

BOROUGH OF LAUREL SPRINGS  
WORK SESSION MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
MONDAY, APRIL 27, 2020  
MAYOR THOMAS BARBERA PRESIDING

**SALUTE TO THE FLAG AND MOMENT OF SILENCE** was led by Mayor Barbera

**OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS LAW** – Mayor Barbera stated that adequate notice of this meeting was given by emailing the Retrospect and the Courier-Post on January 7, 2020 and posting on the Borough Website and bulletin board in the Borough Hall.

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

**MATTERS REQUIRING OFFICIAL ACTION**

- **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Regular Meeting of Monday, March 23, 2020– the motion to approve with noted corrections by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilman DelPidio with Cruz, DelPidio, DiMarco, Riondino and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and DiGregorio abstaining.

**ORDINANCES** - Second Reading, Public Hearing and Adoption

- 842-2020-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, NJSA 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,

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 2020 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 \$19,319.70 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 2020 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 \$67,618.95, and that the CY 2020 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.

- Public Hearing – Mayor Barbera opened the meeting to the public for questions and comments. Hearing none, he closed the meeting to the public.
- The motion to adopt by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilman DelPidio with Cruz, DiGregorio, DelPidio, DiMarco, Riondino and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.

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- 843-2020-AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 101 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF LAUREL SPRINGS ENTITLED "CONSTRUCTION CODE UNIFORM FEE SCHEDULE"  
WHEREAS, THE Mayor and Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs, County of Camden, State of New Jersey finds that for the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the Borough of Laurel Springs and as per the requirements of the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey, that the fees charged pursuant to the Construction Code inspections need to be revised;  
THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Borough Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs, in the County of Camden, State of New Jersey, as follows:  
SECTION 1. Chapter 101, ARTICLE II of the Code of the Borough of Laurel Springs  
CONSTRUCTION CODE ENFORCEMENT FEES E. Elevator Test and Inspection Fees. (3) e. Mechanical Subcode Fees. Item 2. is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced as follows:  
2. Exception-oil tanks, LPG tanks, fireplaces and generators shall have a flat fee of \$75.00 each.
  - Public Hearing – Mayor Barbera opened the meeting to the public for questions and comments. Hearing none, he closed the meeting to the public.
  - The motion to adopt by Councilman Redstreake was seconded by Councilman DelPidio with Cruz, DiGregorio, DelPidio, DiMarco, Riondino and Redstreake in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.

**RESOLUTIONS**

- #048-2020 - CONFIRMING SUPPORT FOR AN OPEN SPACE RECREATIONAL ENHANCEMENT PROJECT AT LAUREL SPRINGS RECREATION COMPLEX FOR RESURFACING OF VOLLEYBALL COURTS  
WHEREAS, Camden County Open Space Trust Fund for Recreation Facility Enhancement is soliciting application for funding; and  
WHEREAS, the Borough of Laurel Springs has identified the need to resurface the volleyball courts at the Jack H. Hagen Recreation Complex as an emergent remediation project fitting with the criteria of said grants; and  
WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020 an inspection was conducted of the Recreation Complex and the ensuing report noted that the Volleyball Courts displayed severe cracking on the playing surface of the Court; and  
WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs are, therefore, desirous of submission of a new grant application for 2020;  
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 authorize submission of the 2020 Grant Application to the Camden County Open Space Preservation Trust Fund Advisor Committee for their consideration.
  - The motion to approve by Councilman Redstreake was seconded by Councilman DelPidio with Cruz, DiGregorio, DelPidio, DiMarco, Riondino and Redstreake in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.
- #049-2020 - CHANGE ORDER#1 –REMOVAL OF ARCHITECTURAL BARRIERS FUNDED BY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM  
WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs awarded the bid for Removal of Architectural Barriers – the Borough of Laurel Springs at the Laurel Springs Borough Hall at the Historic Cord Mansion be awarded to W. J. Gross, Inc. General Contracting, 495 Center Street, Sewell, NJ 08080 in the amount of \$1,232,000.00; and  
WHEREAS, an amendment to the original contract is necessary due to an increase in the contract time in the amount of 210 days, with the date of substantial completion, as of the date of this Change Order, therefore, is June 27, 2020;  
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Borough Council that Change Order #1, which amends the original contract with W. J. Gross for Removal of Architectural Barriers at the Cord Mansion, is hereby approved.

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- #050-2020 - AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER TO CONDUCT THE LOCAL BUDGET EXAMINATION

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-78b has authorized the Local Finance Board to adopt rules that permit municipalities in sound fiscal condition to assume the responsibility, normally granted to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, of conducting the annual budget examination; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 5:30-7 was adopted by the Local Finance Board on February 11, 1997; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-7.2 through 7.5, the Borough of Laurel Springs has been declared eligible to participate in the program by the Division of Local Government Services, and the Chief Financial Officer has determined that the Borough of Laurel Springs meets the necessary conditions to participate in the program for the 2020 budget year;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs that, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:30-7.6a & b and based upon the Chief Financial Officer's certification, the governing body has found that the Budget has met the following requirements:

1. That, with reference to the following items, the amounts have been calculated pursuant to law, and appropriated as such in the Budget:
  - a. Payment of interest and debt redemption charges
  - b. Deferred charges and statutory expenditures
  - c. Cash deficit of preceding year
  - d. Reserve for uncollected taxes
  - e. Other reserves and non-disbursement items
  - f. Any inclusions of amounts required for school purposes
2. That the provisions relating to limitation on increases of appropriations pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.2 and appropriations for exceptions to limits on appropriations found at 40A: 4-45.3 et seq. are fully met.
3. That the Budget is in such form, arrangement and content as required by the Local Budget Law and N.J.A.C. 5:30-4 & 5:30-5.
4. That pursuant to the Local Budget Law:
  - a. All estimates of revenue are reasonable, accurate and correctly stated
  - b. Items of appropriation are properly set forth
- c. In itemization, form, arrangement and content the Budget will permit the exercise of the comptroller function within the municipality.
5. The Budget and associated amendments have been introduced and publicly advertised in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Local Budget Law, except that failure to meet the deadlines of N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-5 shall not prevent such certification.
6. That all other applicable statutory requirements have been fulfilled.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

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

- #051-2020 - TO READ BUDGET BY TITLE ONLY

WHEREAS, N.J.S. 40A:4-8, as amended by L.2015, c. 95, § 14, 2015, provides that the budget may be read by title only at the time of the public hearing if a resolution is passed by not less than a majority of the full governing body, providing that at least one week prior to the date of hearing, a complete copy of the budget has been made available for public inspection, and has been made available to each person upon request; and

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WHEREAS, these two conditions have been met;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the budget shall be read by title only.

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- #052-2020 - APPROVING PARTICIPATION WITH THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY IN the 2020 SAFE AND SECURE COMMUNITIES PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE, DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY

WHEREAS, the Borough of Laurel Springs wishes to apply for funding under the 2018 Safe and Secure Communities Program Grant Number 20-0420 for the subaward project duration period 05/24/20-05/23/21; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs has reviewed the application and has approved said request for a total amount of the award of \$25,000 plus it's required local in-kind match by means of fringe benefits; and

WHEREAS, the project is a joint effort between the Department of Law and Public Safety and the Borough of Laurel Springs, for the purpose described in the application;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs that: As a matter of public policy the Borough of Laurel Springs wishes to participate to the fullest extent possible with the Department of Law and The Attorney General of New Jersey will receive funds on behalf of the applicant. The Division of Criminal Justice shall be responsible for the receipt and review of the applications for said funds.

The Division of Criminal Justice shall initiate allocations to the applicant as authorized by law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs that it is authorized to accept and does accept the Subaward for the purpose described in the application and authorize the Mayor to execute the grant application.

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

- #053-2020 - 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:

Aikido Agatsu Dojos – 1124 Stone Road

- The motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilman DelPidio with Cruz, DiGregorio, DelPidio, DiMarco, Riondino and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.
- RESOLVED TO PAY \$448,205.30 FROM CURRENT ACCOUNT AND \$214,307.94 FROM TRUST AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS
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**ADOPTION OF THE 2020 MUNICIPAL BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,288,000.00**

- Second Reading
- Public Hearing – Mayor Barbera opened the meeting to the public for questions and comments on the 2020 Municipal Budget. Hearing none, he closed the meeting to the public.
- The Motion by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilman DelPidio, with Cruz, DiGregorio, DelPidio, DiMarco, Riondino and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.

**MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION/CORRESPONDENCE-**

- NJDOT FY2021 Road Project Grant deadline is July 1<sup>st</sup> - there was discussion of what roads were being looked at for the grant.
- Financial Disclosure Statement Deadline extended to July 31, 2020 - [fds.nj.gov](https://www.fds.nj.gov). Mayor Barbera reviewed the process with Borough Council.
- Memorial Day – there was discussion of the options available for celebrating Memorial Day. Council concurred that some type of ceremony should take place.

**ITEMS RECEIVED AFTER THE AGENDA WAS PRINTED-** None.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Borough Offices are under cautionary closure and will not reopen until further notice.
- Wednesday, April 29th School Board Meeting @7 pm @Laurel Springs School
- Saturday, May 2nd Town Wide Yard Sale is cancelled
- Wednesday, May 6th Recreation Commission is cancelled.
- Saturday, May 9th Laurel Springs Day is cancelled.
- Monday, May 11th Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council @7pm @Recreation Center

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC – none**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN** by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilman DelPidio to adjourn at 7:10 pm was with all in favor and none opposed.

Respectfully submitted

Dawn T. Amadio, RMC, Municipal Clerk