

BOROUGH OF LAUREL SPRINGS  
REGULAR MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
MONDAY, June 13, 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: Cruz, DiGregorio, DiMarco, Riondino, DelPidio, and Redstreak

**ENGINEER'S REPORT** – reviewed

1. 2020 Road Improvement Program

NJDOT approved the combination of both the FY2019 and FY2020 projects together into one (1) bid package / contract. The contract for the Base Bid plus Alternate Bid #1 (West Atlantic Ave. Streetscape) in the amount of \$478,044.00 was awarded to American Asphalt Company, Inc. at the September 20, 2021 Council meeting. A preconstruction meeting was held between project stakeholders on January 19, 2022. We asked the contractor to submit a quote to install additional drainage inlets along West Atlantic Avenue to address the existing drainage issue downhill from the project adjacent to the railroad; and also to repave the parking spots along the driveway to the Cord Mansion. The contractor is scheduled to begin construction of the project on or about May 16, 2022. It is anticipated that the project will be complete in late July or early August 2022.

2. 2021 Road Improvement Program

In November, the Borough received correspondence from NJDOT awarding a FY2021 Municipal Aid Grant in the amount of \$174,930.00 for the reconstruction of Trenton Avenue and Virginia Avenue. The surveying work has been completed and base plans have been drafted. We are currently working on the design phase of the project. Once the Construction Plans and Specifications are completed we will advertise the project for bid. It is anticipated that bids will be advertised within the coming weeks, allowing for a construction start in late summer 2022.

3. NJDOT FY2022 Local Aid Grant Application

The Borough recently received confirmation of the award of a NJDOT FY2022 Local Aid Grant for the reconstruction of Poplar Avenue (Lindsay Avenue to West Elma Avenue) and Washington Avenue (Central Avenue to Chestnut Avenue) in the amount of \$167,769.00. In the near future, ERI will provide a proposal for the requisite engineering design and CMCI services for the Governing Body's consideration.

4. FY2022 NJDOT Safe Routes to Schools Application

Our office submitted an application for the FY2022 NJDOT Safe Routes to School Grant program to support the installation of flashing speed limit beacons along Stone Road and Broadway, near the Borough Elementary School. We will apprise the Governing Body of any updates we receive with regard to the status of the application.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- Work Session Meeting of May 23, 2022 - The motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilman Cruz, with Cruz, DiGregorio, DiMarco, Riondino, DelPidio and Redstreak in favor, none opposed.

**ORDINANCES** – Second Reading by Title

- **#866-2022 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 178 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF LAUREL SPRINGS ENTITLED "NUISANCES"**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF LAUREL SPRINGS,  
COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AS FOLLOWS:**

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**SECTION 1.** Chapter 178, Section 2, of the Code of the Borough of Laurel Springs is amended by deleting Subsection (11).

**SECTION 2.** All ordinances or parts of ordinances which are inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are, to the extent of such inconsistencies, hereby repealed.

**SECTION 3.** This ordinance shall take effect upon final passage, adoption, and publication in the manner prescribed by law.

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

• **#867-2022 - BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE COMPLETION OF IMPROVEMENTS TO VARIOUS MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS IN THE BOROUGH OF LAUREL SPRINGS, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$538,000 THEREFOR; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OR BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES OF THE BOROUGH OF LAUREL SPRINGS, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY, IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF UP TO \$511,100; MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS AND COVENANTS; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN RELATED ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Borough Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs, County of Camden, New Jersey (not less than two-thirds of all the members thereof affirmatively concurring), pursuant to the provisions of the Local Bond Law, Chapter 169 of the Laws of 1960 of the State of New Jersey, as amended and supplemented ("Local Bond Law"), as follows:

**Section 1.** The purposes described in Section 7 hereof are hereby authorized as general improvements to be made or acquired by the Borough of Laurel Springs, County of Camden, New Jersey ("Borough").

**Section 2.** It is hereby found, determined and declared as follows:

- (a) the estimated amount to be raised by the Borough from all sources for the purposes stated in Section 7 hereof is \$538,000;
- (b) the estimated amount of bonds or bond anticipation notes to be issued for the purposes stated in Section 7 hereof is \$511,100; and
- (c) a down payment in the amount of \$26,900 for the purposes stated in Section 7 hereof is currently available in accordance with the requirements of Section 11 of the Local Bond Law, *N.J.S.A. 40A:2-11*.

**Section 3.** The sum of \$511,100, to be raised by the issuance of bonds or bond anticipation notes, together with the sum of \$26,900, which amount represents the required down payment, are hereby appropriated for the purposes stated in this bond ordinance ("Bond Ordinance").

**Section 4.** The issuance of negotiable bonds of the Borough in an amount not to exceed \$511,100 to finance the costs of the purposes described in Section 7 hereof is hereby authorized. Said bonds shall be sold in accordance with the requirements of the Local Bond Law.

**Section 5.** In order to temporarily finance the purposes described in Section 7 hereof, the issuance of bond anticipation notes of the Borough in an amount not to exceed \$511,100 is hereby authorized. Pursuant to the Local Bond Law, the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the bond anticipation notes from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver the same to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their date to delivery thereof. The Chief Financial Officer is hereby directed to report in writing to the governing body at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the bond anticipation notes pursuant to this Bond Ordinance is made. Such report must include the amount, the description, the interest rate and the maturity schedule of the bond anticipation notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

**Section 6.** The amount of the proceeds of the obligations authorized by this Bond Ordinance which may be used for the payment of interest on such obligations, accounting, engineering, legal fees and other items as provided in Section 20 of the Local Bond Law, *N.J.S.A. 40A:2-20*, shall not exceed the sum of \$25,000.

**Section 7.** The improvements hereby authorized and the purposes for which said obligations are to be issued; the estimated costs of each said purpose; the amount of down payment for each said purpose; the maximum amount obligations to be issued for each said purpose and the period of usefulness of each said purpose within the limitations of the Local Bond Law are as follows:

Estimated	Down	Amount of	Period of
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<u>Purpose/Improvement</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>	<u>Payment</u>	<u>Obligations</u>	<u>Usefulness</u>
A Completion of Various Improvements to Municipal Buildings and Grounds including, but not limited to, Cord Mansion and Whitman Farmhouse, together with the acquisition of all materials and equipment and the completion of all work necessary therefor or related thereto.	\$538,000	\$26,900	\$511,100	20 years

**Section 8.** Grants or other monies received from any governmental entity, if any, will be applied to the payment of, or repayment of obligations issued to finance, the costs of the purposes described in Section 7 above.

**Section 9.** The supplemental debt statement provided for in Section 10 of the Local Bond Law, *N.J.S.A.* 40A:2-10, was duly filed in the office of the Clerk prior to the passage of this Bond Ordinance on first reading and a complete executed duplicate original thereof has been filed in the Office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey. The supplemental debt statement shows that the gross debt of the Borough, as defined in Section 43 of the Local Bond Law, *N.J.S.A.* 40A:2-43, is increased by this Bond Ordinance by \$511,100 and that the obligations authorized by this Bond Ordinance will be within all debt limitations prescribed by said Local Bond Law.

**Section 10.** The full faith and credit of the Borough are irrevocably pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on the bonds or bond anticipation notes authorized by this Bond Ordinance, and to the extent payment is not otherwise provided, the Borough shall levy ad valorem taxes on all taxable real property without limitation as to rate or amount for the payment thereof.

**Section 11.** The applicable Capital Budget of the Borough is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this Bond Ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency therewith, and the resolution promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended applicable Capital Budget and Capital Program as approved by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, is on file with the Clerk and available for inspection.

**Section 12.** The Borough hereby declares its intent to reimburse itself from the proceeds of the bonds or bond anticipation notes authorized by this Bond Ordinance pursuant to Income Tax Regulation Section 1.150-2(e), promulgated under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended ("Code"), for "original expenditures", as defined in Income Tax Regulation Section 1.150-2(c)(2), made by the Borough prior to the issuance of such bonds or bond anticipation notes.

**Section 13.** The Borough hereby covenants as follows:

- (a) it shall take all actions necessary to ensure that the interest paid on the bonds or bond anticipation notes authorized by the Bond Ordinance is exempt from the gross income of the owners thereof for federal income taxation purposes, and will not become a specific item of tax preference pursuant to Section 57(a)(5) of the Code;
- (b) it will not make any use of the proceeds of the bonds or bond anticipation notes or do or suffer any other action that would cause the bonds or bond anticipation notes to be "arbitrage bonds" as such term is defined in Section 148(a) of the Code and the Regulations promulgated thereunder;
- (c) it shall calculate or cause to be calculated and pay, when due, the rebatable arbitrage with respect to the "gross proceeds" (as such term is used in Section 148(f) of the Code) of the bonds or bond anticipation notes;
- (d) it shall timely file with the Internal Revenue Service, such information report or reports as may be required by Sections 148(f) and 149(e) of the Code; and
- (e) it shall take no action that would cause the bonds or bond anticipation notes to be "federally guaranteed" within the meaning of Section 149(b) of the Code.

**Section 14.** The improvements authorized hereby are not current expenses and are improvements that the Borough may lawfully make. No part of the cost of the improvements authorized hereby has been or shall be specially assessed on any property specially benefited thereby.

**Section 15.** All ordinances, or parts of ordinances, inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

**Section 16.** In accordance with the Local Bond Law, this Bond Ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after the first publication thereof after final passage.

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

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- **#868-2022 - BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF VARIOUS VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT FOR THE BOROUGH OF LAUREL SPRINGS, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$144,000 THEREFOR; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OR BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES OF THE BOROUGH OF LAUREL SPRINGS, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY, IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF UP TO \$136,800; MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS AND COVENANTS; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN RELATED ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Borough Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs, County of Camden, New Jersey (not less than two-thirds of all the members thereof affirmatively concurring), pursuant to the provisions of the Local Bond Law, Chapter 169 of the Laws of 1960 of the State of New Jersey, as amended and supplemented ("Local Bond Law"), as follows:

**Section 1.** The purposes described in Section 7 hereof are hereby authorized as general improvements to be made or acquired by the Borough of Laurel Springs, County of Camden, New Jersey ("Borough").

**Section 2.** It is hereby found, determined and declared as follows:

- (a) the estimated amount to be raised by the Borough from all sources for the purposes stated in Section 7 hereof is \$144,000;
- (b) the estimated amount of bonds or bond anticipation notes to be issued for the purposes stated in Section 7 hereof is \$136,800; and
- (c) a down payment in the amount of \$7,200 for the purposes stated in Section 7 hereof is currently available in accordance with the requirements of Section 11 of the Local Bond Law, *N.J.S.A. 40A:2-11*.

**Section 3.** The sum of \$136,800, to be raised by the issuance of bonds or bond anticipation notes, together with the sum of \$7,200, which amount represents the required down payment, are hereby appropriated for the purposes stated in this bond ordinance ("Bond Ordinance").

**Section 4.** The issuance of negotiable bonds of the Borough in an amount not to exceed \$136,800 to finance the costs of the purposes described in Section 7 hereof is hereby authorized. Said bonds shall be sold in accordance with the requirements of the Local Bond Law.

**Section 5.** In order to temporarily finance the purposes described in Section 7 hereof, the issuance of bond anticipation notes of the Borough in an amount not to exceed \$136,800 is hereby authorized. Pursuant to the Local Bond Law, the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the bond anticipation notes from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver the same to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their date to delivery thereof. The Chief Financial Officer is hereby directed to report in writing to the governing body at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the bond anticipation notes pursuant to this Bond Ordinance is made. Such report must include the amount, the description, the interest rate and the maturity schedule of the bond anticipation notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

**Section 6.** The amount of the proceeds of the obligations authorized by this Bond Ordinance which may be used for the payment of interest on such obligations, accounting, engineering, legal fees and other items as provided in Section 20 of the Local Bond Law, *N.J.S.A. 40A:2-20*, shall not exceed the sum of \$5,000.

**Section 7.** The improvements hereby authorized and the purposes for which said obligations are to be issued; the estimated costs of each said purpose; the amount of down payment for each said purpose; the maximum amount obligations to be issued for each said purpose and the period of usefulness of each said purpose within the limitations of the Local Bond Law are as follows:

	<b><u>Purpose/Improvement</u></b>	<b><u>Estimated Total Cost</u></b>	<b><u>Down Payment</u></b>	<b><u>Amount of Obligations</u></b>	<b><u>Period of Usefulness</u></b>
A.	Acquisition of Various Vehicles and Equipment for Borough Offices and Departments including, but not limited to, an Sports Utility Vehicle, Pickup Truck, Turnout Gear, and Trash & Recycling Carts, together with the acquisition of all materials and equipment and the completion of all work necessary therefor or related thereto.	\$144,000	\$7,200	\$136,800	5 years

**Section 8.** Grants or other monies received from any governmental entity, if any, will be applied to the payment of, or repayment of obligations issued to finance, the costs of the purposes described in Section 7 above.

**Section 9.** The supplemental debt statement provided for in Section 10 of the Local Bond Law, *N.J.S.A. 40A:2-10*, was duly filed in the office of the Clerk prior to the passage of this Bond Ordinance on first reading and a complete executed duplicate original thereof has been filed in the Office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey. The supplemental debt

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statement shows that the gross debt of the Borough, as defined in Section 43 of the Local Bond Law, *N.J.S.A. 40A:2-43*, is increased by this Bond Ordinance by \$136,800 and that the obligations authorized by this Bond Ordinance will be within all debt limitations prescribed by said Local Bond Law.

**Section 10.** The full faith and credit of the Borough are irrevocably pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on the bonds or bond anticipation notes authorized by this Bond Ordinance, and to the extent payment is not otherwise provided, the Borough shall levy ad valorem taxes on all taxable real property without limitation as to rate or amount for the payment thereof.

**Section 11.** The applicable Capital Budget of the Borough is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this Bond Ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency therewith, and the resolution promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended applicable Capital Budget and Capital Program as approved by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, is on file with the Clerk and available for inspection.

**Section 12.** The Borough hereby declares its intent to reimburse itself from the proceeds of the bonds or bond anticipation notes authorized by this Bond Ordinance pursuant to Income Tax Regulation Section 1.150-2(e), promulgated under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended ("Code"), for "original expenditures", as defined in Income Tax Regulation Section 1.150-2(c)(2), made by the Borough prior to the issuance of such bonds or bond anticipation notes.

**Section 13.** The Borough hereby covenants as follows:

(a) it shall take all actions necessary to ensure that the interest paid on the bonds or bond anticipation notes authorized by the Bond Ordinance is exempt from the gross income of the owners thereof for federal income taxation purposes, and will not become a specific item of tax preference pursuant to Section 57(a)(5) of the Code;

(b) it will not make any use of the proceeds of the bonds or bond anticipation notes or do or suffer any other action that would cause the bonds or bond anticipation notes to be "arbitrage bonds" as such term is defined in Section 148(a) of the Code and the Regulations promulgated thereunder;

(c) it shall calculate or cause to be calculated and pay, when due, the rebatable arbitrage with respect to the "gross proceeds" (as such term is used in Section 148(f) of the Code) of the bonds or bond anticipation notes;

(d) it shall timely file with the Internal Revenue Service, such information report or reports as may be required by Sections 148(f) and 149(e) of the Code; and

(e) it shall take no action that would cause the bonds or bond anticipation notes to be "federally guaranteed" within the meaning of Section 149(b) of the Code.

**Section 14.** The improvements authorized hereby are not current expenses and are improvements that the Borough may lawfully make. No part of the cost of the improvements authorized hereby has been or shall be specially assessed on any property specially benefited thereby.

**Section 15.** All ordinances, or parts of ordinances, inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

**Section 16.** In accordance with the Local Bond Law, this Bond Ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after the first publication thereof after final passage.

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

- **#869-2022 – BOND - ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE RECONSTRUCTION AND/OR RESTORATION OF VARIOUS ROADS IN AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF LAUREL SPRINGS, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$84,000 THEREFOR; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OR BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES OF THE BOROUGH OF LAUREL SPRINGS, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY, IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF UP TO \$79,800; MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS AND COVENANTS; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN RELATED ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING**

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**Section 2.** It is hereby found, determined and declared as follows:

- (a) the estimated amount to be raised by the Borough from all sources for the purposes stated in Section 7 hereof is \$84,000;
- (b) the estimated amount of bonds or bond anticipation notes to be issued for the purposes stated in Section 7 hereof is \$79,800; and
- (c) a down payment in the amount of \$4,200 for the purposes stated in Section 7 hereof is currently available in accordance with the requirements of Section 11 of the Local Bond Law, *N.J.S.A. 40A:2-11*.

**Section 3.** The sum of \$79,800, to be raised by the issuance of bonds or bond anticipation notes, together with the sum of \$4,200, which amount represents the required down payment, is hereby appropriated for the purposes stated in this bond ordinance ("Bond Ordinance").

**Section 4.** The issuance of negotiable bonds of the Borough in an amount not to exceed \$79,800 to finance the costs of the purposes described in Section 7 hereof is hereby authorized. Said bonds shall be sold in accordance with the requirements of the Local Bond Law.

**Section 5.** In order to temporarily finance the purposes described in Section 7 hereof, the issuance of bond anticipation notes of the Borough in an amount not to exceed \$79,800 is hereby authorized. Pursuant to the Local Bond Law, the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the bond anticipation notes from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver the same to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their date to delivery thereof. The Chief Financial Officer is hereby directed to report in writing to the governing body at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the bond anticipation notes pursuant to this Bond Ordinance is made. Such report must include the amount, the description, the interest rate and the maturity schedule of the bond anticipation notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

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**Section 7.** The improvements hereby authorized and the purposes for which said obligations are to be issued; the estimated costs of each said purpose; the amount of down payment for each said purpose; the maximum amount obligations to be issued for each said purpose and the period of usefulness of each said purpose within the limitations of the Local Bond Law are as follows:

	<u>Purpose/Improvement</u>	<u>Estimated Total Cost</u>	<u>Down Payment</u>	<u>Amount of Obligations</u>	<u>Period of Usefulness</u>
A.	Reconstruction and/or Restoration of Various Borough Roads, together with the acquisition of all materials and equipment and the completion of all work necessary therefor or related thereto, all as more specifically described in the information on file and available for review in the office of the Borough Clerk	\$84,000	\$4,200	\$79,800	10 years

**Section 8.** Grants or other monies received from any governmental entity, if any, will be applied to the payment of, or repayment of obligations issued to finance, the costs of the purposes described in Section 7 above.

**Section 9.** The supplemental debt statement provided for in Section 10 of the Local Bond Law, *N.J.S.A. 40A:2-10*, was duly filed in the office of the Clerk prior to the passage of this Bond Ordinance on first reading and a complete executed duplicate original thereof has been filed in the Office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey. The supplemental debt statement shows that the gross debt of the Borough, as defined in Section 43 of the Local Bond Law, *N.J.S.A. 40A:2-43*, is increased by this Bond Ordinance by \$79,800 and that the obligations authorized by this Bond Ordinance will be within all debt limitations prescribed by said Local Bond Law.

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in Income Tax Regulation Section 1.150-2(c)(2), made by the Borough prior to the issuance of such bonds or bond anticipation notes.

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(d) it shall timely file with the Internal Revenue Service, such information report or reports as may be required by Sections 148(f) and 149(e) of the Code; and

(e) it shall take no action that would cause the bonds or bond anticipation notes to be "federally guaranteed" within the meaning of Section 149(b) of the Code.

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

## RESOLUTIONS

### • #055-2022 – URGING THE SWIFT PASSAGE OF S-330 WHICH RESTORES ENERGY TAX RECEIPTS

**WHEREAS**, taxes on gas and electric utilities were originally collected by the host municipalities to be used for local purposes and to compensate the public for the use of their rights of way; and

**WHEREAS**, when the State made itself the collection agent for these taxes, it promised to dedicate the proceeds to municipal property tax relief; since, just as municipalities collect property taxes for the benefit of school districts, counties, and other entities, the State is supposed to collect Energy Taxes for the benefit of municipal governments; and

**WHEREAS**, for years, though, State budget makers have diverted funding from Energy Taxes to fund State programs; and instead of being spent on local programs and services and used to offset property taxes, the money has been spent as successive Legislatures and Administrations have seen fit; and

**WHEREAS**, the diversion of dedicated energy tax receipts to the State's General Fund further jeopardizes this critical property tax relief funding in future years; and

**WHEREAS**, by reducing Consolidated Municipal Property Tax Relief Act (CMPTRA), which is also comprised of revenues that should be returned to municipalities, State Budget makers have been able to continue collecting Energy Taxes, while keeping additional revenue that should have been returned to provide property tax relief; and

**WHEREAS**, the cumulative impact of years of underfunding has left many municipalities with serious needs and burdensome property taxes; and

**WHEREAS**, local elected officials are in the best position to decide the best use of these resources, which were always intended to fund local programs and services; and

**WHEREAS**, Senator Singleton and Senate President Scutari have introduced legislation (S-330) that will restore, over a five-year period, Energy Tax Receipts to municipalities;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the governing body of the Borough of Laurel Springs in the county of Camden urges the Legislature to swiftly pass this legislation and Governor Murphy sign the legislation prior to passage of the FY2023 State budget; and

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**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this Resolution is forwarded to Louis Greenwald, Pamela Lampitt, and James Beach, Senate President Scutari, Assembly Speaker Coughlin, Governor Murphy, and the League of Municipalities.

- 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.

- **#056-2022 – TO REFUND TAX OVERPAYMENT**

**WHEREAS**, certain adjustments are necessary to the records of the Tax Collector;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs, County of Camden, State of New Jersey that the following adjustments be approved.

<u>OWNER</u>	<u>BLOCK/LOT</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>REASON</u>	<u>REFUND TO</u>
HAGEN	11/14	\$2,181.48	DUPLICATE PAYMENT	WELLS FARGO

- 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.

- **#057-2022 – INSERTION OF AN ITEM OF REVENUE CLEAN COMMUNITIES GRANT**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality, when such item shall have been made available by law, and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

**WHEREAS**, said Director may also approve the insertion of any item of appropriation for an equal amount;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs do hereby request the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve **the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2022 in the sum of \$4,634.51, which is now available as a revenue from a Clean Communities Grant.**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a like sum of \$4,634.51 is hereby appropriated under the title "Clean Communities Grant – Other Expenses," pursuant to the provisions of the statute.

- 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

- **#058-2022 – FOR RENEWAL OF MERCHANTILE 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:

- All Star Kids Karate Academy " 817 W Atlantic Ave

- 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

- **#059-2022 – AUTHORIZING THE RENEWAL OF PLENARY RETAIL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONSUMPTION LICENSE 0420-33-001-007 HELD "IN POCKET STATUS" BY BONS GIRLS LLC, FOR THE LICENSING PERIOD THROUGH JUNE 30, 2023**

**WHEREAS**, licensee, Bons Girls, LLC on August 12, 2021 received from the State of New Jersey, Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control a Special Ruling granting relieve pursuant to NJSA 33:1-12.39 for the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 license years and filed a renewal application for a Plenary Alcoholic Beverage Consumption License No. 0420- 33-001-007 being held "in-pocket" status effective through June 30, 2023; and



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**WHEREAS**, by virtue of Resolution #082-2021, a Plenary Alcoholic Beverage Consumption License No. 0420- 33-001-007, was issued with effective date of July 1, 2021 and expiring June 30, 2022, renewed for the 2021-2022 license year; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to the above mentioned, the licensee has filed renewal for the 2022-2023 license year has paid the \$200.00 fee filing renewal with the State of New Jersey, and \$2,500.00 fee to the Borough of Laurel Springs, and has complied with all the regulations and applicable local ordinances and it is now the desire of this governing body to grant the renewal of said license.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs, County of Camden, State of New Jersey that Plenary Retail Alcoholic Beverage Consumption License No. 0420-33-001-007 held "in pocket" status by Bons Girls, LLC be and is hereby renewed for the licensing term through June 30, 2023.

- The motion to approve by Councilman Redstreake, was seconded by Councilman Cruz, with Cruz, DiGregorio, DiMarco, Riondino, DelPidio, and Redstreake in favor, none opposed and no abstentions
- **#060-2022 – AUTHORIZING APPROVAL FOR SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, MUNICIPAL AID GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE 2023 ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council of Laurel Springs formally approves the grant application for the above stated project for the following roads:

1. Lakeview from Walnut Avenue to Park Avenue

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of the Borough of Laurel Springs.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the Borough of Laurel Springs and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

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

- **#061-2022 – INSERTION OF AN ITEM OF REVENUE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality, when such item shall have been made available by law, and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

**WHEREAS**, said Director may also approve the insertion of any item of appropriation for an equal amount;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs do hereby request the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve **the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2022 in the sum of \$97,655.76, which is now available as a revenue from the American Rescue Plan Act.**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a like sum of \$97,655.76 is hereby appropriated under the titles:

- The motion to approve by Councilman Redstreake, was seconded by Councilman Cruz, with Cruz, DiGregorio, DiMarco, Riondino, DelPidio, and Redstreake in favor, none opposed and no abstentions
- Resolved to pay \$943,358.55 from Current Fund and \$182,737.42 from the Trust/Capital Accounts. The motion by Councilman Redstreake, was seconded by Councilman Cruz, with Cruz, DiGregorio, DiMarco, Riondino, DelPidio, and Redstreake in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS –**

- **DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, BOARDS, SERVICES/PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL-** Councilman Redstreake said all was well with Public Works, and reiterated that it was better than well, that Public Works was doing an excellent job, even though they are down one guy. Councilman Redstreake welcomed people to reach out if they know somebody for Public Works. He commented on the recent Walt FEST event and the public

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works crew despite the busyness the grounds were good at the Whitman House. He thanked volunteers, staff and Council people by name as well as Laurel springs Police Department Laurel Springs School and Sterling High School saying everyone did a good job, and he is looking forward to next year. Regarding the Sewer, no invoice had been received, but there were no significant issues. Ordinance Review is making good progress and they may have Ed from ERI at the June 30 meeting of Ordinance Review.

- DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – Cruz - nothing
- DIRECTOR OF MUNICIPAL COURT – Councilwoman DiGregorio reviewed the Court report for April and June.
- DIRECTOR OF RECREATION – Councilman DelPidio issued thank you for Laurel Springs Day including the LSPD, Sterling ROTC and Megan at the Makers Workshop. It worked well combining with Walt FEST people loved the trolley and the NJ 12<sup>th</sup> Regiment. There is a new Recreation Committee “Go Vegan – it’s Easy” who will be meeting once per month. Planning will be beginning for the Dickens Festival.
- DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE – Councilman Riondino reviewed the CFO’s report for May 31, 2022.
- DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT – Councilwoman DiMarco said she advertised the Memorial Day Services. There was a good turn out with photos and videos posted and appreciation that they were able to hold the service in the traditional manner. Atlantic City Electric has been promoting summer Storm prep material. Reminders were posted on the Pet Licensing late fees.
- DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY – POLICE AND FIRE – Chief Mazziotta reviewed the Police Report for the month of May, 2022. Chief Cheeseman reviewed the Fire Department Report for the month of May, 2022. He also presented Roy Kane with his award of Philly’s Tickets for 50 years of service to the Laurel Springs Fire Department.
- MAYOR’S REPORT – Mayor Barbera reported on his activities since the time of the last Regular meeting in May, 2022.

**OLD BUSINESS - none**

**NEW BUSINESS/CORRESPONDENCE –**

- Notice from Sterling High School regarding change of BOE meeting schedule

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC -**

- Gayle Dold – 225 Broadway reported on a parking problem on Broadway and Stone Road. The vehicles are parked right up to the corner. She had pictures and said it is a real safety issued. They are parking too close. She was directed to speak with Chief Mazziotta after the meeting.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Tuesday, June 14<sup>th</sup> JIF Safety Meeting @12:30pm @Firehouse
- Thursday, June 16<sup>th</sup> Land Use Board Meeting @7pm @Rec Center
- Monday, June 20<sup>th</sup> Borough Offices are closed in celebration of Juneteenth
- Wednesday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> Board of Education @7 pm @School
- No Work Session Meetings in June, July, August or October

**ADJOURNMENT** –There being no further business a motion was made by Councilman Redstreak to adjourn at 7:36 pm with all in favor and none opposed.

Respectfully submitted

Dawn T. Amadio, RMC, Municipal Clerk