

The **December 12, 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 7:30 p.m. in the Frank E. Adams Municipal Building.

ROLL CALL

Present:

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

Absent:

Councilman Arthur Herner

Also Attending:

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

7:30 p.m. - EXECUTIVE SESSION: Resolution No. R2016-176

• **Personnel – Contract Negotiation**

Borough Clerk, Janine Gillis read the resolution into the record.

On a motion by Mr. Merriken, seconded by Mrs. King, Resolution R2016-176 was approved by the following vote:

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

8:00 p.m.-PUBLIC SESSION: CALL TO ORDER - SILENT REFLECTION - PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Absent:

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Gary McLean, Esq., Borough Attorney

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.

Mrs. King made a motion to amend the agenda to table the discussion item: Community Center Renovations. She offered that it would make sense to wait for the new council to hear this discussion. Mayor O'Brien thought that since Mr. Damiano was here he could do it now and then again with the new council. Mr. Merriken seconded the motion; vote as follows:

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

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

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

Mayor O'Brien thanked Mr. Damiano for coming out.

APPROVE MINUTES - November 28, 2016

On a motion by Mr. Shuler, seconded by Mr. Merriken, the regular minutes of November 28, 2016 were approved, by the following vote:

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

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

PRESENTATIONS - None

SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARINGS – Ordinance No. 2016-09

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

Mr. Merriken made a motion to open the public hearing, Mrs. King seconded, roll call taken:

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

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Herner

Mr. Campion asked if this was a formality to adopt the procedure that we presently do, Borough Administrator, Jay Delaney stated yes, this was a recommendation by the Borough's auditor.

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

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

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Herner

On a motion by Mr. Campion, seconded by Mr. Vorbach, Ordinance No. 2016-09 was adopted by the following vote:

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

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Herner

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

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Herner

DISCUSSION ITEMS – Community Center Renovations; removed

MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilman Campion – stated that the past year was very productive; he stated that he was looking forward to next year and wished everyone a Happy Holiday.

Councilman Vorbach – stated that this was his last meeting; he extended his thanks to everyone. He stated that the past 6 years were quite eventful; Hurricane Sandy, the recession and his battle with cancer. He added: “that it was an honor to serve the community, thank you.”

Councilwoman King – Informed everyone about the tree in front of the building that was decorated in blue in honor of law enforcement, there's been nothing but positive comments. She added that next year it was hoped that the tree lighting could come back to borough hall as the tree at the fire house has gotten quite big. Mrs. King thanked Mr. Vorbach for his service on council; she stated that “it was a pleasure to serve with you’ and offered the best

to both him and Mr. Herner. She wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Councilman Shuler – Wished everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Councilman Merriken – Wished everyone Happy Holidays.

REPORTS, NOTICES & CORRESPONDENCE

- Wall Township Public Hearing on December 28, 2016 Re: Amending Chapter 140, to Define “Group Homes”
- JCP&L Public Hearing on December 19, 2016 Re: Proposed Increase in Storm Recovery Charge
- Letter from Independent Fire Co. No. 1 Re: LOSAP Enrollment Changes

Mr. Campion asked if the council should formally make the changes requested; Mr. Delaney replied that he would prefer that there be formal action, it’ll be something we’ll incorporate that into our LOSAP regulations.

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS - None

RESOLUTIONS

▪ **R2016-177**, Authorizing a Tax Lien Redemption Block 46.03 Lot 149.02 aka 720 Allaire Rd. On a motion by Mrs. King, seconded by Mr. Merriken, Resolution R2016-177 was approved by the following vote:

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

- **R2016-178**, Authorizing the cancellation of tax & utility overpayments or delinquent amounts less than \$5.00

On a motion by Mr. Merriken, seconded by Mrs. King, Resolution R2016-178 was approved by the following vote:

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

- **R2016-179**, Cancelling designated grant receivable balances

On a motion by Mrs. King, seconded by Mr. Merriken, Resolution R2016-179 was approved by the following vote:

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

- **R2016-180**, Authorizing the Transfer of 2016 Municipal Budget Appropriations

On a motion by Mr. Shuler, seconded by Mrs. King, Resolution R2016-180 was approved by the following vote:

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

- **R2016-181**, Approving change order No.1 for the 2016 Municipal Road Improvement/Jeanette Ct decreasing the contract with Earle Asphalt by \$6,547.63

On a motion by Mr. Shuler, seconded by Mr. Merriken, Resolution R2016-181 was approved by the following vote:

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

- **R2016-182**, Authorizing the purchase of a 2017 Ford F350 Vehicle with Utility Body & Snow Plow Councilman Shuler stated that the vehicle that's being replaced is 20 year old vehicle with over 200,000 miles on it.

On a motion by Mr. Merriken, seconded by Mr. Campion, Resolution R2016-182 was approved by the following vote:

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

- **R2016-183**, Approving the use of the Community Center – Girl Scout Troop #29

On a motion by Mr. Vorbach, seconded by Mrs. King, Resolution R2016-183 was approved by the following vote:

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

- **R2016-184**, Establishing the 2017 Re-Organization Meeting date

On a motion by Mr. Campion, seconded by Mrs. King, Resolution R2016-184 was approved by the following vote:

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

- **R2016-185**, Providing for Requests for Professional Services for the year 2017

On a motion by Mrs. King, seconded by Mr. Campion, Resolution R2016-185 was approved by the following vote:

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

- **R2016-186**, Designating the 2017 Borough Holidays

On a motion by Mr. Shuler, seconded by Mr. Campion, Resolution R2016-186 was approved by the following vote:

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

- **R2016-187**, Approving the payment of claims as designated on the December 9, 2016 Bill List.

On a motion by Mr. Campion, seconded by Mr. Shuler, Resolution R2016-187 was approved by the following vote:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT (Any item)

Zachary Ramp Spring Lake Heights Police Officer wanted to thank Mayor and Council and the community for their support. He also announced that on December 7th the association honored Officer Hager for a lifesaving event during the year unfortunately that night he wasn't in attendance, his wife was giving birth that day; he and his wife welcomed a new baby girl.

Kat Crippen 564 Atlantic Avenue wanted to thanked the Mayor and his family, Sara King, Robert & Rita Murphy, Joe May and Piotr Jenczelewski for all the help in planting of the trees at the Fletcher property. The project was over a couple of weekends with cleaning and weeding of the area and the planting of 12 trees; it was a great effort by all. She also announced that Sustainable New Jersey has set up their grant opportunities for 2017 and would be investigating the possibilities of obtaining grant money.

Eric Bennett 903 Ocean Road asked about the lights at the Community Center, he stated that they are on all night long. Mr. Delaney responded that their usually on from dusk to dawn but certainly would check.

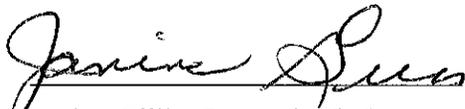
On a motion by Mr. Shuler, seconded by Mr. Merriken, the public comment period was closed; roll call taken as follows:

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

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Herner

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on a motion by Mrs. King, seconded by Mr. Merriken, the meeting was adjourned without objection at 8:19 p.m.


Janine Gillis, Borough Clerk

Approved: , 2017