

The **March 24, 2014** meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Spring Lake Heights, Monmouth County, New Jersey, was called to order by Mayor Gavino Maccanico at 7:35 p.m. in the Frank E. Adams Municipal Building.

Present:

Mayor Gavino Maccanico
Councilwoman Patricia Cindea
Councilwoman Sara King
Councilman Thomas O'Brien
Councilman James Shuler
Councilman Christopher Tienken

Absent:

Councilman Thomas Vorbach

Also Attending:

Joseph J. Delaney, Jr., Administrator/Borough Clerk
Scott Kenneally, Esq., Borough Attorney

There were 2 members of the public present.

On a motion by Mr. Shuler, seconded by Mr. Tienken, **Resolution R2014-59**, authorizing an Executive Session to discuss Contract Negotiation: Police Contracts; Personnel: Public Works Superintendent; and Personnel: Office Assistant was adopted without objection. The public meeting was recessed at 7:37 p.m. and the Executive Session convened in the Conference Room.

Executive Session.

Borough Administrator Delaney and Councilwoman King reported the Police Chief's contract expired December 31st at the same time as the PBA contract and requested authorization to begin formal discussion on a new agreement with the Chief.

Administrator Delaney reported on the meeting with Mayor Maccanico and Public Works Foreman Stevenson who agreed to continue on an interim basis but is not interested in a permanent appointment. Various options were reviewed: Councilwoman Cindea suggested posting for a part-time position; Councilman O'Brien supported the suggestion of combining the position with the engineer; Councilman Tienken outlined the disadvantages of a shared-service. The Administrator was directed to provide cost estimates for full-time and part-time positions. Councilmembers O'Brien, Tienken, King and Shuler expressed the need for a full-time superintendent.

Administrator Delaney was provided direction on the selection of a part-time office assistant. The Executive Session was adjourned at 8:06 p.m. without objection.

Public Session. The public session was called to order at 8:09 p.m. by Mayor Maccanico and opened with a silent reflection and Pledge of Allegiance.

Present:

Mayor Gavino Maccanico
Councilwoman Patricia Cindea
Councilwoman Sara King
Councilman Thomas O'Brien
Councilman James Shuler
Councilman Christopher Tienken

Absent:

Councilman Thomas Vorbach

Also Attending:

Joseph J. Delaney, Jr., Administrator/Borough Clerk
Scott Kenneally, Esq., Borough Attorney
John Barrett, PM Consultants
Joseph May, P.E., Borough Engineer

There were 17 members of the public present.

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE. The Clerk reported the meeting was being conducted pursuant to the requirements of the N.J. Open Public Meetings Act with notice included in the annual

notice of meetings sent to the Coast Star and Asbury Park Press; posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building and on the Borough website.

APPROVE AGENDA. On a motion by Mrs. King, seconded by Mr. Shuler the agenda was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Mrs. Cindea, Mrs. King, Mr. O'Brien, Mr. Shuler, Mr. Tienken

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Vorbach

APPROVAL OF MINUTES. There were no minutes presented for approval.

PRESENTATIONS. There were no presentations.

PUBLIC HEARING - Ordinance No. 2014-02, AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF SPRING LAKE HEIGHTS ESTABLISHING POLICE DEPARTMENT SALARIES AND WAGES FOR THE YEARS 2014-2018

There were no public questions or comments. The hearing was closed without objection. On a motion by Mrs. King, seconded by Mr. Shuler, the ordinance was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Mrs. Cindea, Mrs. King, Mr. O'Brien, Mr. Shuler, Mr. Tienken

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Vorbach

PUBLIC HEARING - Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program

Borough Administrator Delaney provided information on the CDBG program and grant application process. Mr. Delaney reported the purpose of the hearing is to solicit suggestions from the public on projects to be submitted for CDBG funding and outlined the prior year application for funds to renovate the Senior Community Center.

- Mr. Lally, a Spring Lake resident, representing the Wreck Pond Homeowners Association suggested financial support for the proposed Wreck Pond Living Shoreline project to reduce flooding impact in low-lying areas adjacent to the pond in both Spring Lake and Spring Lake Heights.

There being no further comments, on a motion by Mrs. King, seconded by Mr. O'Brien, the public hearing was closed without objection.

PUBLIC COMMENT. (Agenda items only) There were no public comments presented.

DISCUSSION ITEMS.

- 2014 Municipal Budget:
 - Borough Administrator Delaney provided an overview of the budget which proposes a 1.5 cent tax rate increase and highlighted the impact on residential properties. Mr. Delaney detailed the anticipated revenues and budget appropriation line items. It was noted a special meeting is scheduled for March 31st for full discussion by the Council.
 - John Barrett, PM Consultants, provided an explanation on the Budget Cap Index ordinance and the status of the tax levy cap on the proposed budget.
 - Existing debt was reviewed. Councilwoman Cindea questioned the increases in Police Department and Public Works Department salaries; and noted the Borough's debt was refinanced and stabilized in 2011.

MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS.

- Councilwoman King noted another snow storm is forecast and reminded residents to remove vehicles from the streets when snow is expected. Mrs. King reported the 7-11 was recently the target an armed robbery.

- Councilwoman Cindea – no report.
- Councilman O’Brien thanked Mr. Barrett and Mr. Delaney for their efforts in preparing the budget and invited all to come to the special meeting at 7:30 on March 31st with any questions.
- Councilman Shuler – no report.
- Councilman Tienken reported a working group will be appointed and will formulate a strategic plan for the Borough’s parks and recreation facilities,

REPORTS, NOTICES & CORRESPONDENCE.

- Police Department Report (February 2014)
- NJDOT announcement of Safe Routes to School grant program.
- NJDOT announcement of Transportation Alternatives grant program.
- Zoning Board of Adjustment Hearing Notice: Gallagher, 914 Wall Road (B-63.02, L-6)

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS. There were no ordinances presented for introduction.

RESOLUTIONS.

- **R2014-60**, authorizing submission of the 2013 Recycling Tonnage Grant Application. On a motion by Mrs. King, seconded by Mr. O’Brien, the resolution was adopted by the following vote:
Ayes: Mrs. Cindea, Mrs. King, Mr. O’Brien, Mr. Shuler, Mr. Tienken
Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Vorbach
- **R2014-61**, approving use of the Community Center Building and Grounds. On a motion by Mr. Shuler, seconded by Mr. O’Brien, the resolution was adopted by the following vote:
Ayes: Mrs. Cindea, Mrs. King, Mr. O’Brien, Mr. Shuler, Mr. Tienken
Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Vorbach
- **R2014-62**, appointing members of the ad hoc Recreation Facilities Working Group. Mayor Maccanico announced the addition of Mr. and Mrs. Nolan, former Mayor Malick, Brian O’Gibney (Fairway Mews) and Gary Maclean (Environmental Commission alternate) to the list of appointments previously distributed. On a motion by Mr. Tienken, seconded by Mr. O’Brien, the resolution was adopted by the following vote:
Ayes: Mrs. Cindea, Mrs. King, Mr. O’Brien, Mr. Shuler, Mr. Tienken
Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Vorbach
- **R2014-63**, confirming the appointment of Thomas Martin to the Zoning Board of Adjustment. Mr. Tienken moved the resolution be tabled, seconded by Mrs. Cindea. Mrs. King expressed concern a delay would take the appointment beyond the thirty (30) day limit. Additionally, Mrs. King suggested consideration be given to appointing an individual who would serve on both the Zoning and Planning Boards. The resolution was tabled by the following vote:
Ayes: Mrs. Cindea, Mr. O’Brien, Mr. Tienken
Nays: Mrs. King, Mr. Shuler Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Vorbach
- **R2014-64**, opposing the proposed seismic testing in the Atlantic Ocean to search for oil and gas. On a motion by Mr. Tienken, seconded by Mrs. King, the resolution was adopted by the following vote:
Ayes: Mrs. Cindea, Mrs. King, Mr. O’Brien, Mr. Shuler, Mr. Tienken
Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Vorbach
- **R2014-65**, awarding a contract for the NRCS Hurricane Sandy Emergency Watershed Protection in the amount of \$41,630.00 to High Tech Landscapes, Inc. Borough Engineer Joseph May summarized the bids received. Mrs. Cindea requested copies of the insurance documents. On a motion by Mrs. King, seconded by Mr. Shuler the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Mrs. King, Mr. O'Brien, Mr. Shuler, Mr. Tienken

Nays: None Abstain: Mrs. Cindea Absent: Mr. Vorbach

- A motion to move the bills to the Finance Committee, by Mr. O'Brien, seconded by Mr. Tienken, was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Mrs. Cindea, Mrs. King, Mr. O'Brien, Mr. Shuler, Mr. Tienken

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Vorbach

- R2014-66, approving payment of claims on the March 21, 2014 Bill List. On a motion by Mr. O'Brien, seconded by Mrs. King, the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

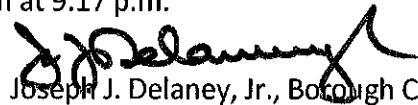
Ayes: Mrs. Cindea, Mrs. King, Mr. O'Brien, Mr. Shuler, Mr. Tienken

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Vorbach

Borough Administrator Delaney reported bids were also received for the Park Improvements to Allaire Road and Ocean Road parks. It was agreed next week's special meeting include the award of the contract.

PUBLIC COMMENT. (Any items) There were no public comments presented.

ADJOURNMENT. There being no further business, on a motion by Mrs. King, seconded by Mrs. Cindea, the meeting was adjourned without objection at 9:17 p.m.


Joseph J. Delaney, Jr., Borough Clerk