

The **July 14, 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 8:00 p.m. in the Frank E. Adams Municipal Building and opened with a silent reflection and Pledge of Allegiance.

Present:

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

Absent:

Councilwoman Sara King

Also Attending:

Joseph J. Delaney, Jr., Administrator/Borough Clerk
Kevin Starkey, Esq.
Joseph May, P.E., Borough Engineer

There were 24 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 Mr. O'Brien, seconded by Mr. Shuler, the agenda was approved by the following vote:

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

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mrs. King

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

PRESENTATIONS. There were no presentations.

PUBLIC COMMENT. (Agenda items only)

- Ed McGuirk, 1208 Allaire Road – presented several photos; complained about the wood chips stockpiled on the Fletcher property adjacent to his house and requested the site be cleared.
- John Tangeman, 564 Atlantic Avenue – commented there are no minutes being approved and questioned what the Council is doing to ensure that minutes are prepared.
- Kat Crippen, 564 Atlantic Avenue – quoted a 2006 letter from Mrs. Cindea questioning why Spring Lake Heights paid the Public Works Superintendent more than Bayonne paid. Ms. Crippen also quoted previous statements by Mrs. Cindea on hiring the most qualified people for positions with the Borough.

On a motion by Mrs. Cindea, seconded by Mr. Shuler, the public comment period was closed without objection.

DISCUSSION ITEMS. There were no discussion items.

MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS.

- Councilman O'Brien – no report.
- Councilman Shuler announced the annual Water Quality Report has been issued and is available online; water bills will be mailed within a week; 41 hydrants have been painted.
- Councilwoman Cindea reported the Fletcher property tree removal project is 95% complete and the park improvement project is underway.
- Councilman Vorbach reported the Community Development Block Grant application has been submitted for funds to renovate the Community Center.

- Councilman Tienken reported the Summer Recreation program is underway with 185 participants; Summer Concerts are scheduled for July 24, August 14, August 21.

REPORTS, NOTICES & CORRESPONDENCE.

- Police Department Report (June 2014)
- Municipal Court Report (June 2014)
- Manasquan Water Supply/Treatment Plant Report (June 2014)
- Spring Lake Borough resolution re: Energy Tax Receipts.
- Spring Lake Borough resolution re: County Operation of beaches.
- Bay Head Borough resolution re: Clean Water Act proposed changes

Mr. Tienken requested resolutions be prepared in support of the Spring Lake resolutions.

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS.

- **ORDINANCE NO. 2014-05**, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 22 (MUNICIPAL LAND USE REGULATIONS) TO PROVIDE FOR RESIDENTIAL BUILDING HEIGHTS IN FLOOD ZONES

On a motion by Mr. O'Brien, seconded by Mr. Vorbach, the ordinance was approved for introduction by the following vote:

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

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mrs. King

RESOLUTIONS.

- **Resolution R2014-125**, appointing Joseph C. May as Public Works Director.

Mayor Maccanico expressed his support for the appointment of Mr. May.

Councilman O'Brien also expressed support for the appointment and outlined the factors considered in the selection process, including appointment of a part-time employee or a shared service with another community. Mr. O'Brien commented the goal is to provide the best services for town in a fiscally responsible way.

Councilman Shuler noted the current Bayonne public works head makes much more than he was paid in 2006.

Councilman Tienken stated his belief that both the community and the department deserve a full-time director and this appointment will provide a substantial savings with a full-time Public Works Superintendent and an in-house engineer.

Councilwoman Cindea reported her initial support for promoting an existing Public Works employee but recognized the concern for an employee to leave the protection of the union to accept such an appointment. Mrs. Cindea noted Mr. May is the most qualified among the candidates and already knows the town.

On a motion by Mr. Shuler, seconded by Mr. O'Brien, the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

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

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mrs. King

Mayor Maccanico noted the presence of almost the entire Public Works Department and thanked them for the outstanding service they perform.

- **Resolution R2014-126**, authorizing execution of the Owner's Authorization for the Sprint Spectrum Realty Company, LP development application for 525 Old Mill Rd. (B-24, L-18). On a motion by Mr. O'Brien, seconded by Mr. Tienken, the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

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

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mrs. King

- **Resolution R2014-127**, approving issuance of an Alcoholic Beverage Control *Social Affair Special Permit* for Ocean Housing Alliance, Inc. On a motion by Mr. Shuler, seconded by Mr. O'Brien, the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

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

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mrs. King

- **Resolution R2014-128**, appointing additional Summer Recreation Program employees and authorizing salaries. On a motion by Mr. Shuler, seconded by Mr. Tienken, the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

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

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mrs. King

- **Resolution R2014-129**, authorizing settlement of designated tax appeal cases. On a motion by Mr. O'Brien, seconded by Mr. Shuler, the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

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

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mrs. King

- **Resolution R2014-130**, approving the 2014 Shore Municipal Alliance Grant Strategic Plan (Revised). On a motion by Mr. Shuler, seconded by Mr. Vorbach, the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

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

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mrs. King

- **Resolution R2014-131**, approving payment of claims on the July 11, 2014 Bill List. On a motion by Mr. O'Brien, seconded by Mr. Shuler, the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

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

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mrs. King

PUBLIC COMMENT. (Any items)

- Erik Gardner, 707 Ocean Road – congratulated Joe May on his appointment and expressed thanks for the planned improvements at Allaire Road and Ocean Road parks. Mr. Gardner, a member of the Spring Lake Heights Board of Education, requested the Borough and Board continue the discussions concerning shared services which began as part of the Recreation Working Group chaired by Councilman Tienken. Mr. Tienken agreed to work with Administrator Delaney in the discussions.
- Rich Carragher, 916 Prospect Avenue – inquired what has been done to alleviate the flooding on Route 71. Borough Engineer Joe May noted the road is a State Highway and the existing drainage system is not designed to handle the volume of water experienced in the recent rain events.
- Catherine Hahn, 810 Central Avenue – questioned the status on replacing the Water Plant roof; the use of sand bags at the driveway on Park Avenue; and replacing the Municipal Building sign. Ms. Hahn, a member of the Beautification committee since 1995, recounted the history of the committee and expressed objection to the committee meeting in a bar. Councilwoman Cindea reported the committee did meet for lunch and commented on the lack of meetings in prior when Ms. Hahn chaired the committee.
- Rita Murphy, Emergency Management Coordinated – thanked the Public Works employees for their efforts in clearing storm drains before Hurricane Arthur; thanked the office staff for their assistance; and commented on the existing staff which is stretched thin at times.

The public comment period was closed without objection.

Councilwoman Cindea welcomed Joe May as Public Works Director.

Joe May thanked the Mayor, Council and the men of the Public Works Department.

ADJOURNMENT. There being no further business, on a motion by Mr. O'Brien, seconded by Mr. Vorbach, the meeting was adjourned without objection at 8:46 p.m.


Joseph J. Delaney, Jr., Borough Clerk