

**BOROUGH OF SPRING LAKE HEIGHTS
PLANNING BOARD RE- ORGANIZATION MINUTES**

January 20, 2016 at 7:00 PM

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Diver at 7:00 p.m. and opened with a silent reflection and Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

Mayor Thomas O'Brien - present
Councilman Robert Merriken - present
Eileen Eilenberger - present
Roy Francolino - present
James Hackett - present
Frederic Manger - present
Richard Diver - present

Alt. #1 Open

Alt. #2 Stephen Clark - absent

Attorney Dennis Collins announced that he had sworn in appointed members:
Mayor O'Brien, Councilman Merriken, Eileen Eilenberger.

THIS MEETING IS CALLED PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETING LAW. NOTICE OF THIS MEETING WAS INCLUDED IN A LIST OF MEETINGS SENT TO THE COAST STAR AND ASBURY PARK PRESS, POSTED ON THE BULLETIN BOARD IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING AND ON THE BOROUGH WEB-SITE.

New Business:

- Mrs. Eilenberger made a motion to elect Mr. Diver as Board Chairman, seconded by Mr. Merriken; roll call taken all ayes.
AYES: Mrs. Eilenberger, Mr. Francolino, Mr. Hackett, Councilman Merriken,
Mayor O'Brien, Mr. Manger & Chairman Diver
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None

- Mr. Diver made a motion to elect Mrs. Eilenberger as Board Vice Chairman, seconded by Mr. Merriken; roll call taken all ayes.
AYES: Mrs. Eilenberger, Mr. Francolino, Mr. Hackett, Councilman Merriken,
Mayor O'Brien, Mr. Manger & Chairman Diver
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None

- Mr. Diver made a motion to elect Mr. Hackett as Corresponding Secretary, seconded by Mrs. Eilenberger; roll call taken all ayes.
AYES: Mrs. Eilenberger, Mr. Francolino, Mr. Hackett, Councilman Merriken,
Mayor O'Brien, Mr. Manger & Chairman Diver
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None

Resolution 2016-01 – Planning Board Attorney

Motion was made by Mr. Merriken to appoint Dennis Collins as Planning Board Attorney, seconded by Mr. Manger.

Roll call taken:

AYES: Mrs. Eilenberger, Mr. Francolino, Mr. Hackett, Councilman Merriken,
Mayor O'Brien, Mr. Manger & Chairman Diver
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None

Resolution 2016-02 – Planning Board Engineer

Mr. Merriken made a motion to appoint Joseph May as Planning Board Engineer, seconded by Mr. Manger.

Roll call taken:

AYES: Mrs. Eilenberger, Mr. Francolino, Mr. Hackett, Councilman Merriken,
Mayor O'Brien, Mr. Manger & Chairman Diver
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None

Resolution 2016-03 – Planning Board Secretary

Mr. Merriken made a motion to appoint Janine Gillis as Recording Secretary, seconded by Mrs. Eilenberger.

Roll call taken:

AYES: Mrs. Eilenberger, Mr. Francolino, Mr. Hackett, Councilman Merriken,
Mayor O'Brien, Mr. Manger & Chairman Diver
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None

Resolution 2016-04 – Planning Board Designated Meeting Dates

Mrs. Eilenberger made a motion to accept 3rd Wednesday of the month, seconded by Mr. Merriken.

Roll call taken:

AYES: Mrs. Eilenberger, Mr. Francolino, Mr. Hackett, Councilman Merriken,
Mayor O'Brien, Mr. Manger & Chairman Diver
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None

Resolution 2016-05– Planning Board Designated Newspapers

Mr. Merriken made a motion to for the Coast Star and the Asbury Park Press to be designated as the official newspapers, seconded by Mrs. Eilenberger.

Roll call taken:

AYES: Mrs. Eilenberger, Mr. Francolino, Mr. Hackett, Councilman Merriken,
Mayor O'Brien, Mr. Manger & Chairman Diver
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None

Chairman Diver asked about closing re-org meeting to open regular: Attorney Collins replied not necessary.

Approval of Minutes: September 16, 2015

Motion was made by Mr. Manger to approve minutes of the meeting of September 16, 2015 meeting; seconded by Mrs. Eilenberger. Roll call taken:

AYES: Mrs. Eilenberger, Mr. Francolino, Mr. Hackett, Mr. Merriken, Mr. Manger & Chairman Diver
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: Mayor O'Brien

Correspondence and Discussion:

- Copy of letter to Mayor and Council reporting on Ordinance 2015-08 Amending Chapter 22 – Municipal Land Use
- Copy of Coastal General Permit #4 – Stewart Lake Drive Block 73 Lots 13 & 14
- Copy of letter to Mayor Maccanico dated October 8, 2015 from Congressman Christopher Smith regarding update to U.S. Army Corp evaluation of all water ways within Spring Lake Heights and surrounding municipalities.
- Letter from Jeff Murphy RE: 509 Old Mill Road, Paul & Lisa Casagrande
Copy a letter from Neil Hamilton-Code Enforcement to homeowner
- Copy of Site Remediation from NJ DEP RE: Sunoco Service Station Highway 71

Old Business: Mr. May, Board Engineer informed the board that a letter had been sent to the property owner at 509 Old Mill Rd in response to the correspondence the board had received, he was awaiting a reply.

New Business: Spring Lake Heights / Independent Fire Company
Removal of 3 Existing Fire Sirens & Poles
Installation of 2 new poles, 1 siren and 1 light

Attorney Collins announced that this was not an application/formal public hearing; the board does not approve or deny. This was before the board to review the project due to its status as a capital improvement.

Borough Administrator, Jay Delaney, Fire Chief Joe Tompey and Joseph Dellicarpini, Representative from American Signal Corp., are also present.

Chairman Diver asked if the board could make suggestion to council, Attorney Collins replied yes.

Mr. Delaney stated that there are 3 existing fire sirens: located at the fire house, Greve Ave. and Ocean Rd. All three would be taken out of service with a new one installed at the fire house. He stated the funding was provided for in the 2015 budget.

Mr. Joe Dellicarpini described the new siren, explaining that the decibel level could be adjusted. He added that it is 6 sirens facing in different directions, all of which could be adjusted as to the area they cover and could be set at different decibels. It also has pre-recorded messages with a monotone voice.

Chris Willms, former Fire Chief of Sea Girt, was in the audience and he stated that Sea Girt has installed the same system. He added that there is one tone for fire emergencies and 6 pre-recorded messages for use by the police or emergency management. The Borough Administrator also has access to the system.

Mr. Manger asked the height of that siren; Mr. Willms replied that he thought about 45 ft. Mr. Dellicarpini stated that this one would be 60 feet high. Mr. Manger asked if cell antennas could be placed on this pole, Mr. Dellicarpini, stated no. Mr. Dellicarpini added that once the system is placed the installers adjust the tone and siren accordingly.

Chairman Diver asked if the pole is provided, Mr. Dellicarpini yes.

Mr. Manger asked who controls our siren now, Mr. Delaney replied the Police. Mr. Dellicarpini added that the new system is a radio transmission.

Mr. Francolino asked what would happen if there was a malfunction. Mr. Dellicarpini replied that there is constant communication; the system checks itself so that if there was a failure police dispatch would be notified. If that did occur the new siren has a box attached that allows for a manual message.

The meeting was open to the public.

Tom Walters & Kathleen Heath 600 Essex Ave. asked if other locations were considered, Mr. Delaney replied that the fire house was the most cost efficient. They also asked what the siren cost, Mr. Delaney replied \$24,000. She inquired as to the size of the speakers, Mr. Dellicarpini stated that it is a cluster of 6; he added that each speaker would be adjusted as necessary by the installation crew. Mr. Heath asked about the physical size, Mr. Dellicarpini wasn't sure but that the information was available of the company's website.

Casey Willms was present in the audience and offered that the present siren is about 120 decibels.

William Harkins 556 Sussex Ave. asked about the installation of the light pole, he was concerned about light pollution on his home and why in fact it was needed. Fire Chief Joe Tompey was in attendance and replied that it was going to be a flood light of 150 watts, placed on a pole with the light facing the building. It would be controlled by a switch and used for training purposes when the weather allows and during fund raisers. Previously, during these times a generator was used. He added that the light would not be on all the time. Mr. Hard asked about a light that already exists at the back of the building that always is on; Mr. Tompey replied that he would look into that.

Sean Hoffman 552 Essex Ave asked who the group can voice their concerns to: Mr. Delaney replied Mayor and Council.

Rick Anselmo 554 Essex asked why the installation was at the most easterly part of town and not more centrally located in the Heights. Mr. Delaney replied that during discussions with the vendor, this location made the most sense; he added that it is centrally located from a north/south direction. Mr. Rick felt that it wasn't necessary; he added everyone has cell phones. Chairman Diver stated that it's a public safety issue, adding that during Hurricane Sandy phone service was an issue.

The voice of the public was closed on a motion by Mr. Manger and seconded by Mrs. Eilenberger without objection.

Adjournment: There being no further business, on a motion by Mr. Merriken and seconded by Mrs. Eilenberger, the meeting was adjourned without objection at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted and approved:

Jeanine Lewis

Date:

May 11, 2016