

The **October 23, 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 Christopher Campion  
Councilman Richard Diver  
Councilwoman Sara King  
Councilman Robert Merriken  
Councilman Joseph Tompey  
Mayor Thomas O'Brien

Absent:

Councilman James Shuler

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**

Mayor O'Brien announced that the agenda will be amended to add a Proclamation.

On a motion by Mr. Merriken the agenda was amended to add the Proclamation for First Responders Day to the agenda; seconded by Mr. Tompey, approved by the following vote:

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

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

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

**APPROVE MINUTES - October 10, 2017**

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

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

**PRESENTATIONS** – Mayor O'Brien read the Proclamation for *First Responders Day*. See attached.

Mayor O'Brien then presented the proclamation to Fire Chief Tompey.

**SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARINGS** - None

**PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda items only)**

Kat Crippen 564 Atlantic Avenue pointed out that the resolution adopted by the NJ General Assembly encouraging homeowners to plant native plants supporting bee population and creat habitat for pollinators. She explained that this is already implemented here in Spring Lake Heights; the gardens at the Fletcher property include native plantings. She invited the public to come to environmental commission meetings for suggestions on how and what to plant at their homes.

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, Mr. Merriken, Mr. Tompey

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Mr. Shuler

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS –**

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

Councilman Tompey – No Report

Councilman Merriken – No Report

Councilwoman King - Announced that on Friday, November 10, 2017 is the Veterans Day Luncheon at Doolans. She invited Mr. Carragher to announce the details; he stated the invitation is extended to all Spring Lake Heights Veterans and their guest. He also extended thanks to all the businesses that have contributed to help make this event a success.

Councilman Campion – No Report

Councilman Diver – Announced that the overtime for the police department is down again although this past pay period included overtime due the court sessions. He also announced that he is looking into lowering the utility rates and increasing the base amount of 9000 gallons. He feels that this could be accomplished; we want to keep our families in town.

Mayor O'Brien – announced that he attended the wine tasting event that the police department had at the Fire House. He felt it was a great event and that everyone had a great time. He also announced that on Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, there will be a dedication of Veterans Tribute Park. Mayor O'Brien invited Rachel Castellon to come up and speak about her request letter on the agenda which is connected to the proclamation read earlier.

### **REPORTS, NOTICES & CORRESPONDENCE**

- Monthly Municipal Police Report – September 2017
- Monthly Municipal Court Report – September 2017
- Monmouth County Board of Chosen Freeholders Resolution No. 2017-0806 Opposing Tax Reform Eliminating State and Local Tax Deduction
- NJ General Assembly Resolution No. 216 Encouraging NJ Homeowners to Plant Native Plants Supporting Bee Populations and Create Habitat for All Pollinators
- Township of Shrewsbury Resolution 2017-106 Supporting Bradley Beach for In House Single Stream Recycling in Monmouth County
- Borough of Farmingdale Resolution 2017-106 Supporting Bradley Beach for In House Single Stream Recycling in Monmouth County
- Resolutions from Township of Ocean, Colts Neck, Township of Shrewsbury, Neptune City, Fair Haven, Eatontown, Asbury Park, Allentown, Farmingdale and Sea Bright; Expressing Opposition to Legislative Proposals Regarding the Open Public Meetings Act and Open Public Records Act
- Spring Lake Heights Board of Adjustment Hearing, October 26, 2017 Block 88 Lot 19
- Spring Lake Heights Board of Education Special Meeting Thursday, November 2, 2017
- Borough of Sea Girt Public Hearing November 8, 2017; Ordinance No. 13-2017 Ordinance to Amend & Supplement Chapter XVII Zoning Section 17-7
- Borough of Sea Girt Public Hearing November 8, 2017; Ordinance No. 14-2017 Ordinance to Amend & Supplement Chapter XVII Zoning Section 17-5
- Letter from Rachel Castellon requesting to Place Bows on Borough Property

Mayor O'Brien asked Ms. Castellon if she would come up and explain her request.

Rachel explained that she would like to place blue bows in several municipal locations in honor of First Responders Day which is Saturday, October 28th. She would like to keep them up until

Veterans Day. Mayor O'Brien asked if any council members objected: there were none. Mayor O'Brien gave the go ahead to Ms. Castellon to go ahead with her plan.

Mr. Carragher wanted to add that the Veterans luncheon is free.

Mr. Diver announced that at the Police Wine Tasting a commendation was given to Sgt. O'Neill for a lifesaving event; Mr. Diver stated that the individual was at the event.

**ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS Ordinance 2017-07** An Ordinance of the Borough of Spring Lake Heights - Revising and Amending Chapter 22 (Municipal Land Use Regulations) of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Spring Lake Heights in order to implement the recommendations of the Planning Board regarding the Municipal Land Use Regulations.

On a motion by Mr. Campion, seconded by Mr. Diver, Ordinance No. 2017-07 was introduced; roll call taken as follows:

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

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Shuler

Borough clerk, Janine Gillis stated that the public hearing on this ordinance will be on November 13, 2017. Janine announced that the Planning Board has re-scheduled their meeting to November 1<sup>st</sup> in order to review the ordinance pursuant to Section 26 of the Municipal Land Use Law.

## RESOLUTIONS

- **R2017-171**, Accepting Performance Guarantee for Block 25 Lots 11,13, 27

On a motion by Mr. Campion, seconded by Mr. Merriken, Resolution R2017-171 was approved by the following vote:

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

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Shuler

- **R2017-172**, Authorizing the consolidation of the Borough's Public Assistance Program to Monmouth County Division of Social Services.

On a motion by Mr. Diver, seconded by Mrs. King, Resolution R2017-172 was approved by the following vote:

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

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Shuler

- **R2017-173**, Authorizing the execution of an agreement between the Borough and County of Monmouth for Special Citizens Area Transportation for 2018

On a motion by Mrs. King, seconded by Mr. Merriken, Resolution R2017-173 was approved by the following vote:

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

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Shuler

- **R2017-174**, Appointing a member to the Zoning Board of Adjustment

Mrs. King stated she was happy to see this as Ms. Lalji is very diligent as a member of the board.

On a motion by Mrs. King, seconded by Mr. Merriken, Resolution R2017-174 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

▪ **R2017-175**, Approving Payment of the Itemized Claims as Set Forth on October 20, 2017 Bill List  
On a motion by Mr. Diver, seconded by Mr. Merriken, Resolution R2017-175 was approved by the following vote:

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT (Any item)**

Kat Crippen 564 Atlantic Avenue reported that the lights at Bicentennial-Ocean Road Park are on with no one using the facility. Mr. Campion replied that the lights were to be set with timers so that this wouldn't happen; he would check into it. She inquired about a fee for using the tennis courts and that if there isn't one there should be. Borough Clerk announced that there is a \$5.00 permit fee. Ms. Crippen asked if all get a permit, it is difficult to police that.

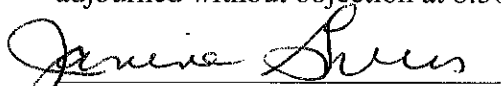
Kathy Hahn Central Avenue stated that the paving of Central Ave has started, but that residents weren't notified. Mr. Campion stated he would look into that, certainly residents should have been notified. Borough Clerk, Janine Gillis stated that the office received some calls this morning; the contractor was to put door knockers out last week and apparently didn't. She asked about the progress on the community center; Mr. Diver replied great.

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

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, on a motion by Mr. Diver, seconded by Mr. Tompey, the meeting was adjourned without objection at 8:30 p.m.

  
Janine Gillis, Borough Clerk

Approved: November 13, 2017