

The **February 27, 2017** 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 with a moment of silence and a salute to the flag.

ROLL CALL

Present:

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

Absent: Councilman Richard Diver

Also attending:

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Resolution No. R2017-50

Contract Negotiation: Water-Sewer Utility

On a motion by Mr. Campion, seconded by Mr. Merriken Resolution R2017-50 was approved by the following vote:

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

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Diver

8:00p.m. - PUBLICSESSION: CALL TO ORDER • SILENT REFLECTION • PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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Absent: Councilman Richard Diver

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

APPROVE AGENDA

Mayor O'Brien announced that he would like to amend the agenda to include Resolution No. 2017-54, confirming the appointment of Robert Koches as a part time licensed utility operator.

On a motion by Mr. Campion, seconded by Mr. Merriken to approve the agenda as amended was approved by the following vote:

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

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Diver

APPROVE MINUTES- January 30, 2017 Executive February 13, 2017 Executive & Regular

On a motion by Mr. Merriken, seconded by Mr. Tompey the January 30, 2017 Executive Session & the February 13, 2017 Executive Session & Regular Session was approved by the following vote:

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

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Diver

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: Mr. Campion, Mr. Diver, Mrs. King, Mr. Merriken, Mr. Shuler, Mr. Tompey
Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Diver

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Community Center Improvements

Mr. Delaney reminded council at the last meeting; it was requested that estimates are obtained for the improvements to the community center. The architect prepared estimates based on 3 options; we've also received estimates from 2 builders which were only received late today. Option #1 is just the basic improvements, with costs ranging from \$132,840 - \$158,800; Option #2 is Option #1 with a kitchen renovation and a storage area for table & chairs, with additional costs ranging from \$145,500- \$202,850 and Option #3 is all of Option #1 and a demolition of the kitchen and rear patio, rebuilding a new kitchen and new small conference room, with total costs ranging from \$262,400-\$370,474. Mayor O'Brien clarified that these numbers are not official bids; but are merely estimates of what we might want to go out to bid for, Mr. Delaney replied yes. Mayor O'Brien asked what the Borough would be responsible for based on a total of \$348,000; Mr. Delaney replied about \$200,000. He added that there is some money from the CDBG. Mayor O'Brien asked the process for going out to bid, Mr. Delaney stated in order to award, all the funding would have to be in place but that once the specs are complete it would be advertised with an approximate bid opening 3 weeks after that. Mr. Delaney added that the architect suggested going to bid for Option #1 and Option #2 as an alternate. Councilman Merriken asked if the building was structurally sound, Mr. Delaney replied that the architect reviewed the building and there weren't any issues, it was apparent that the kitchen was an add on.

Mrs. King stated she doesn't agree with all the items listed by the architect. She offered that the building is used for recreation, meetings by various organizations and parties. She feels that there are certain items that are a must; the building must be sound; we need a generator, new electric for the generator, a new roof and must be ADA compliant, the bathrooms were recently updated, she feels that it doesn't require a complete gut. She feels the kitchen should be renovated, not demolished, and the new conference room is not necessary. She feels we should get bids for Option #1 & Option #2.

Mayor O'Brien offered that the community center provides a place for the community to gather, investing in the building is the right thing to do; we want the building to last. Councilman Shuler asked if we go out to bid for the whole thing, could it be scaled back. Mr. Delaney replied not generally; only with a change order of about 20%. Mr. Delaney added that the architect suggested going out to bid for Option #1, with Option #2 as an alternate. Mr. Campion asked for the grant amount, Mr. Delaney replied 156K and do we have to match that amount. Mr. Delaney replied no but by accepting the grant money, we are obligated to do certain improvements; generator, floor and ADA upgrades which is what makes us eligible for the grant.

Mrs. King wanted to clarify that she feels that the building should certainly be made safe, bring up to standards and ADA compliant, she feels it's not necessary to do all of this. She felt that the public felt this way also.

Mr. Campion made a motion to go out to bid on Option #1 with alternate bid of Option #2, seconded by Mrs. King, roll call taken as follows:

Ayes: Mr. Campion, Mr. Diver, Mrs. King, Mr. Merriken, Mr. Shuler, Mr. Tompey
Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Diver

Mr. Campion wanted to clarify when bids would be received, Mr. Delaney replied about 21 days with award in April.

- Fire Siren – Mass Notification System

Mr. Delaney started by reminding everyone that this project has been underway for quite some time. Presently there are 3 sirens in town, all with older technology. All previous discussions included the concern over the noise level. The proposal is for all 3 to come down and be replaced with one siren at the fire house. The system is a mass notification system, it is not a siren. It has the ability to send out pre-recorded messages. We have looked at 2 different systems, American Signal and Whelan. American Signal has a high decibel level at the installation location. The equipment by Whelan is a rotating system with a lesser decibel level. Mr. Merriken added that the signal will be installed on a higher pole. Mr. Campion stated that the tone will be the same throughout the town.

Mr. Campion offered that approval has already been done with funds put aside. Mr. Delaney clarified that there are funds allocated but possibly a little short but in last year's budget there is a reserve fund for fire equipment so there is funding.

Mr. Campion stated that at one point there was discussion about moving the system to the municipal building but this is not necessary as this system can reach throughout the entire town.

Attorney McLean offered that since there is a new council, a new motion should be made.

Mrs. King stated that this is an urgent matter, she asked how long it would take to order and install, Mr. Campion replied that he guessed about 30-45 days.

Mr. Campion would like to sit with the Fire Chief and Police Chief to discuss what messages would be made standard.

Mr. Campion made a motion to remove old sirens with the Whelan WPS 4003 System, seconded by Mrs. King, roll call taken as follows:

Ayes: Mr. Campion, Mr. Diver, Mrs. King, Mr. Merriken, Mr. Shuler, Mr. Tompey
Nays: None Abstain: Mr. Tompey Absent: Mr. Diver

Mr. Campion added that the manufacturer stated that several neighboring towns have the equipment.

MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilman Campion – no report

Councilman Shuler – no report

Councilwoman King – no report

Councilman Merriken – announced the new Kubota, tiny garbage truck has arrived, fire hydrants & valve replacement is still underway and working on getting a utility shed for the Fletcher property.

Councilman Tompey – has summer camp dates - June 24th to August 4th with the extended week. The basketball program had a good registration..

Mayor O'Brien announced that at the March 13th meeting, Assemblyman David Rible will be the March 13th council meeting to speak and the Monmouth County Board of Freeholders will be holding their July 13, 2017 here at our location.

REPORTS, NOTICES & CORRESPONDENCE

- Municipal Court Report – January 2016
- Board of Chosen Freeholders – Notice of Public Hearing, March 9, 2017 Re: Proposed Amendments to the Monmouth County Solid Waste Management Plan
- State of NJ Dept. of Environmental Protection – Notice of Public Hearing, March 8, 2017 Re: Annual Fee Report
- South Monmouth Regional Sewerage Authority 2017-2018 Meeting Schedule
- Letter from Monmouth County Historical Commission re: Recommendations for Historic Preservation Award
- Borough of Oceanport Resolution 2017-067 Supporting the Filing of a Compliant that the Criminal Justice Reform Act Constitutes an Unfunded State Mandate
- Township of Wall Public Notice – March 22, 2017 Re: Ordinance No. 1-2017 Tilton Corner Rd Speed Limit

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS None

RESOLUTIONS

- **R2017-51**, Approving the use of the community center-Tri-Shore Little League

On a motion by Mr. Campion, seconded by Mr. Merriken Resolution R2017-50 was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Mr. Campion, Mrs. King, Mr. Merriken, Mr. Shuler, Mr. Tompey
Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Diver

- **R2017-52**, Authorizing Monmouth County Mosquito Division to Conduct Aerial Mosquito Control Operations in the Borough of Spring Lake Heights

On a motion by Mr. Campion, seconded by Mr. Merriken Resolution R2017-50 was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Mr. Campion, Mrs. King, Mr. Merriken, Mr. Shuler, Mr. Tompey
Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Diver

- **R2017-53**, Authorizing the payment of the itemized claims as set forth on the February 24, 2017 Bill List

On a motion by Mr. Campion, seconded by Mr. Merriken Resolution R2017-50 was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Mr. Campion, Mrs. King, Mr. Merriken, Mr. Shuler, Mr. Tompey
Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Diver

- **R2017-54**, Confirming the appointment of Robert Koches as a part time Licensed Utility Operator

On a motion by Mr. Campion, seconded by Mr. Shuler Resolution R2017-54 was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Mr. Campion, Mrs. King, Mr. Merriken, Mr. Shuler, Mr. Tompey
Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Diver

PUBLIC COMMENT (Any item)

Kat Crippen 564 Atlantic Avenue announced that the Monmouth County Park System will be attending the Environmental Commissions meeting on March 6th, she invited Mayor and Council to attend.

Rita Murphy 2014 Highway 71 expressed to council again, that before any improvements are done to the community center it should be inspected to make sure it is structurally sound. Will the improvements include retrofitting the roof, will the windows be safe. If the community is going to use building as a safe place in a storm, will it be safe. She agrees the bathrooms need to be compliant. Mr. Campion pointed out that the building was inspected by the architect and no issues were presented. Mr. Delaney added that the due diligence was performed by the architect.

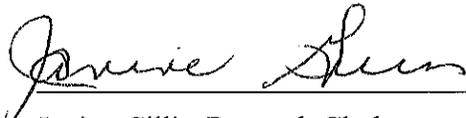
On a motion by Mr. Merriken, seconded by Mr. Tompey, the public comment period was closed; roll call taken as follows:

Ayes: Mr. Campion, Mr. Diver, Mrs. King, Mr. Merriken, Mr. Shuler, Mr. Tompey

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Diver

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on a motion by Mrs. King, seconded by Mr. Tompey, the meeting was adjourned without objection at 8:49 p.m.



Janine Gillis, Borough Clerk

Approved: March 13, 2017