

The **November 28, 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:

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

Absent:

Councilman Christopher Campion
Councilman Arthur Herner
Councilman Thomas Vorbach

Also attending:

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

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

Mayor O'Brien asked for a motion to approve the agenda.

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

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

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

APPROVE MINUTES - November 14, 2016

On a motion by Mr. Merriken, seconded by Mrs. King, the minutes of the November 14, 2016 meeting were approved, by the following vote:

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

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

PRESENTATIONS - None

SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda items only) None Presented

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

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

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Mayor O'Brien asked about the scheduling of the 2017 Re-Organization meeting. He stated that the meeting typically is on January 1st, although we have been flexible about the day. He asked if

anyone knew if Joe Tompey or Rich Diver would like to keep it that day. Councilwoman Sara King stated that she would check with them, but thought that both would be OK with the 1st, she added that the Fire Company has an early morning swearing on that day. Mayor O'Brien stated that he would reach out to them as well. Mayor O'Brien stated that we would schedule the 2017 Re-Organization meeting on January 1st at Noon unless either one of them couldn't attend.

MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilman Merriken – wished everyone a Happy & Safe Holiday. He wanted to tell everyone to take their time on the roads when shopping. He reviewed some safety tips; keep holiday trees away from heat sources, no exposed wires, use safety and watch children when cooking, using candles and stated that the small round batteries are toxic, and lastly when assembling toys, read the directions first.

Councilman Shuler – reviewed some changes that would be occurring with regard to garbage, recycling and trash pickup. Changes included limiting quantity of items for bulky trash pickup, construction debris, leave collection would no longer be alternating weeks, it'll be every week for each section and brush pickup will be extended into November. The borough would also schedule a paper shred day and that the Veterans Day Holiday on November 10, 2017 would be exchanged for Tuesday, December 26, 2017. Councilman Merriken asked where concrete be disposed of; Mr. May explained that the borough will take small quantities, large quantity a resident could dispose of it at Mazza in Tinton Falls or Monmouth County Recycling.

Councilwoman King – announced that over the weekend she spent 4 hours painting a blue line on Brighton Avenue in front of the building in support of our law enforcement. The Police Officers on duty assisted with traffic as well as passerby offered their support. She stated it was actually a fun task. Another idea has surfaced about holiday decorating; the tree out front to be decorated in blue in support of our police officers. Up until 2008, the tree in front of Borough Hall was always decorated for the holiday with the annual tree lighting was here. During Hurricane Irene the tree came down and so the tree lighting was moved to the Fire House. After discussing this with others an anonymous donor is donating blue lights and blue decorations. Police Chief Petriken has always felt that with his Officers working the holiday having some festive lights around made our office look more festive. Public Works will do the decorating on Friday; she hopes that we can have an official lighting. She hopes that in the future the ceremonial lighting of the tree will come back to the Borough Office. Councilwoman King also announced that this year's tree lighting is at the Firehouse on Thursday, December 1st at 7:00 pm with refreshments afterwards. The blue line in front and the blue tree shows the community's support for our law enforcement

Mayor O'Brien stated that the decorating of the tree out front in blue is a great idea.

Borough Clerk, Janine Gillis asked the Mayor to clarify the exchange of the Veterans Day holiday and trash pickup, if the change is just Public Works or the entire staff. Mayor O'Brien thought that it was a flexible day; Mr. Delaney replied that it would be worked out.

REPORTS, NOTICES & CORRESPONDENCE

- Municipal Court Report – October 2016

- Monmouth County Bd. of Chosen Freeholders Resolution 2016-0994 authorizing NJ Association of Counties to file a complaint with NJ Council on Local Mandates that the Criminal Justice Reform Act constitutes an Unfunded State mandate in violation of Article VIII, Section II Paragraph 5 of the NJ Constitution
- Letter from NJ Dept. of Transportation dated 11/17/16 RE: 2017 State Aid Programs
- Letter from State of NJ Dept. of Environmental Protection dated 11/18/16 Re: 2017 Green Acres Applications
- Letter from South Monmouth Regional Sewerage Authority dated 11/14/16 Re: 2017 Sewer Use Service Charges & Inflow/Infiltration Project Changes
- Resolution from Borough of Allentown Supporting the Painting of a Thin Blue Line in Support of Allentown Law Enforcement

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS

- **Ordinance No. 2016-09**, An Ordinance of the Borough of Spring Lake Heights Authorizing a Third Party Payroll Disbursement

Borough Administrator, Jay Delaney announced that this ordinance is a recommendation from the Borough Auditor. Mr. Delaney stated that Borough Attorney, Gary McLean has reviewed the ordinance. This brings the borough in full compliance with new regulations in dealing of third party payroll deductions.

On a motion by Mr. Merriken, seconded by Mrs. King, Ordinance No. 2016-09 was introduced by the following vote:

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

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

Borough Clerk, Janine Gillis stated that the public hearing will be at the next meeting on December 12, 2016.

RESOLUTIONS

- **R2016-169**, Authorizing the Transfer of 2016 Municipal Budget Appropriations

On a motion by Mrs. King, seconded by Mr. Shuler, Resolution R2016-169 was approved by the following vote:

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

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

- **R2016-172**, Supporting the Painting of a Thin Blue Line in Support of Monmouth County Law Enforcement

On a motion by Mrs. King, seconded by Mr. Merriken, Resolution R2016-172 was approved by the following vote:

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

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

- **R2016-173**, Confirming the Permanent Appointment of Catherine Francolino

On a motion by Mr. Merriken, seconded by Mrs. King, Resolution R2016-173 was approved by the following vote:

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

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

Mayor O'Brien asked that the clerk pass on congratulations to Catherine.

- **R2016-174**, Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement between the Borough & County of Monmouth for Special Citizens Area Transportation (SCAT) Services

On a motion by Mr. Shuler, seconded by Mr. Merriken, Resolution R2016-174 was approved by the following vote:

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

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

- **R2016-175**, Approving Payment of Claims on the November 23, 2016 Bill List.

On a motion by Mr. Shuler, seconded by Mrs. King, Resolution R2016-175 was approved by the following vote:

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENT (Any item)

Zachary Ramp, Spring Lake Heights Police Department sincerely thanked Mayor and Council for their support and passing the resolution, he also thanked the community for all of the support that they receive. He concurred that when the Chief puts out the lights in his office it does always bring a smile to those working at night. The tree in front that will be lite will also be enjoyed. He also announced that the department is doing a collection for "Toys for Tots." He stated that Officer Matunas, a Marine Corp veteran has done this for many years, so please give your support.

Rita Murphy 2014 Highway 71 asked about the new collection rules with regard to bulky trash, "what is the determination of 5 items, how will residents know, 5 curtain rods / 5 couches, how do you clarify that? Public Works Director, Joe May stated that a bed would be 1 item, he explained that this is going to be a re-training process; unfortunately homeowners have taken advantage and put out whole house contents.

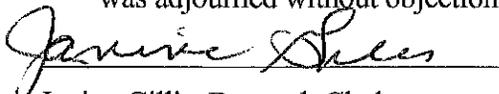
On a motion by Mr. Merriken, seconded by Mrs. King, the public comment period was closed; roll call taken as follows:

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

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Campion, Mr. Herner, 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 8:23 p.m.


Janine Gillis, Borough Clerk

Approved: December 12, 2016