

The **October 11, 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 with a moment of silence and a salute to the flag.

ROLL CALL

Present:

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

Absent:

Councilman Christopher Campion
Councilman Thomas Vorbach

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. Merriken seconded by Mr. Shuler, the agenda was approved by the following vote:

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

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Campion, Mr. Vorbach

APPROVE MINUTES - September 26, 2016

On a motion by Mrs. King, seconded by Mr. Merriken, the minutes of the September 26, 2016 meeting were approved, by the following vote:

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

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Campion, Mr. Vorbach

PRESENTATIONS - There were no presentations

SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda items only) None Presented

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

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

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Campion, Mr. Vorbach

DISCUSSION ITEMS - None

MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilman Herner – No Report

Councilwoman King - Reported that the installation of the new traffic light at Warren Ave and Old Mill Road is moving along; the County Engineer expects that it will be complete by the end of the month. She also read a letter of commendation written by Mr. & Mrs. Walls about Patrolman Ken

Hager and his compassion when he responded to a motor vehicle accident that they along with their disabled son were involved in. Mrs. King offered "Kudos" to Ken Hager.

Councilman Shuler – No report

Councilman Merriken – No Report

Mayor O'Brien – reported that the Spring Lake Heights Day was a lot of fun and went very well.

REPORTS, NOTICES & CORRESPONDENCE

- Letter from Mr. & Mrs. Walls, Spring Lake Re: Commendation to Police Officer Kenneth Hager
- Letter from NJ Water Supply Authority, Re: Nov. 4, 2016 informal meeting on Schedule of Rates, Charges & Debt Service
- Letter from NJ Water Supply Authority, Re: Proposed 2017 SMMUA Budget
- Letter from Altice/Cablevision Re: Franchise Renewal Application
- JCP&L Company Notice of BPU Public Hearing Re: Rate Adjustment
- Borough of Spring Lake Re: Public Hearing on Ordinance 2016-007 Land Development
- Sea Bright Borough Resolution No. 149-2016, Urging revenue sharing between NJ Casinos & Monmouth Park & NJ Horseracing Industry

Mr. Delaney added that the Cablevision franchise renewal is a new process; it is now a franchise wide renewal. The borough does not have direct involvement with the renewal process but could submit comments to the Board of Utilities.

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS - None

RESOLUTIONS

- **R2016-160**, Authorizing a tax lien redemption payment (Block 42.03, Lot 5)

On a motion by Mr. Merriken, seconded by Mrs. King, Resolution R2016-160 was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Mrs. King, Mr. Herner, Mr. Merriken, Mr. Shuler
Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Campion , Mr. Vorbach

- **R2016-161**, Approving the designated membership in the Fire Department (Michael Viola)

On a motion by Mr. Shuler, seconded by Mr. Merriken, Resolution R2016-161 was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Mrs. King, Mr. Herner, Mr. Merriken, Mr. Shuler
Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Campion , Mr. Vorbach

- **R2016-162**, Approving payment of the itemized claims as set forth on the October 7, 2016 Bill List

On a motion by Mrs. King, seconded by Mr. Merriken, Resolution R2016-162 was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Mrs. King, Mr. Herner, Mr. Merriken, Mr. Shuler
Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Campion , Mr. Vorbach

PUBLIC COMMENT (Any item)

Eileen Eilenberger 1215 Pond Road announced that the Veterans Day Luncheon is scheduled for Friday, November 11, from Noon to 3:00 pm; she invited Mayor and Council to attend.

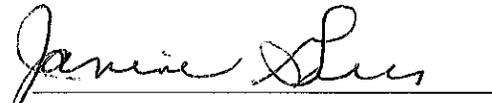
Nate Novak 907 Keith Avenue asked for an explanation about the lien redemption payment. Mr. Delaney explained that a tax lien is created when either property tax or water/sewer tax is not paid. Typically each year there is a tax sale for the delinquent properties and outside investors will purchase the lien, interest accrues. The property owner has paid the outstanding lien to the borough and we are now redeeming the lien by paying the investor the lien amount plus all interest. Mr. Novak asked if it had been delinquent for some time; Attorney McLean stated not necessarily as the interest rate is 18%. Mr. Delaney offered that based on the lien number it's from 2010.

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

Ayes: Mrs. King, Mr. Herner, Mr. Merriken, Mr. Shuler
Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Campion, Mr. Vorbach

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on a motion by Mrs. King, seconded by Mr. Merriken, the meeting was adjourned without objection at 8:13 p.m.



Janine Gillis, Borough Clerk

Approved: October 24, 2016