

BOROUGH OF LAUREL SPRINGS
REGULAR MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2018
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 that adequate notice of this meeting was given by emailing the Retrospect and the Courier-Post on January 9th, 2018 and posting on the Borough Website and bulletin board in the Borough Hall.

ROLL CALL recorded as present: Letts, Mochel, DiGregorio, Cruz and DelPidio with Redstreak absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES –

- Work Session Meeting of Monday, January 22nd, 2018 – the motion to approve by Councilman Cruz, was seconded by Councilman DelPidio with DelPidio and Cruz in favor, Letts, Mochel and DiGregorio abstaining and none opposed.
- Closed Session Meeting of Monday, January 22nd, 2018- the motion to approve by Councilman Cruz, was seconded by Councilman DelPidio with DelPidio and Cruz in favor, Letts Mochel and DiGregorio abstaining and none opposed.

APPOINTMENTS

- **Mallory Nester-** Crossing Guard- the motion by Councilwoman Mochel was seconded by Councilman Cruz, with Letts, Mochel, DiGregorio, Cruz and DelPidio in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.

RESOLUTIONS

- **#027-2018-CERTIFYING COMPLIANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5 AS AMENDED BY P.L. 2017, c.183**

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 Governing Body 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.
- Mayor Barbera gave explanation of the law in question which concerns employment application and first interview. It is often referred to as the Ban the Box Law. Questions on an employment application regarding criminal conviction. The Borough followed up to be certain that there were no employment applications lingering with the question included. Mayor Barbera distributed an information sheet about the act.

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- **#031-2018- RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 3-YEAR COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF CAMDEN**
 - WHEREAS**, the Borough of Laurel Springs and the County of Camden wish to establish a cooperative means of conducting certain eligible community development and affordable housing activities; and
 - WHEREAS**, the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act (N.J.S.A. 40A:65-4 et seq.) permits local units such as counties and municipalities to enter into agreements for the provision of joint services; and
 - WHEREAS**, Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, the Housing and Urban-Rural Recovery Act of 1983, the HOME Program Act of 1991, and the Emergency Solutions Grant, as amended, provides federal funds being made available to Camden County for use to carry out eligible Community Development Activities therein; and
 - WHEREAS**, the Borough of Laurel Springs will propose certain activities to be carried out under the 2018, 2019 and 2020 Community Development, HOME Programs and Emergency Solutions Grant programs; and
 - WHEREAS**, the aforesaid activities are in the best interest of the Borough of Laurel Springs and the County of Camden;
 - NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of the Laurel Springs that the 2018 to 2020 Cooperation Agreement be adopted;
 - BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its enactment.
- The motion to approve by Councilwoman Mochel was seconded by Councilman Cruz, with Letts, DiGregorio, DelPidio, Cruz and Mochel in favor, none opposed and no abstentions
- **#032-2018- REMOVING MEMBER OF RECREATION COMMISSION**
 - WHEREAS**, it has been determined that it is in the best interest of the Borough to remove a member of the Recreation Commission;
 - NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that Michael Brown be removed from the Laurel Springs Recreation Commission effective January 22, 2018.
- The motion to approve by Councilwoman Mochel was seconded by Councilman Cruz, with Letts, DiGregorio, DelPidio, Cruz and Mochel in favor, none opposed and no abstentions
- **#033-2018-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".
 - WHEREAS**, a license is required to operate or conduct any business establishment in the Borough of Laurel Springs.
 - 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:

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| 1. Gregorio Deli
817 W. Atlantic Avenue | 2. Tim's Auto Repair
900 Stone Road |
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- The motion to approve by Councilwoman Mochel was seconded by Councilman Cruz, with Letts, DiGregorio, DelPidio, Cruz and Mochel in favor, none opposed and no abstentions
- **#034-2018- AUTHORIZING SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF LAUREL SPRINGS AND THE TOWNSHIP OF VOORHEES FOR TAX COLLECTOR SERVICES IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 ET SEQ.**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Laurel Springs (Laurel Springs) and the Township of Voorhees (Voorhees) are both municipal entities located within the County of Camden, State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Laurel Springs and Voorhees wish to enter into a Shared Services Agreement whereby Voorhees would aid and assist Laurel Springs in employing a Certified Tax Collector; and

WHEREAS, Voorhees is able to provide said services in consideration of the mutual promises set forth in the attached agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Laurel Springs that the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute the Shared Service Agreement setting forth the provisions of services provided and payments to be rendered.

- The motion to approve by Councilwoman Mochel was seconded by Councilman Cruz, with Letts, DiGregorio, DelPidio, Cruz and Mochel in favor, none opposed and no abstentions
- **#035-2018-TO WAIVE OR REDUCE FEES FOR THE JACK H. HAGEN RECREATION CENTER**
WHEREAS, there are fees required for the rental of the Jack H. Hagen Recreation Center in the Borough of Laurel Springs, NJ; and
WHEREAS, in certain instances, these fees are reduced or waived;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs that the fees for rental of the Jack H. Hagen Recreation Center be reduced or waived:
 - Douglas DelPidio – February 4, 2018 – Member of Council
 - St. Paul's Church – March 31, 2018 - Community Easter Egg Hunt
- The motion to approve by Councilwoman Mochel was seconded by Councilman Cruz, with Letts, DiGregorio, DelPidio, Cruz and Mochel in favor, none opposed and no abstentions

- **#036-2018-AUTHORIZING SALE OF BOROUGH OWNED ITEMS ON ONLINE PUBLIC AUCTION**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Laurel Springs owns and/or has title to the following items and/or fixed assets:

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| Salt Dogg Salt Spreader | Bobcat Lawn Mower |
| Lawn Mower bag attachment | Various pieces of Office Furniture |
| Leaf blower | Portable Air Condition units |

WHEREAS, the use of the above items are defunct and of no practical or useful life based upon the capacity for which they were used by the various Departments of the Borough of Laurel Springs; and

WHEREAS, said items will be offered for public auction on GovDeals.com and or Craigslist, on-line public auction sites, the terms and conditions of which are available on said website and in the office of the Municipal Clerk; and

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WHEREAS, the sale is being conducted pursuant to Local Finance Notice 2008-9; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs that the sale of the aforementioned Borough fixed assets and/or Borough-owned items is approved:

- The motion to approve by Councilwoman Mochel was seconded by Councilman Cruz, with Letts, DiGregorio, DelPidio, Cruz and Mochel in favor, none opposed and no abstentions

- **#037-2018- DESIGNATING A CERTAIN AREA WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF LAUREL SPRINGS AS AN AREA IN NEED OF REDEVELOPMENT PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:12-6**

WHEREAS, in the Master Plan Re-examination Report, adopted by Resolution on October 20, 2005, the Planning Board of the Borough of Laurel Springs recognized that certain areas and properties within the Borough of Laurel Springs might qualify as “redevelopment areas” or “areas in need of redevelopment” as defined in N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-3; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs, by Resolution #092-2017, dated November 27, 2017, referred to the Planning Board of the Borough of Laurel Springs a directive to conduct a preliminary investigation to determine whether the conditions are present on a certain property and area within the Borough of Laurel Springs, as more particularly described as Block 12, Lot 1 on the Official Tax Map of the Borough of Laurel Springs, that meets the criteria contained in the New Jersey Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq., for this property to be deemed “in need of redevelopment,” and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board of the Borough of Laurel Springs has reviewed a document entitled “Preliminary Investigation for the Determination of an Area in Need of Non-Condemnation Redevelopment,” dated January 4, 2018, prepared by Environmental Resolutions, Inc. of Mount Laurel, New Jersey, as a part of its preliminary investigation to determine whether a certain property and area within the Borough of Laurel Springs, as more particularly described as Block 12, Lot 1 on the Official Tax Map of the Borough of Laurel Springs, to determine whether the proposed land is an area in need of redevelopment; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board of the Borough of Laurel Springs has conducted a public hearing on January 18, 2018, during which expert testimony was taken from Barbara J. Fegley, A.I.C.P., P.P. of Environmental Resolutions, Inc. of Mount Laurel, New Jersey, and all members of the public, including those who would or could be affected by the designation of the property and area to be a “Redevelopment Area,” were given the opportunity to be heard; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board has recommended to the Borough Council that substantial evidence exists to support a finding that the a certain property and area within the Borough of Laurel Springs, as more particularly described as Block 12, Lot 1 on the Official Tax Map of the Borough of Laurel Springs, is in need of redevelopment and shall be designated as a redevelopment area pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-6; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board will memorialize this recommendation to the Borough Council on February 15, 2018, and that this Resolution of Memorialization, after its adoption, will be attached to this Resolution as “Exhibit A”

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs finds, based upon the recommendation of the Planning Board of the Borough of Laurel Springs, that substantial evidence exists to support a finding that the a certain property and area within the Borough of Laurel Springs, as more particularly described as Block 12, Lot 1 on the Official Tax Map of

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the Borough of Laurel Springs, is an area in need of redevelopment and shall be designated as redevelopment areas pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-6; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the notice of the determination required pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-6 subparagraph (d) of this paragraph shall indicate that any owner desiring to challenge the adoption of this Resolution determining that the a certain property and area within the Borough of Laurel Springs, as more particularly described as Block 12, Lot 1 on the Official Tax Map of the Borough of Laurel Springs, is in need of redevelopment pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-6, must do so by filing an action in lieu of prerogative writ in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Law Division, Camden County within forty-five (45) days of the receipt of notice of the adoption of this Resolution by the Borough Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs, and that failure to do so shall preclude an owner to legally challenge the validity of the action of the Borough Council; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, upon the adoption of this Resolution, the Borough Clerk of the Borough of Laurel Springs shall forthwith transmit a copy of this Resolution to the Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for review. If the Commissioner does not issue an approval or disapproval within thirty (30) calendar days of transmittal by the clerk, the determination shall be deemed to be approved; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution shall be served, within ten (10) days after the determination, upon all record owners of property located within the delineated area, those whose names are listed on the tax assessor's records, and upon each person who filed a written objection thereto and stated, in or upon the written submission, an address to which notice of determination may be sent; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs, that it directs the Planning Board of the Borough of Laurel Springs to prepare a Redevelopment Plan on a certain property and area within the Borough of Laurel Springs, as more particularly described as Block 12, Lot 1 on the Official Tax Map of the Borough of Laurel Springs.

- The motion to approve by Councilwoman Mochel was seconded by Councilman Cruz, with Letts, DiGregorio, DelPidio, Cruz and Mochel in favor, none opposed and no abstentions
- RESOLVED TO PAY \$429,426.72 FROM CURRENT ACCOUNT AND \$\38,806.69FROM TRUST AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS
- The motion to approve by Councilwoman Mochel was seconded by Councilman Cruz, with Letts, DiGregorio, DelPidio, Cruz and Mochel in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.

ORDINANCES– First Reading and Introduction

- #818-2017- AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR BLOCK 12, LOT 1, PREVIOUSLY DESIGNATED AS “AREAS IN NEED OF REDEVELOPMENT” PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:12-7.
 - The motion to introduce by Councilwoman Mochel was seconded by Councilman Cruz with, Letts, DiGregorio DelPidio, Cruz and Mochel in favor, none opposed and no abstentions
 - The Second Reading, Public Hearing and Adoption is scheduled for Monday, November 15th, 2017 at 7 pm at Borough Hall.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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- DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, BOARDS, SERVICES/PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL – Councilman Redstreak was absent
- DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – Councilman DelPidio read the Buildings Report submitted for the month of January, a copy of which is on file and available for review.
- DIRECTOR OF MUNICIPAL COURT – Councilwoman DiGregorio had no report.
- DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE – Councilman Letts had no report.
- DIRECTOR OF RECREATION – Councilman Cruz had no report.
- DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY – POLICE AND FIRE – Councilwoman Mochel read the Police and Fire Reports for the month of January 2018, copies of which are on file and available for review.
- MAYOR’S REPORT – Mayor Barbera read the Mayor’s Report of activities since the last regular meeting, copies of which are on file and available for review.

OLD BUSINESS- None.

NEW BUSINESS- None.

- Councilman DelPidio asked Mayor Barbera if he would thank the Governor for his support of unions, to which Mayor Barbera responded he would.
- Councilman Letts asked what the time frame was for leaving the current Borough Hall building, to which it was responded 60 to 90 days out.

CORRESPONDENCE- None.

ITEMS RECEIVED AFTER THE AGENDA WAS PRINTED – None.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC-
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- LSYA Baseball/Softball Signup, Tuesday, February 13 and February 20, 6 – 8 pm @Rec Center
- Combined Land Use Meeting, Thursday, February 15th @7 pm @Borough Hall
- School Board Meeting, Wednesday, February 21st @7 pm @Laurel Springs School
- Presidents’ Day, Monday, February 19th – Borough Offices are closed
- Work Session Meeting of Mayor and Council, Monday, February 22nd @7 pm @Borough Hall

ADJOURNMENT –There being no further business a motion was made by Councilman Letts, which was seconded by Councilwoman Mochel to adjourn at 7:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Dawn T. Amadio, RMC,
Municipal Clerk