

BOROUGH OF LAUREL SPRINGS
REGULAR MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL
MONDAY, MARCH 11, 2019
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 8th, 2019 and posting on the Borough Website and bulletin board in the Borough Hall.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES –

- Work Session Meeting of Monday, February 25, 2019
- The motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilwoman Mochel, with DiGregorio, DelPidio, Mochel and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and Letts abstaining.

RESOLUTIONS

- **#039-2019- REFUND OF FEE FOR CERTIFIED COPY OF VITAL STATISTIC**
WHEREAS, a payment of \$25.00 was made for a Certified Copy of a Vital Statistic; and
WHEREAS, the Borough of Laurel Springs does not possess requested record and the request cannot be filled;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs, County of Camden, State of New Jersey that the Joseph Karl Boettcher, Jr. be refunded \$25.00.
- The motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilwoman Mochel, with Letts, DiGregorio, DelPidio, Mochel and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.
- **#040-2019- AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF LAUREL SPRINGS AND THE TOWNSHIP OF VOORHEES**
WHEREAS, the Borough of Laurel Springs wishes to enter into a Shared Services Agreement (“Agreement”) with the Township of Voorhees to share services and reduce costs by working together to provide Uniform Construction Code services for the Borough of Laurel Springs; and
WHEREAS, by entering into the Agreement, Laurel Springs and Voorhees agree that the shared service will benefit each respective entity; and
WHEREAS, Laurel Springs shall pay Voorhees for the provision of Construction Code services as defined in the Agreement, attached hereto and made a part hereof; and
WHEREAS, the parties hereto are permitted in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:8A-1 et seq., the Interlocal Services Act (“Act”), to enter into an Agreement to provide jointly, or through each respective agency itself, such services authorized by the Act, including areas of general government administration;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs as follows:
 1. The Mayor and/or Borough Administrator are hereby authorized to execute a Shared Services Agreement by and between the Borough of Laurel Springs and the Township of Voorhees in a form to be attached hereto and made a part hereof as Exhibit “A”.
 2. The Shared Services Agreement shall be placed on file in the office of the Laurel Springs Municipal Clerk and made available for public inspection upon execution.
 3. The terms and provisions of the Shared Services Agreement shall take effect upon execution of the Agreement by all parties.
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- **#041-2019-REPEALS AND REPLACES RESOLUTION #068-2018 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF LAUREL SPRINGS, AND APPROVING THE APPLICATION OF MASAKATSU, LLC, FOR A TAX EXEMPTION PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:20-1 ET SEQ. AND BOROUGH ORDINANCE 241-1 ET SEQ., IN CONNECTION WITH A CERTAIN REHABILITATION PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Laurel Springs (the "Borough"), acting through the Borough Council (the "Council"), determined by Resolution adopted by the Council on March 26, 2018 that certain areas within the Borough (collectively the "Rehabilitation Area") that includes Block 37, Lot 15 on the official tax map of the Borough of Laurel Springs, County of Camden, State of New Jersey, more commonly referred to as 1124 Stone Road (the "Property") is an "area in need of rehabilitation" as defined in and pursuant to the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A. 40:12A-1 et seq. (the "Redevelopment Act"); and

WHEREAS, the Masakatsu, LLC (the "Entity") Entity was formed to own and rehabilitate the Property under the Redevelopment Act; and

WHEREAS, the Entity owns the Property; and

WHEREAS, the Entity intends to rehabilitate the Property for use as a martial arts academy; and

WHEREAS, the Entity has submitted to the Mayor of the Borough (the "Mayor") an application (the "Application") for a tax exemption pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:20-1 et seq. and Borough Ordinance 241-1 et seq. for the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor has, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:20-1 et seq. and Borough Ordinance 241-1 et seq., submitted to the Council and recommended approval of the Application; and

WHEREAS, the Council desires to approve the Application.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs that:

This Resolution hereby repeals and replaces Resolution #068-2018 of the Borough Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs adopted on August 13, 2018; and

1. They hereby adopt the facts and determinations as set forth in the preamble of this resolution as if the same were more fully set forth herein, and the facts and determinations shall have the same binding effect as the paragraphs set forth herein below; and

2. The Application of the Entity for a tax exemption as is set forth in the recitals of this resolution is hereby approved; and

3. The terms of the tax exemption shall be memorialized in a Tax Exemption Agreement between the Borough and the Entity, which Agreement shall be consistent with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:20-1 et seq. and Borough Ordinance 241-1 et seq., and the Application and approved by a duly-adopted ordinance of the Council.

- There was conversation that this matter was between the Tax Assessor and the Redevelopment Attorney over a difference in semantics.
- The motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilman DelPidio, with Letts, Mochel, DiGregorio, DelPidio and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.

- **#042-2019-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

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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.

- There was conversation that this resolution became required by the State last year as a matter to be approved before the adoption of the budget.
- The motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilwoman Mochel, with Letts, DiGregorio, DelPidio, Mochel and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.

- **RESOLVED TO PAY \$117,374.86 FROM CURRENT ACCOUNT AND \$15,011.43 FROM TRUST AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS**
- The motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilwoman Mochel, with Letts, DiGregorio, DelPidio, Mochel and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.

ORDINANCES – Second Reading and Adoption

- **#833-2019-AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)**
- Mayor Barbera opened the meeting to the Public for questions and comments. Hearing none, Mayor Barbera closed the meeting to the public.
- The motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilwoman Mochel, with Letts, DiGregorio, DelPidio, Mochel and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.

ORDINANCES– First Reading and Introduction

- **#834-2019- ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF LAUREL SPRINGS, COUNTY OF CAMDEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, REPEALING AND REPLACING ORDINANCE 828-2018, ADOPTED ON OCTOBER 15, 2018, AND AUTHORIZING A TAX EXEMPTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF LAUREL SPRINGS AND MASAKATSU, LLC PURSUANT TO THE NJSA 40A:20-1 ET SEQ. AND CHAPTER 241 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF LAUREL SPRINGS.**
- The motion to introduce by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilwoman Mochel, with Letts, DiGregorio, DelPidio, Mochel and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.
- The Second Reading, Public Hearing and Adoption are scheduled for Monday, April 8, 2019 at 7 pm in the Laurel Springs Recreation Center, 820 Grand Avenue, Laurel Springs NJ 08021.

INTRODUCTION OF THE 2019 MUNICIPAL BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,093,000

- The motion to introduce by Councilman Redstreak was seconded by Councilwoman Mochel, with Letts, DiGregorio, DelPidio, Mochel and Redstreak in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.
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COMMITTEE REPORTS – all reports are on file and available for review.

- **DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, BOARDS, SERVICES/PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL** – Councilman Redstreak reviewed sewer report for the last three months. All well with Public Works, and the

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portable toilets are being ordered for the town events. There was discussion of the collection percentages of the Sewer billings.

- DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – Councilman Cruz was absent.
- DIRECTOR OF MUNICIPAL COURT – Councilwoman DiGregorio read the Court report year end 2018 and January 2019.
- DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE – Councilman Letts read the 02/28/19 report as submitted by CFO Ciminera.
- DIRECTOR OF RECREATION – Councilman DelPidio reported on the recent Recreation Commission meeting held on March 6, 2019.
- DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY – POLICE AND FIRE – Councilwoman Mochel read Fire report & police report for February 2019.
- MAYOR'S REPORT – Mayor Barbera had no report, but gave a review of the Fire Department Dinner and Awards Ceremony. Thanking Fire Department, State Senator Madden and members of Council in attendance. Mayor Barbera said he got Senator Madden to speak at the Memorial Day Service.

OLD BUSINESS - None.

NEW BUSINESS - None.

CORRESPONDENCE - None.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC-

- **Ken Lippincott- 511 Park Avenue** – Thanked Mayor Barbera for securing Senator Madden for Memorial Day, and emphasized that the Pageant wreath is ordered.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Whitman Stafford Committee, Tuesday, March 12th @7pm @Farmhouse
- Lion's Club, Wednesday, March 13th @7 pm @Farmhouse
- Town Watch, Wednesday, March 13th @7 pm @Recreation Center
- Wednesday, March 20th Spring begins
- School Board, Wednesday, March 20th @7pm @Laurel Springs School
- Combined Land Use Board, Thursday, March 21st @7 pm @Recreation Center-no applications received
- Laurel Green Team, Monday, March 25th @6 pm @Recreation Center
- Work Session Meeting, Monday, March 25th @ 7pm @Recreation Center

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

Respectfully submitted

Dawn T. Amadio, RMC,
Municipal Clerk