

The **July 24, 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 Champion
Councilman Richard Diver
Councilwoman Sara King
Councilman Robert Merriken
Councilman James Shuler
Councilman Joseph Tompey
Mayor Thomas O'Brien

Absent: None

Also attending:

John Barrett, PM Consultants
Gary McLean, Esq., Borough Attorney

7:30 p.m. - EXECUTIVE SESSION: Resolution No. R2017-131

* **Personnel:** Borough Administrator

Mayor O'Brien read Resolution No. 2017-131 into the record.

On a motion by Mr. Diver, seconded by Mr. Champion, Resolution R2017-131 was approved by the following vote:

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

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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.

Mayor O'Brien requested to amend the agenda adding Resolution No. R2017-138 Authorizing execution of the Separation Agreement with Joseph J. Delaney, Jr. and Resolution No. R2017-139 Appointing an Interim Borough Administrator.

APPROVE AGENDA

A motion was made by Mr. Diver to amend the agenda, adding Resolution No. R2017-138 & R2017-139, seconded by Mr. Campion, Roll Call taken as follows:

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

A motion was made by Mr. Diver to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Mr. Merriken, Roll Call taken as follows:

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

APPROVE MINUTES – July 10, 2017

On a motion by Mr. Merriken, seconded by Mrs. King, the minutes of July 10, 2017 were approved by the following vote:

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

PRESENTATIONS

- Michael Ferrara – Employees Support the Guard and Reserve – Presentation of Award to the Borough of Spring Lake Heights

Mr. Ferrara introduced himself and explained that the award is given by the Office of the Secretary of Defense and is awarded in recognition of employers and their support of employees that serve our country. He stated that one of our employees, Piotr Jenczelewski had nominated Mrs. King to receive the award. Mr. Ferrara asked Mrs. King to accept. Mrs. King stepped down from the dais and was presented with a plaque which read; in short: Office of the Secretary of Defense-Employer Support of the National Guard, Sara King Spring Lake Heights as a Patriotic Employer for contributing to National Security and Protecting the Liberty and Freedom by supporting employee participation in America's National Guard and Reserve Force.

Mrs. King accepted the award and was quite surprised, she stated that she had no idea about this and thanked Piotr & Mr. Ferrara.

Mr. May announced that Piotr is one of a few National Guard members that was asked to train for Ranger School, which he completed. He asked Piotr about the number of individuals that started at the training and how many finished; he replied 451 started and only 68 graduated, he added it's very aggressive training.

SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda items only)

Evelyn Condello 807 Park Avenue, stated that the instructors that use the Community Center are looking for options as to where classes can be held while the Community Center is closed. She also reminded council that the Community Center houses a satellite of Monmouth County Library which is frequented by the public, not just seniors. There are couple of ladies that operate the library, they maintain the records by hand. She asked if there is a start date. Mr. Diver replied that the Community Center will be closed as of August 5th. She announced that she had contacted the County about the books. They have offered to send boxes to pack the books and that they will pick them up and store them. She asked if when the project is completed, will the library be able to come back. Mayor O'Brien stated there are no plans on discontinuing that; the use of the Community Center will be as operated now. Mr. Merriken stated that she would be notified when it is complete. Mr. Diver added

that the construction will take about 90 days. She asked who she could have as a contact person: Mr. Diver replied it could be him or Mr. May.

Nancy Hayduk Central Avenue stated that she is not against doing the renovations at the Community Center but expressed concern about having to open the facility to the public. She reviewed minutes from a September 12, 2016 meeting where Mr. Delaney reported that if each taxpayer would pay an additional tax of \$62.00 it would mean it wouldn't be necessary to accept the HUD grant. This would mean that it would be open to the public and we wouldn't have any control. She added that the minutes included that Mayor O'Brien stated that nothing would be decided tonight and Mr. Delaney added that he would provide final bid specifications and provide alternates for further discussions as to what the priorities are. She also pointed out that at a December meeting discussions were tabled about the Community Center. She felt that it would be helpful to wait for the new council; it was removed from the agenda. Mr. Merriken wanted to add that not every resident would want to spend the extra \$62.00.

Mayor O'Brien offered that there were meetings discussing the Community Center. There were 2 meetings prior to the council prior to the resolution to sign the agreement, Mr. Diver agreed. Mayor O'Brien detailed that there was a meeting to extend the grant, alternative plans were discussed as well, and then a meeting where all bids were rejected because they were too high. He stated that there was another meeting when we accepted the bid specification. She felt key players were not invited. Mr. Diver added that he has had conversations with Mrs. Eilenberger. Mayor O'Brien stated that there have been many discussions about the public use of the building; in fact we satisfy that claim with its present use. He added that we could also have measures in place that would allow residents to have first choice; she feels that HUD would not allow that. Ms. Hayduk also felt that going forward with the renovations that some individuals such as Eileen Eilenberger or Kathy Hahn should be involved in the choosing of décor. She stated that she is opposed to accepting the HUD grant.

Evelyn Condello 807 Park Avenue pointed out that parking is an issue at the Community Center; she offered that at one point information was given to Mr. Delaney about the Borough purchasing the property prior to it going to the open market. She thought the town could have moved the park to that spot and gotten more parking spaces where the park is now. Mayor O'Brien stated that consideration was given but the price was extreme. Mr. Diver explained that it was reviewed and that it would yield like 6 parking spaces. She expressed that she was pleased that it was considered. Mrs. Condello asked that council consider purchasing property in that area if the opportunity arises again.

On a motion by Mr. Merriken and seconded by Mrs. King, the public comment period was closed by the following vote:

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

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: None

DISCUSSION ITEMS – None

MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilman Tompey – reported that he and Recreation Director Shawn Heeter are looking for a temporary location for the exercise classes.

Councilman Merriken – announced that Public Works is continuing to replace fire hydrants and valves.

Councilwoman King – stated that Chief Petriken asked her to remind residents that dogs must be on a leash when on public property. The leash should not be longer than 6 ft. She also reminded all that anyone under the age of 17 must wear a helmet when riding bikes.

Councilman Shuler – reported that on July 17th Monmouth County had a shred day at the school, the trucks collected and shredded 11.5 tons of paper. He added that Spring Lake Heights will be having their own on August 5th.

Councilman Campion – No Report

Councilman Diver – No Report

REPORTS, NOTICES & CORRESPONDENCE

- Monthly Court Revenue – June 2017
- Monthly Police Report – June 2017
- Public Hearing – SLH Board of Education, July 24, 2017 Re: State Aid
- Public Hearing–Board of Chosen Freeholders, July 27, 2017 Re: Amending Solid Waste Management Plan
- Public Hearing – Monmouth County Division of Transportation July 25, 2017 Re: Application for grant funding for Senior Citizens and Disabled Resident Transportation Assistance
- Copy of Borough of Allentown Resolution No.R217-2017 Urging the State Legislature to Pass Common Sense Affordable Housing Rules
- Public Hearing Spring Lake Heights Board of Adjustment July 27, 2017 Block 70 Lots 14 & 21
- Public Hearing Spring Lake Heights Board of Adjustment July 27, 2017 Block 61 Lots 7
- Spring Lake First Aid Squad Monthly Calls January – June 2017

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS

RESOLUTIONS

- **R2017-132**, Authorizing the Extension of the Grant Agreement between the Borough of Spring Lake Heights and Monmouth County Board of Chosen Freeholders

On a motion by Mr. Campion, seconded by Mr. Tompey, Resolution R2017-132 was approved by the following vote:

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

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: None

- **R2017-133**, Authorizing a Tax Lien Redemption- 206 Highway 71 Block 20 Lot 9

On a motion by Mr. Merriken, seconded by Mrs. King, Resolution R2017-133 was approved by the following vote:

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

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: None

- **R2017-134**, Approving the Appointment of Public Works Department Temporary /Seasonal Employee

On a motion by Mr. Diver, seconded by Mr. Merriken, Resolution R2017-134 was approved by the following vote:

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

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: None

- **R2017-135**, Authorizing the Release of the Designated Performance Guarantee Block 46.01 Lots 1,65,66 & 67

On a motion by Mrs. King, seconded by Mr. Merriken, Resolution R2017-135 was approved by the following vote:

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

Nays: None Abstain: Mr. Merriken Absent: None

- **R2017-136**, Authorizing the outside employment for a Borough Employee

On a motion by Mr. Champion, seconded by Mr. Merriken, Resolution R2017-136 was approved by the following vote:

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

- **R2017-137**, Approving the Payment of the Itemized Claims as set Forth on the July 20, 2017 Bill List

On a motion by Mr. Merriken, seconded by Mrs. King, Resolution R2017-137 was approved by the following vote:

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

- **R2017-138**, Authorizing execution of the Separation Agreement with Joseph J. Delaney, Jr

On a motion by Mr. Diver, seconded by Mr. Tompey, Resolution R2017-138 was approved by the following vote:

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

- **R2017-139**, Appointing an Interim Borough Administrator.

On a motion by Mr. Diver, seconded by Mrs. King, Resolution R2017-139 was approved by the following vote:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT (Any item)

Zach Ramp, Spring Lake Heights Police Officer wanted to announce that Officer Shafer and Willms were dispatched to a residence in town. Officer Willms recognized signs of a heroin overdose and used the Narcan that the department has and saved the individual's life.

Councilman Champion asked where the Narcan had come from; Officer Ramp replied the County. The audience applauded their efforts.

George Corbeels Nadine Drive wanted to point out the increase in traffic throughout town. The drivers are cutting through side streets to avoid the traffic lights. He thought in particular the lights at Wall Road and Ocean Road were extremely long. He thought the timing could be changed. Mayor O'Brien pointed out that the light at Allaire Road is changed seasonally; that perhaps the same could be done on Ocean and Wall Road. Officer Ramp pointed out that perhaps the device at the top of the traffic lights which detects vehicles are there is not set properly.

Kathy Hahn Central Avenue reminded everyone that August 1st is National Night Out; she requested that it be placed on the school sign.

She also wanted to make sure that by accepting the HUD grant for the Community Center that the town didn't lose control over its use. She added that the center does not improvements.

She also asked about a time line that a resident could have a dumpster on their property. She stated that there is one on Shore Road, it has been there for quite some time and is full. Mr. Barrett stated that he will bring it to the attention of the code official

Officer Ramp added that Spring Lake Heights Police Department will be participating at the National Night Out at the Sea Girt Army Camp.

Evelyn Condello Park Avenue asked if commercial driveways can be marked indicating one driveway as in and one as out; in particular the 7-11 south. She added that traffic is terrible there. Mayor O'Brien

offered that it would be looked at; Mr. May replied that he would review their approval resolution. Mayor O'Brien stated that we could suggest that. Mr. Shuler pointed out that there is a sign, no left turn but that it's not adhered to. Mrs. Condello also stated that vehicles are parked on both sides of Ocean Road make it difficult to come down the road. Mr. May pointed out that there is no parking on the south side of the street; there are signs indicating that.

Mrs. Condello stated that she attended the Planning Board meeting the other night. The new owners of the Mill are re-vamping the parking lot. She wanted to know if our traffic people could meet the Wall traffic people, they want to align the entrance/exit with New Bedford Road. She suggested that New Bedford become a one way street. She feels it would be a problem.

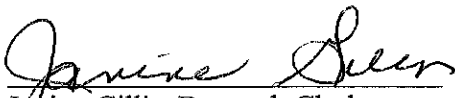
On a motion by Mr. Tompey and seconded by Mr. Merriken, the public comment period was closed by the following vote:

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

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on a motion by Mr. Champion, seconded by Mrs. King, the meeting was adjourned without objection at 8:53 p.m.


Janine Gillis, Borough Clerk

Approved: August 21, 2017