

The **September 25, 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 8:00 p.m. in the Frank E. Adams Municipal Building with a moment of silence and a salute to the flag.

## **ROLL CALL**

### Present:

Councilman Robert Merriken  
Councilman James Shuler  
Councilman Joseph Tompey  
Mayor Thomas O'Brien

### Absent:

Councilman Christopher Campion  
Councilman Richard Diver  
Councilwoman Sara King

### Also Attending:

Gary McLean, Esq., Borough Attorney

## **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**

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

Ayes: Mr. Merriken, Mr. Shuler, Mr. Tompey

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

## **APPROVE MINUTES -      September 10, 2017**

On a motion by Mr. Tompey seconded by Mr. Shuler, the agenda as amended was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Mr. Merriken, Mr. Shuler, Mr. Tompey

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

## **PRESENTATIONS - None**

## **SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARINGS - None**

## **PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda items only) None Presented**

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

Ayes: Mr. Merriken, Mr. Shuler, Mr. Tompey

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

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS -**

- NJDOT State Aid Program for 2018

Mayor O'Brien reminded council that the agenda included a letter from Borough Engineer, Joseph May, with his submission recommendation. Borough Clerk, Janine Gillis added that the letter was Joe's recommendations but that he was open to suggestions. Mayor O'Brien asked council members if they had different suggestions; there was no response. Janine stated that she would notify Mr. May to move forward with his recommendation and apply for the grant.

- Best Practices Inventory

Borough Clerk, Janine Gillis explained that the inventory is a report prepared by the Administrator and CFO and that credit is given which in turn determines receipt or denial of state aid. She added that submission must include the minutes; showing that it was discussed by Mayor and Council. Mrs. Gillis asked if anyone had questions; there were none.

## **MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councilman Tompey - No Report

Councilman Merriken – wanted to clarify his not voting on the hiring of the new police officers. It wasn't that he didn't want to hire, it was the overtime issues and the limit. If we hired and overtime stayed the same we are just spending a whole lot of money. It's something that should be discussed with Councilman Diver.

Councilman Shuler - No Report

Mayor O'Brien – announced that Heights Day was a great success, lots of fun for everyone. Janine Gillis stated that the Mayor was an active participant. Mayor O'Brien stated for those that weren't there he participated in the dunk tank where you had the opportunity to dunk him.

## **REPORTS, NOTICES & CORRESPONDENCE**

- Monthly Police Report – August 2017
- Monthly Court Report - August 2017
- Spring Lake First Aid Monthly Statistics – August 2017
- Copy of Bradley Beach Resolution No. 2017-180, Supporting the construction of a County recycling facility
- JCP&L public hearing on September 26, 2017 Re; Services Charges
- South Monmouth Regional Sewerage Authority public hearing on September 12, 2017 Re: Amendment to sewer service schedule charge

## **ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS**

### **RESOLUTIONS**

- **R2017-161**, Authorizing a Tax Lien Redemption Block 69 Lot 13

On a motion by Mr. Shuler, seconded by Mr. Merriken, Resolution R2017-161 was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Mr. Merriken, Mr. Shuler, Mr. Tompey

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

- **R2017-162**, Authorizing the Submission of an Application to Monmouth County Open Space Grant Program Funding

Borough Clerk announced that this application is a repeat of an application that was submitted last year; which funding was denied. The resolution authorized the submission of the application but a public hearing will be set for Tuesday, October 10<sup>th</sup> our next council meeting.

Councilman Merriken offered that the park should be moved to Bi-Centennial Park further up Ocean Road; Councilman Shuler replied no, the park at its present location is used alot. There was a discussion on the pros/cons of moving the park. Mayor O'Brien announced that the park is frequently used by the area residents and feels that they would want it to remain at the Community Center. It was discussed that speeding on that road is a concern. Councilman Tompey talked about an electronic sign that flashed your speed and also a flashing white light towards the driver.

On a motion by Mr. Shuler, seconded by Mr. Merriken, Resolution R2017-162 was approved by the following vote:

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

Borough Clerk, Janine Gillis announced that a public hearing would be held at the next council meeting; Tuesday, October 10, 2017

- **R2017-163**, Approving a Social Affair Permit to Michael Gerard Puharic Memorial Fund, Inc.

On a motion by Mr. Merriken, seconded by Mr. Tompey, Resolution R2017-163 was approved by the following vote:

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

- **R2017-164**, Authorizing the payment of claims as reported on the September 22, 2017 Bill List

On a motion by Mr. Shuler, seconded by Mr. Merriken, Resolution R2017-164 was approved by the following vote:

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT (Any item)**

Larry Fenton 905 Lake Avenue added that the park at its present location is probably a little safer than walking up Ocean Road. He asked about regulations regarding the height of hedges on corners. He wanted to report that there is a property on Ocean Road and Sixth Avenue with shrubs which are too high and make visibility difficult. Mayor O'Brien stated that it would be checked. Borough Clerk, Janine Gillis asked if this had already brought to Mr. Hamilton's attention, he replied no. Mrs. Gillis stated that the information would be passed on to the code official.

Kathy Hahn 810 Central Avenue asked about the light on the Heights sign on Rt. 71, she's stated that she has previously reported that the light is not working; it's still not working. She also stated that both of the Heights signs need to be painted. She stated that the gas company has placed signs on Central, she asked if it is going to be paved. Mr. Shuler stated that it was done on Shore Rd also.

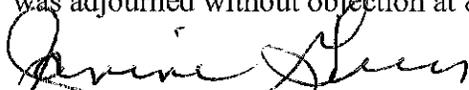
Mayor O'Brien asked that at the next meeting a paving update is on the agenda; Mrs. Gillis stated yes.

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

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, on a motion by Mr. Tompey, seconded by Mr. Merriken, the meeting was adjourned without objection at 8:18 p.m.

  
Janine Gillis, Borough Clerk

Approved: October 10, 2017