

The Public Session of the **September 23, 2013** was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by Mayor Maccanico and opened with a silent reflection and Pledge of Allegiance.

Present:

Mayor Gavino Maccanico
Councilwoman Sara King
Councilman James Shuler
Councilman Christopher Tienken
Councilman Thomas Vorbach

Absent:

Councilwoman Patricia Cindea
Councilman Richard Diver

Also Attending:

Joseph J. Delaney, Jr., Administrator/Borough Clerk
Frederick C. Raffetto, Esq., Borough Attorney

There were 8 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 revised to include Resolution No. R2013-120 and Ordinance No. 2013-10 by the following vote

Ayes: Mrs. King, Mr. Shuler, Mr. Tienken, Mr. Vorbach.

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mrs. Cindea, Mr. Diver.

PRESENTATIONS.

- Tax Assessor Mitchell Elias – Monmouth County Assessment Demonstration Program

There are a few changes that will affect residents and council. One change is the schedule for filing tax appeal, with the change this where a resident has won an appeal, the municipality is notified earlier for better budget preparation. The assessment cards will be sent earlier than previously done. The Assessor now has the power to adjust either up or down based on market changes. With the new program each year 20% of the town must be inspected, this requires an outside source doing the inspections which is at a cost to the borough. This will require going out to bid. With the inspection won't mean you'll go up it could also go down.

Mr. McGuirk 1208 Allaire Road asked about the number of companies that do the inspections. Mr. Elias stated that it does go out to bid, there are just a few.

Mr. Lewis 574 Prospect Ave. asked about how residents will know when the homes will be inspected. Mr. Elias stated he wasn't sure but thought there would be some type of notification.

Mr. Vorbach he appears that taxpayers will have less time to appeal. He also stated that you will be requiring entry into someone's home, that you're invading someone's private property rights. Mr. Elias answered that you do not have to let them in but that the home will be assessed at its highest potential, a basement, a remodeled bathroom or kitchen.

Mr. Tienken asked about the cost, the County says that the cost is \$21.00 a home; it appears that the cost will be more. Mr. Elias stated that he estimates the Borough's cost each year is estimated to be about \$9,500.00. He added that he felt that this program was heavy handed.

Mr. Shuler asked why information about improvements done to homes couldn't be gathered through the permit process. Mr. Elias replied that is done now but that not everyone goes through the permit process.

Mayor Maccanico wanted to verify that it's 20% of the town that will be done each year, Mr. Elias replied yes. Mayor Maccanico was concerned that if a home is inspected and reassessed, they wouldn't get looked at again for 5 years. Mr. Elias replied that with the change a resident will be

inspected only once every 5 years but that now the Assessor has the power to change each year if there has been a change to the home.

Mrs. King asked Mr. Elias to elaborate on the process that he would be able to change assessments. She pointed out that there is diversity with the style of homes in town. Mrs. King asked if there are improvements or additions to a couple of homes in a neighborhood but not to others, what do those residents do, does it require you coming out. Mr. Elias first he would look at sales in the neighborhood, hopefully that would give him direction. If the homeowner felt the assessment was too high, the homeowner should file an appeal.

John Lewis 574 Prospect Ave. asked if there will be changes to land values, Mr. Elias stated that again its often done based on sales.

SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARINGS. There were no scheduled hearings.

FIRST VOICE OF THE PUBLIC. None Presented

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS.

- Licensed Site Remediation Professional (LSRP) – Evaluation of Public Works Facility

Mr. Delaney remained all that some years ago there was contamination at the DPW yard. There was a cleanup and subsequent inspections by the State. It is now required that the Borough has a LSRP to continue the monitoring and report to the State. We have solicited proposals and the resolution added tonight is the company that meets our qualifications.

REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS.

- Councilman Tienken – The Fall Festival was this past weekend and was a great success.
- Councilman Vorbach – no report
- Councilwoman King – read a thank you letter from Mary Gato resident thanking Patrolman Gunnell & Kenny and another letter thanking the entire Police Department from Mr. & Mrs. Curtis.
- Councilman Shuler – no report

REPORTS, NOTICES & CORRESPONDENCE

- Police Department Report (August 2013)
- Municipal Court Report (August 2013)
- Public Hearing Notice – South Monmouth Regional Sewerage Authority: Sewer Use Service Charge

Mr. Delaney wanted to point out that this is a hearing regarding the increase which will affect our budget next year.

- Public Hearing Notice – Sea Girt Borough Ord. No. 30-2013
- Public Hearing Notice – Spring Lake Borough Ord. No. 2013-11
- N.J. Water Supply Authority: June 20, 2015 Raw Water Contract Expiration

Mr. Delaney wanted to point out the expiring of the Borough's contract and that this will require further discussion.

- Monmouth County Tax Board: Annual Internal Inspection and Annual Qualified Reassessment Program.

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS

- **Ordinance 2013-10** AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF SPRING LAKE HEIGHTS ESTABLISHING SALARIES AND WAGES

On a motion by Mrs. King, seconded by Mr. Shuler the ordinance was approved on introduction by the following vote:

Ayes: Mrs. King, Mr. Shuler, Mr. Tienken
Nays: Mr. Vorbach Abstain: None Absent: Mrs. Cindea

RESOLUTIONS

- **R2013-114**, confirming the appointment of Thomas Seaman as Chief Financial Officer. On a motion by Mrs. King, seconded by Mr. Shuler, the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Mrs. King, Mr. Shuler, Mr. Tienken, Mr. Vorbach
Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mrs. Cindea, Mr. Diver

- **R2013-115**, confirming the appointment of Thomas Seaman as Tax Collector. On a motion by Mrs. King, seconded by Mr. Shuler, the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Mrs. King, Mr. Shuler, Mr. Tienken, Mr. Vorbach
Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mrs. Cindea, Mr. Diver

R2013-116, authorizing utility balance cancellations. On a motion by Mr. King, seconded by Mr. Shuler, the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Mrs. King, Mr. Shuler, Mr. Tienken, Mr. Vorbach
Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mrs. Cindea, Mr. Diver

- **R2013-117**, authorizing submission of 2014 NJDOT grant applications for roadway preservation and pedestrian safety improvements. On a motion by Mr. Vorbach, seconded by Mr. Tienken, the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Mrs. King, Mr. Shuler, Mr. Tienken, Mr. Vorbach
Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mrs. Cindea, Mr. Diver

- **R2013-118**, authorizing a contract to Woodard & Curran Inc. to provide Licensed Site Remediation Professional (LSRP) services and authorizing an appropriation for such purpose. On a motion by Mr. Shuler, seconded by Mr. King, the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Mrs. King, Mr. Shuler, Mr. Tienken, Mr. Vorbach
Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mrs. Cindea, Mr. Diver

- **A motion to move the bills to the Finance Committee**, by Mr. Shuler, seconded by Mrs. King, was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Mrs. King, Mr. Shuler, Mr. Tienken, Mr. Vorbach
Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mrs. Cindea, Mr. Diver

- **R2013-119**, approving payment of claims on the September 20, 2013 Bill List. On a motion by Mrs. King, seconded by Mr. Tienken, the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Mrs. King, Mr. Shuler, Mr. Tienken, Mr. Vorbach
Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mrs. Cindea, Mr. Diver

R2013-120, approving a contract with authorizing execution of the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Spring Lake Heights Employees Association On a motion by Mrs. King, seconded by Mr. Tienken, the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Mrs. King, Mr. Shuler, Mr. Tienken

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

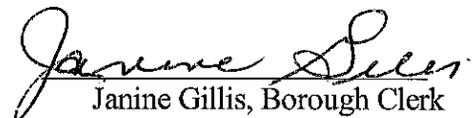
SECOND VOICE OF THE PUBLIC (Any items)

Kat Crippen 564 Atlantic Ave. Environmental Commission Chair, thanked the Mayor and Council and all those involved with the moving forward of the hiring the LSRP for the continual clean up at the Borough yard. She pointed out to the Administrator that there may be grants available.

The Mayor closed the voice of the public, without objection.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES There were no minutes presented for approval.

ADJOURNMENT. There being no further business, on a motion by Mrs. King, seconded by Mr. Vorbach, the meeting was adjourned without objection at 8:47 p.m.


Janine Gillis, Borough Clerk

Approved: October 27, 2015