

The **August 21, 2017** meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Spring Lake Heights, Monmouth County, New Jersey was called to order by Sara King, Acting Mayor at 7:00 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 Richard Diver
Councilwoman Sara King
Councilman Robert Merriken
Councilman James Shuler

Absent:

Councilman Joseph Tompey
Mayor Thomas O'Brien

Also attending:

John Barrett, Borough Administrator
Gary McLean, Esq., Borough Attorney
Joseph May, Borough Engineer

7:00 p.m. - EXECUTIVE SESSION: Resolution No. R2017-140

Anticipated Litigation: 206 Highway 71 / Government Records Council / Health Care

Attorney-Client Privilege: Utility Easement **Personnel:** Police – Union Matters

ADDED AT MEETING Attorney-Client Privilege: Employment Issues

Borough Clerk Janine Gillis read Resolution No. R2017-140

On a motion by Mr. Merriken, seconded by Mr. Campion, Resolution R2017-140 was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Mr. Campion, Mr. Diver, Mr. Merriken, Mr. Shuler

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Tompey

8:08p.m.-PUBLIC SESSION:CALL TO ORDER ▪ SILENT REFLECTION ▪ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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Councilman Joseph Tompey
Mayor Thomas O'Brien

Also attending:

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

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

Acting Mayor, Sara King 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 accords with Borough policy.

APPROVE AGENDA

Acting Mayor, Mrs. King announced that there would be an amendment to the agenda.

Borough Attorney, Gary McLean reviewed that the agenda would be amended to add 2 resolutions; 2017-149 addressing the issue of recovering health care costs of former employees and 2017-150 addressing the implementation of the recommendations of PM Consultants regarding police staffing and the addition of a special officer.

On a motion by Mr. Merriken and seconded by Mr. Diver Resolution No. 2017-149 & 2017-150 will be added to the agenda, Roll call taken as follows:

Ayes: Mr. Campion, Mr. Diver, Mr. Merriken, Mr. Shuler

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Mr. Tompey

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

Ayes: Mr. Campion, Mr. Diver, Mr. Merriken, Mr. Shuler

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Mr. Tompey

APPROVE MINUTES - July 24, 2017 Executive & Regular Session

On a motion by Mr. Diver, seconded by Mr. Shuler, the Executive & Regular Session minutes of July 24, 2017 were approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Mr. Campion, Mr. Diver, Mr. Merriken, Mr. Shuler

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Mr. Tompey

PRESENTATIONS - None

SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda items only) None Presented

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

Ayes: Mr. Campion, Mr. Diver, Mr. Merriken, Mr. Shuler

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Mr. Tompey

DISCUSSION ITEMS - None

MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilman Diver – no report, he added that the budget is looking good for this year.

Councilman Campion – no report, thanked John Barrett for stepping in as Borough Administrator.

Councilman Shuler – reported that the sidewalk in front of the Municipal building has been done; he thanked the DPW employees for their hard work. He also announced that the paving of Wall Road will begin on August 28th.

Councilman Merriken – no report

Acting Mayor, Sara King – no report

REPORTS, NOTICES & CORRESPONDENCE

- Police Department Monthly Report – July 2017
- Monthly Court Report – July 2017
- Letter from State of NJ – Dept. of Transportation – 2018 State Aid Program application
- Borough of Farmingdale Resolution 7-2017; Urging the State Legislature to Pass Common Sense Affordable Housing Rules
- Resignation letter from Board of Adjustment member
- Spring Lake First Aid Squad Monthly Report – July 2017
- Letter form South Monmouth Regional Sewerage Authority-Notice of Bond Adoption

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS - None

RESOLUTIONS

- **R2017-141**, Authorizing 2017 salary for designated employee within previously established salary ranges

On a motion by Mr. Merriken, seconded by Mr. Shuler, Resolution No. 2017-141 was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Mr. Campion, Mr. Diver, Mr. Merriken, Mr. Shuler

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Mr. Tompey

- **R2017-142**, Confirming the permanent appointment of Anthony Spinosa as a Public Works Laborer
 On a motion by Mr. Champion, seconded by Mr. Shuler, Resolution No. 2017-142 was approved by the following vote:
 Ayes: Mr. Champion, Mr. Diver, Mr. Merriken, Mr. Shuler
 Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Tompey
- **R2017-143**, Authorizing the outside employment for a Borough employee
 On a motion by Mr. Merriken, seconded by Mr. Shuler, Resolution No. 2017-143 was approved by the following vote:
 Ayes: Mr. Champion, Mr. Diver, Mr. Merriken, Mr. Shuler
 Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Tompey
- **R2017-144**, Approving the designated membership in the Fire Department
 On a motion by Mr. Merriken, seconded by Mr. Shuler, Resolution No. 2017-144 was approved by the following vote:
 Ayes: Mr. Champion, Mr. Diver, Mr. Merriken, Mr. Shuler
 Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Tompey
- **R2017-145**, Approving the issuance of an Alcoholic Beverage Control Social Affair Permit – Algonquin Arts
 On a motion by Mr. Diver, seconded by Mr. Merriken, Resolution No. 2017-145 was approved by the following vote:
 Ayes: Mr. Champion, Mr. Diver, Mr. Merriken, Mr. Shuler
 Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Tompey
- **R2017-146**, Requesting from Director – Division of Local Government Services the establishment of a petty cash fund
 On a motion by Mr. Merriken, seconded by Mr. Diver, Resolution No. 2017-146 was approved by the following vote:
 Ayes: Mr. Champion, Mr. Diver, Mr. Merriken, Mr. Shuler
 Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Tompey
- **R2017-147**, Authorizing the adjustment of a designated water-sewer utility account
 On a motion by Mr. Champion, seconded by Mr. Merriken, Resolution No. 2017-147 was approved by the following vote:
 Ayes: Mr. Champion, Mr. Diver, Mr. Merriken, Mr. Shuler
 Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Tompey
- **R2017-148**, Authorizing the payment of the itemized claims as set forth on the August 18, 2017 Bill List.
 On a motion by Mr. Diver, seconded by Mr. Merriken, Resolution No. 2017-148 was approved by the following vote:
 Ayes: Mr. Champion, Mr. Diver, Mr. Merriken, Mr. Shuler
 Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Tompey
- **R2017-149**, Authorizing Labor Counsel to take action necessary to collect overdue health care payments from former employees
 On a motion by Mr. Diver, seconded by Mr. Merriken, Resolution No. 2017-149 was approved by the following vote:
 Ayes: Mr. Champion, Mr. Diver, Mr. Merriken, Mr. Shuler
 Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Tompey
- **R2017-150**, Authorizing the implementation of the recommendations of P.M. Consultants, LLC in their report dated August 11, 2017 regarding police staffing.

On a motion by Mr. Campion, seconded by Mr. Merriken, Resolution No. 2017-150 was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Mr. Campion, Mr. Diver, Mr. Merriken, Mr. Shuler

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Tompey

PUBLIC COMMENT (Any item)

Eileen Eilenberger 1213 Pond Road expressed that she was thrilled to see that the community center improvements had started. She asked council to consider raising the rental fee and adding a cleaning fee. She also thought it should be inspected after each rental. Mr. Barrett stated that all the borough fees would be reviewed for updating. He also added that possibly public works could be involved with inspections. Mrs. Eilenberger asked if there could be a separate line item to track the rental fees; Mr. Barrett replied that next year that it could be done.

Kat Crippen 564 Atlantic Ave wanted to report a wildlife issue. There have been sightings of a coyote along the tracks by the Public Works yard. She was looking to see what if anything could be done. Mr. Campion asked about the farmers market. Ms. Crippen replied that it was doing well. Mrs. King stated that she has visited and it seemed to be doing well. Ms. Crippen hoped that next year it could grow.

George Corbeels 6 Nadine Drive asked about the length of time the paving would take on Wall Road. Mr. May replied that it was expected to be 2 days milling and 2 days paving, they have to be completed by September 1. He also inquired about the installation of LED lighting; Mr. Diver replied that it was under consideration. Mr. Barrett stated that he will follow up with that as well. Mr. Barrett added that the Borough now has a Facebook page that we will be posting Borough events on.

Mrs. King asked Mr. May about the paving, clarifying that the Borough is doing half and the gas company doing the other half. Mr. May responded yes, but that it was one contractor doing the work. Mr. Campion asked about the starting point of the paving, Mr. May wasn't sure. Mr. Campion asked that it be announced through the Swiftreach notification, Mr. Barrett replied yes.

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

Ayes: Mr. Campion, Mr. Diver, Mr. Merriken, Mr. Shuler

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Tompey

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on a motion by Mr. Diver, seconded by Mr. Campion, the meeting was adjourned without objection at 8:27 p.m.



Janine Gillis, Borough Clerk

Approved: September 11, 2017