

The **September 26, 2016** meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Spring Lake Heights, Monmouth County, New Jersey was called to order by Mayor O'Brien at 8:00 p.m. in the Frank E. Adams Municipal Building.

ROLL CALL

Present:

Councilman Christopher Campion
Councilman Arthur Herner
Councilman Robert Merriken
Councilwoman Sara King
Councilman James Shuler
Councilman Thomas Vorbach
Mayor Thomas O'Brien

Absent: None

Also Attending:

Joseph J. Delaney, Jr., Administrator
Gary McLean, Esq., Borough Attorney

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

Mayor O'Brien announced: Pursuant to the requirements of New Jersey's Open Public Meetings Act, notice of this meeting was included in the Annual Meeting Notice filed in the Office of the Borough Clerk; posted on the Borough website and in the Municipal Building; published as a legal notice in the Coast Star newspaper; and mailed to those requesting notice and providing payment in accordance with Borough policy.

APPROVE AGENDA

On a motion by Mr. Vorbach seconded by Mr. Merriken, the agenda was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Mr. Campion, Mrs. King, Mr. Herner, Mr. Merriken, Mr. Shuler, Mr. Vorbach

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: None

APPROVE MINUTES

• **August 15, 2016 Executive Session**

On a motion by Mr. Vorbach, seconded by Mrs. King, the minutes of August 15, 2016 Executive Session were approved, by the following vote:

Ayes: Mrs. King, Mr. Herner, Mr. Merriken, Mr. Shuler, Mr. Vorbach

Nays: None Abstain: Mr. Campion Absent: None

• **September 12, 2016 Executive & Regular Session**

On a motion by Mrs. King, seconded by Mr. Merriken, the minutes of September 12, 2016 Executive Session were approved, by the following vote:

Ayes: Mr. Campion, Mrs. King, Mr. Herner, Mr. Merriken, Mr. Shuler

Nays: None Abstain: Mr. Vorbach Absent: None

PRESENTATIONS None

SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARINGS None

PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda items only) None Presented

On a motion by Mr. Shuler, seconded by Mrs. King, the public comment period was closed; roll call taken as follows:

Ayes: Mr. Campion, Mrs. King, Mr. Herner, Mr. Merriken, Mr. Shuler, Mr. Vorbach

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: None

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Capital Program Status Report

Mr. Delaney reminded all that at the last meeting approval was given to submit the Open Space Grant Application for the playground at the Community Center has been submitted. The roll-off truck has been received and is in service. The DPW Site Remediation Project, Phase 1 sampling has been completed; we have received preliminary report has been issued and awaiting the proposal for Phase 2 testing. This is phase of the work is substantially under budget. The NJ Natural Gas project is expected to be done by the end of the month with restoration of the road most likely next spring; they will restore ½ of the road. Borough Engineer, Joe May will be getting bids to have the Borough pave the second half of the road, this work will be a part of the 2017 budget. Mr. Herner asked about the possibility of a grant, Mr. Delaney replied not likely. The road project for Crosby Road, Norman Terrace and Jeanette Court has been scaled down due to DOT Trust Fund issue. Jeanette Court will be done; this part of the project is being completed with Borough funding. The work will start next week with completion in November. Well inspections are scheduled for October, these are done annually. If it is determined any work is needed, it would be a part of the 2017 budget. At the meeting on the 12th a contract was awarded for a design to for improvements to the Black Creek and Shore Road pump stations to elevate and flood proof, that project is scheduled for 2017 with funds from a grant. A new generator for the Fairway Mews Pump Station is expected in October. Bid Specs in the process of being prepared for the Sewer Main improvement along Brighton Lane, looking to advertise around October 6th and receive bids around November 3rd. He added this will be a winter, early spring project.

Councilman Campion asked about the Well #4 closing project, he noted that the report shows bids were received and rejected. He asked if it was a cost issue. Mr. May reported that all the bids came in way over budget. Mr. May was going to have a meeting with DEP for alternatives. Councilman Campion asked when he thought he would have new information, Mr. May replied he would have it next council meeting.

MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilman Herner- Basketball sign-ups are starting October 1st.

Councilman Campion – No Report

Councilman Vorbach – thanked Joe May for the grant work.

Councilwoman King – announced that she and Councilman Shuler will be following up and reviewing the speeding issue; one of the items that is being looked at is the possibility of imprinting the speed limit directly on the road. They also will be looking into the cost of purchasing additional electronic speed limit signs.

Councilman Shuler – No Report

Councilman Merriken – reported hydrant flushing is going on; he added that if you experience discolored water, run the cold water until it clears. He stated that at the last council meeting there was discussion about a table in the ladies room at the community center which he promised to remove. He went the next morning to remove the table and it had been already removed. Borough Clerk, Janine Gillis contacted him; he was informed the table was removed by Mrs. Hahn. He would like to know who owns the table, Mrs. Hahn or the Borough. At a previous meeting, Nancy Hayduk raised the question about ownership of the community center, if we accepted the grant money. He feels it's important that we retain ownership of the community center. Her suggestion of seeking funding in another manner should be reviewed. He also expressed that the rental fee should be increased and the waiving of rental fees should not continue. He suggested that the building should be inspected after each use and we should charge a fee for cleaning. He raised the issue of asbestos at the community center which had been brought up a prior council

meeting as well as an e-mail; he asked if anyone knew where. He felt the building should be inspected to determine if it's structural sound before we spend any money on it.

Councilman Herner stated that we've tried to do inspections, who will do the them, it would have to be done on a Friday, Saturday and Sunday, would you call a cleaning crew if it wasn't clean; it's the logistics of all that. Mayor O'Brien agreed it is an issue he suggested that further review be done to attempt to resolve it.

REPORTS, NOTICES & CORRESPONDENCE

- Monthly Police Department Report – August 2016
- Municipal Court Revenue – August 2016
- Public Notice Special Meeting Lake Como Planning Board- September 28, 2016
- Letter from State of New Jersey-DOT dated July 20, 2016 Re: Railroad Crossing on Warren Ave.
- Copy of Oceanport Resolution No, 2016-184, supporting Monmouth Park as gambling venue
- Public Notice of South Monmouth Regional Sewerage Authority meeting October 13, 2016 – Re; Amend Sewer Service Schedule Change.
- Letter from Monmouth County Library honoring NJ Olympians and to display Spring Lake Heights Borough Flag and invite to attend event.

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS - None

RESOLUTIONS

- **R2016-154**, Authorizing a partial release of a designated Developer Performance Guarantee for Block 46.01 Lots 1,65,66 & 67

On a motion by Mr. Merriken, seconded by Mr. Shuler, Resolution R2016-154 was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Mr. Campion, Mrs. King, Mr. Herner, Mr. Merriken, Mr. Shuler, Mr. Vorbach

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: None

- **R2016-155**, Authorizing an agreement for Shared Purchasing with the Township of Wall

On a motion by Mr. Campion, seconded by Mr. Shuler, Resolution R2016-155 was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Mr. Campion, Mrs. King, Mr. Herner, Mr. Merriken, Mr. Shuler, Mr. Vorbach

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: None

- **R2016-156**, Approving outdoor movie night – Monmouth Montessori Academy

On a motion by Mr. Vorbach, seconded by Mr. Merriken, Resolution R2016-156 was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Mr. Campion, Mrs. King, Mr. Herner, Mr. Merriken, Mr. Shuler, Mr. Vorbach

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: None

- **R2016-157**, Approving use of the Community Center-Waterford Condominium Association

On a motion by Mrs. King, seconded by Mr. Shuler, Resolution R2016-157 was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Mr. Campion, Mrs. King, Mr. Herner, Mr. Merriken, Mr. Shuler, Mr. Vorbach

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: None

- **R2016-158**, Confirming the permanent appointment of Scott Dreher as public works mechanic

On a motion by Mr. Vorbach, seconded by Mrs. King, Resolution R2016-158 was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Mr. Campion, Mrs. King, Mr. Herner, Mr. Merriken, Mr. Shuler, Mr. Vorbach

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: None

Mayor O'Brien congratulated Scott as a permanent employee

- **R2016-159**, Approving payment of claims on the September 23, 2016 Bill List.

On a motion by Mr. Campion, seconded by Mrs. King, Resolution R2016-159 was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Mr. Campion, Mrs. King, Mr. Herner, Mr. Merriken, Mr. Shuler, Mr. Vorbach

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

PUBLIC COMMENT (Any item)

Rita Murphy 2014 Highway 71 asked about the Community Center and the grant; she inquired if anyone has checked the condition of the building. She offered that she researched back to 1982 and the building was not considered a historic site. She stated that she also hasn't heard anything about the building materials that will be used; there's been no mention of LEEDS, the borough has adopted an ordinance with regards to that and new construction. Why hasn't that been addressed? Are the improvements that are being considered taking into consideration climate change, use of materials that are efficient, has any consideration been given to any enhanced security. She went on to say that after Hurricane Sandy the facility was used as a place of refuge for residents. The building should be made to withstand a storm then they would not have a place to go. The value of the building is \$723,000, she feels that a look to the future at a bigger picture. She went on say that consideration of making the building more energy efficient, and go back to the drawing board. In her opinion, maybe you start all of over and found out if the building is really worth saving. People could donate to the renovation, people are resourceful and will come together.

Catherine Hahn Central Ave asked if Central Avenue could be slated for repaving, Councilman Vorbach replied that he has already spoken to Joe May about it; it's on the list but unfortunately others have a higher priority.

On a motion by Mr. Herner, seconded by Mr. Shuler, the public comment period was closed; roll call taken as follows:

Ayes: Mr. Campion, Mrs. King, Mr. Herner, Mr. Merriken, Mr. Shuler, Mr. Vorbach

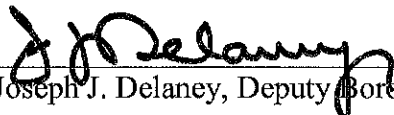
Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on a motion by Mrs. King, seconded by Mr. Merriken, the meeting was adjourned without objection at 8:33p.m.


Joseph J. Delaney, Deputy Borough Clerk

Approved: October 11, 2016

Prepared by:

Janine Gillis, Borough Clerk