

**BOROUGH OF LAUREL SPRINGS
MAYOR AND COUNCIL WORK SESSION
THURSDAY DECEMBER 28th, 2017 - 7:00 P.M.
MAYOR THOMAS A. BARBERA PRESIDING
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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 Central Record and the Courier-Post on January 10, 2017 and posting on the website and bulletin board in the Borough Hall, also on Borough’s website.

ROLL CALL recorded as present: Letts, Mochel, DiGregorio and Redstreak; absent: McCunney and Cruz.

MATTERS REQUIRING OFFICIAL ACTION

- **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**- Regular Meeting of Monday, November 27th, 2017 – the motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak, was seconded by Councilwoman DiGregorio, with DiGregorio and Redstreak in favor, Letts and Mochel abstaining and none opposed.

- **RESOLUTIONS**

- **#096-2017- APPROVING BUDGET TRANSFERS #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 **2017 Budget Transfers (#3)** be approved:

		<u>GENERAL FUND</u>	
<u>Account #</u>		<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
1-20-120-209	Municipal Clerk - OE	500.00	
1-20-155-205	Legal Services - OE	\$1,500.00	
1-20-165-205	Engineering Services - OE	500.00	
1-20-170-205	Economic Development - OE		1,500.00
1-31-430-205	Gasoline & Diesel Fuel - OE	1,500.00	
1-32-465-202	Solid Waste Disposal - OE		1,000.00
1-32-467-202	Solid Waste Disposal - OE (Outside Cap)		\$500.00
1-42-360-205	Interlocal Construction Agreement - OE (Outside Cap)		1,000.00
	TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00

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

- **#097-2017- RESOLUTION TO CANCEL APPROPRIATIONS**

WHEREAS, the following accounts in the 2017 Budget have appropriation balances which remain unexpended:

<u>General Fund</u>		
<u>Account #</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1-20-120-100	Municipal Clerk - SW	\$ 4,000.00
1-20-150-200	Tax Assessor – OE	1,200.00
1-21-195-100	Code Enforcement – SW	1,000.00
1-23-210-200	Liability Insurance – OE	2,000.00
1-23-215-200	Worker Comp. Insurance – OE	1,000.00
1-23-220-100	Health Benefits Incentive - SW	1,400.00
1-25-240-100	Police Department – SW	5,000.00
1-26-290-100	Streets & Roads – SW	2,000.00
1-26-310-100	Buildings & Grounds - SW	5,000.00
1-30-415-100	Accumulated Leave Comp. – SW	4,000.00
1-36-471-200	Public Employee Retirement – OE	18.00
1-36-472-200	Police & Fire Retirement – OE	71.00
1-43-490-100	Municipal Court – SW	4,000.00
	Cancel to General Fund Surplus	\$ 30,689.00

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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 2017 Budget be cancelled.

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

- **#098-2017-TO CANCEL GENERAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AUTHORIZATIONS**

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>		
#2009-720.1	09/14/09	Construction of Fire Station	\$ 90.15
#2013-754.1	06/10/13	Misc. Road Improvements	24,036.71
#2013-754.2	06/10/13	Reconstruct W. Elma/W. Atlantic	2,456.12
#2013-756.7	06/10/13	Purchase of Taser CED Units	1,670.44
#2015-785.4	04/13/15	Purchase of Police Radios	3,700.00
TOTAL TO RES. TO PAY BONDS			\$ 31,953.42

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

- **#099-2017-AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF ADDENDUM TO SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF LAUREL SPRINGS AND THE BOROUGH OF PINE VALLEY FOR REGISTERED MUNICIPAL CLERK**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Laurel Springs on January 9, 2017 adopted Resolution #025-2017 "AUTHORIZING SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF LAUREL SPRINGS AND THE BOROUGH OF PINE VALLEY FOR REGISTERED MUNICIPAL CLERK AND DEPUTY CLERK"; and

WHEREAS, the need exists for that said agreement be amended;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to execute an Addendum to the Shared Services Agreement between the borough of Laurel Springs and the Borough of Pine Valley to include an additional \$5,000 for the year of 2018 to cover additional costs of the Registered Municipal Clerk.

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

- **RESOLVED TO PAY \$183,088.50 FROM CURRENT ACCOUNT AND \$15,211.40 FROM TRUST AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS**

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

- **RESIGNATION** - a letter of resignation was received from Judge Krisden McCrink, Esq saying due to the change of Municipal Court venues to Somerdale, she regrets that she is unable to serve as judge in an additional location. She expressed accord with all the court and police personnel as well as the governing bodies in the various towns involved in the change, and confidence in Somerdale's Judge Shimberg. The motion to accept the Resignation of Judge Krisden McCrink, Esq. by Councilman Redstreak, was seconded by Councilwoman Mochel, with Letts, Mochel, DiGregorio and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

- **Redevelopment Hearing** - Mayor Barbera read in full and reviewed the Notice of a Hearing for the Redevelopment hearing. He gave a visual physical description of the areas that are being considered for the Redevelopment process. Councilwoman Mochel asked about some of the new business owner that has recently purchased property to be certain that their needs are being addressed, to which Councilman Redstreak confirmed that some of this process is being undertaken to give them some requested relief reviewing the advantages of their development of an out dated church property. Councilman Redstreak also highlighted parcels of the zone whose use was originally commercial, and whose structures are not necessarily best suited for residences, but whose lot configurations are antiquated. The Borough is not going out of balance with pursuing Redevelopment, but has no intention of disturbing how the residents go about their daily lives, but if and when parcels become available for sale, this effort will assist not only the Borough but those property owners in resale value and desirability. Councilman Letts confirmed that the homeowners will have no changes. There were questions about Stone Road business properties and business owners already in the Redevelopment zone. The planner had posed questions regarding Block 37.01, Lot 2, which is owned by the Borough, and it was confirmed that was a right of way for the sewer main and should be considered infrastructure, and should not be included in the proposed Redevelopment Zone.
- **School Board** – Mayor Barbera had heard what he classified as a rumor, that the School Board had hired a current teacher to be the Principal. There was no confirmation of the rumor, but Mayor Barbera said that he had hoped that it might be an opportunity to consider returning to the prior arrangement of having an independent Superintendent that could serve as Principal also. There was question about the actual cost of a Superintendent.

CORRESPONDENCE

- From Voorhees Animal Orphanage, the Borough's animal holding facility, describing their services. The resolution approving their services for 2018 will be on the Reorganization Agenda.

ITEMS RECEIVED AFTER THE AGENDA WAS PRINTED – None.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC –

- School Board hired a new principal, not officially perhaps it was a rumor

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- New Year's Day, Monday, January 1, 2018 – Borough Offices are closed.
- School Board Reorganization Wednesday, January 3, 2018 @6pm @Laurel Springs School.
- Recreation Commission, Wednesday, January 3, 2018 @7pm @Recreation Center
- Reorganization Meeting of Mayor and Council Monday, January 8, 2018 @7 pm @Borough Hall

ADJOURNMENT –There being no further business a motion was made by Councilman Redstreak which was seconded by Councilwoman Mochel to adjourn at 7:30 p.m. with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn T. Amadio, RMC, Municipal Clerk