

**BOROUGH OF LAUREL SPRINGS
MAYOR AND COUNCIL WORK SESSION
MONDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2015 - 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 6, 2015 and posting on the website and bulletin board in the Borough Hall, also on Borough’s website.

ROLL CALL recorded as present: Letts, McCunney, Mochel, DiGregorio, Cruz, and Redstreak; absent: none.

ENGINEERS REPORT – Environmental Resolutions - Mr. Hansen had no update to his report but was available for questions or comments.

MATTERS REQUIRING OFFICIAL ACTION

- **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - Regular Meeting of November 9, 2015 - The motion to approve by Councilman Redstreak, was seconded by Councilwoman Mochel with Letts, McCunney, Mochel, DiGregorio, Cruz, and Redstreak in favor, and none abstaining.
- **RESOLUTIONS**

- **#109-2015- 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 2015 Budget Transfers (#3) be approved:				
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>				
			<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
<u>Account #</u>				
1-20-120-101	Municipal Clerk - SW		\$500.00	
1-20-130-201	Finance Department - OE			\$500.00
1-20-135-205	Audit Services - OE		2,000.00	
1-25-240-101	Police Department - SW		4,000.00	
1-25-240-201	Police Department - OE			2,000.00
1-26-290-102	Streets & Roads - SW		2,000.00	
1-26-290-202	Streets & Roads - OE			1,000.00
1-26-310-101	Buildings & Grounds - SW		2,000.00	
1-26-310-203	Buildings & Grounds - OE			1,000.00
1-31-430-201	Electricity - OE			2,000.00
1-31-430-203	Natural Gas - OE			500.00
1-31-430-205	Gasoline - OE		2,200.00	
1-31-430-206	Other Telecommunications - OE			500.00
1-32-465-202	Solid Waste Disposal - OE			4,500.00
1-32-467-202	Solid Waste Disposal - OE (Outside Cap)			500.00
1-42-340-110	Interlocal Court Agreement - SW (Outside Cap)			200.00
TOTAL GENERAL FUND			\$12,700.00	\$12,700.00

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

▪ **#110-2015- TO CANCEL APPROPRIATIONS**

WHEREAS, the following accounts in the 2015 Budget have appropriation balances which remain unexpended:

General Fund

<u>Account #</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1-23-220-200	Group Health Insurance – OE	\$ 8,000.00
1-23-230-200	Unemployment Insurance – OE	10,000.00
1-25-240-100	Police Department – SW	40,000.00
1-25-275-200	Prosecutor – OE	3,000.00
1-26-310-100	Buildings & Grounds – SW	<u>4,000.00</u>

Cancel to General Fund Surplus \$ 65,000.00

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 2015 Budget be cancelled.

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

▪ **#111-2015- 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 Ordinance</u>	<u>Date Authorized</u>	<u>Project Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
#2014-772.3	05/12/14	Purchase of Trash Truck	<u>\$ 26,239.06</u>

TOTAL TO RES. TO PAY BONDS \$ 26,239.06

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▪ **#112-2015- TO SUPPORT AND PARTICPATE IN THE VOLUNTEER TUITION CREDIT PROGRAM (P.L. 1998, C. 145)**

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Laurel Springs, in the County of Camden, deems it appropriate to enhance the recruitment and retention of volunteer fire fighters and emergency medical volunteers in the Borough of Laurel Springs; and

WHEREAS, the State of New jersey has enacted P.L. 1998, c. 145 which permits municipal governments to allow their firefighting and emergency medial volunteers to take advantage of the Volunteer Tuition Credit Program at no cost to the municipal government.

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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 Volunteer Tuition Credit Program as set forth in P. L. 1998, c 145 is herewith adopted for the volunteer firefighters and emergency medical volunteers in the municipality; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Fire Chief is herewith delegated the responsibility to administer the program and is authorized to enter into all agreements and to maintain files of all documents as may be required under the P.L. 1998, c. 145, a copy of which is herewith made a part of this resolution.

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

▪ **#113-2015- TO MANDATE DIRECT DEPOSIT FOR MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES**

WHEREAS, P.L. 2013 c. 28, authorizes local governments to mandate direct deposit for certain governmental employees effective after July 1, 2014; and

WHEREAS, P.L. 2013 c. 28 permits governing bodies to grant exemptions on such terms and conditions as they deem necessary.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs, County of Camden, State of New Jersey according to the following:

1. All full time employees and elected public officials who receive compensation from the Borough of Laurel Springs are mandated to have direct deposit of their compensation as of January 1, 2016 in accordance with Chapter 28 P.L. 2013, as defined under C.52:14-15f (b).
2. Municipal employees may request, in writing, an exemption from the direct deposit mandate to be presented to the Governing Body who may grant such an exemption by resolution for good cause within 30 days of such request.
3. Any paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision of this Resolution which shall be adjudged invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision so adjudged and the remainder of the Resolution shall be deemed valid and effective.

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• **RESOLVED TO PAY \$114,147.20 FROM CURRENT ACCOUNT AND \$23,284.57 FROM TRUST AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS**

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

MATTERS FOR COUNCIL DISCUSSION

- 2016 Bond Counsel – Mayor Barbera pointed out the proposals submitted by various firms for Bond Counsel. Mayor Barbera suggested that the material be forwarded to the Chief Financial Officer for his input. In the past Kutak Rock has been used because they, being familiar with the infrequency of the Borough’s Bond issues, do not charge a base fee. Nonetheless, there was a need to review each proposal and Council was content to wait for the CFO’s feedback.

CORRESPONDENCE

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- Mayor Barbera read the Public Notice of hearing to be held on 1/19/2016 on CCMUA rate increase.

ITEMS RECEIVED AFTER THE AGENDA WAS PRINTED

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Thursday, December 31, 2015 Recreation Commission New Year's Eve celebration @ Recreation Center. - Cancelled
- Monday, January 4, 2016 School Board @ 5 pm @ Laurel Springs School
- Monday, January 4, 2016 Reorganization Meeting @ 7 pm @ Borough Hall.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC - none

ADJOURNMENT -There being no further business a motion was made by Councilman Redstreak which was seconded by Councilwoman Mochel to adjourn at 7:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn T. Amadio, RMC
Municipal Clerk