSINESS - none

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MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION/CORRESPONDENCE

- Mayor Barbera announced that resident Dave Ierley had passed away. He said that Dave was a member of the Combined Land Use Board and Ordinance Review Committee. He reflected on Dave being engaged and thoughtful, mentioning that no arrangements would be made until the Spring.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Bob Lickfield – 432 Glen Avenue – complained about Voorhees Township waste collection that dumped stuff onto the street. Borough Administrator Cheeseman said that Public Works was aware of it, and called Voorhees, who reported a problem and malfunction with the truck and attempted to retrace the route to pick up. They are aware that that some of the debris was missed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Wednesday, March 1st a \$4 late fee is incurred for pet licensing.
- Wednesday, March 1st – Recreation Commission - @7pm @Rec Center
- Tuesday, March 14th – corrected date for Whitman Stafford Meeting - @7pm @Farmhouse
- Thursday, March 9th – Family Game Night @6pm @Rec Center
- Monday, March 13th – Beautification Committee @6pm @Rec Center
- Monday, March 13th - Regular Council Meeting @ 7pm @Rec Center

ADJOURNMENT–Upon the motion of Councilman Redstreak the meeting was adjourned at 7:09 p.m. with all in favor and none opposed.

Respectfully submitted.

Dawn T. Amadio, RMC, Municipal Clerk