

The **December 11, 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 James Shuler
Councilman Joseph Tompey
Mayor Thomas O'Brien

Absent: None

Also Attending:

John Barrett, Administrator
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

Mr. Campion made a motion to remove Resolution No. 2017-192; Requesting Director of NJ DLGS to approve amendments to the 2017 municipal budget, seconded by Mr. Diver, roll call as follows:

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

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. Shuler, Mr. Tompey
Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: None

APPROVE MINUTES - November 13, 2017 Executive Session

On a motion by Mr. Merriken, seconded by Mr. Tompey the November 13, 2017 Executive Session minutes were approved by the following vote:

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

November 27, 2017

On a motion by Mr. Merriken, seconded by Mr. Tompey the November 27, 2017 minutes 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 – None

SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARINGS

- **ORDINANCE NO. 2017-10** An Ordinance of the Borough of Spring Lake Heights -- Amending Chapter IX Recreational Facilities, Section 9-1 Parks and Community Center of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Spring Lake Heights

On a motion by Mr. Champion, seconded by Mr. Diver the meeting was opened to the public by the following vote:

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

None Presented.

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

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

On a motion by Mr. Champion, seconded by Mr. Diver, Ordinance No. 2017-10 was adopted by the following vote:

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

- **ORDINANCE NO. 2017-11** An Ordinance of the Borough of Spring Lake Heights - Amending Chapter XV Water, Section 15-1.14 Rates of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Spring Lake Heights

Mayor O'Brien explained this is to lower the water rate and increase the usage allowance.

On a motion by Mr. Champion, seconded by Mr. Merriken the meeting was opened to the public by the following vote:

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

George Dougherty 47 Willow Lane asked about an article in the Coast Star about surplus; he asked what is the current status of the surplus and what is it used for. Mayor O'Brien responded it's used for capital projects such as; repair/replacing water mains, new fire hydrants, and the upcoming painting of the water tower.

Mr. Dougherty asked about inspections of the sewer mains. Mayor O'Brien added that we are trying to be pro-active with the maintenance, the lines are old we want to maintain them before there is a break which is more costly to replace then maintain.

Mr. Champion explained that we are trying to plan and have worked to be forth an asset management plan.

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

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

On a motion by Mr. Diver, seconded by Mr. Champion, Ordinance No. 2017-11 was adopted 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 (Agenda items only)

On a motion by Mr. Champion, seconded by Mr. Merriken the meeting was opened to the public by the following vote:

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

None Presented

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: None

DISCUSSION ITEMS – None

MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilman Tompey – No Report

Councilman Merriken – Commended Public Works for their work replacing fire hydrants

Councilwoman King – Reported that the Police Department has received 2 new vehicles; their fully equipped and on the road. She wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Councilman Shuler – Stated that the tree lighting at Borough Office was a great success; he thanked the school band, fire department, public works for all their decorating and the office staff for all of their hard work.

Councilman Campion – thanked Janine and the office for the great job with the tree lighting. It was a good time.

Councilman Diver – Wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Mayor O’Brien – Thanked everyone for their hard work, we had a very productive year and got a lot done.

Janine thanked OLAF for coming to the tree lighting; the kids enjoyed her.

REPORTS, NOTICES & CORRESPONDENCE

- Police Department Monthly Report – November 2017
- Spring Lake First Aid Squad Monthly Statistics – October 2017
- Spring Lake First Aid Squad Monthly Statistics – November 2017
- Notice from Independent Fire Co. No. 1 Membership Termination
- Spring Lake Heights Board of Education Special Meeting January 3, 2018

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS - None

RESOLUTIONS

- **R2017-185**, Requesting Director of NJ Division of Local Government Services to approve amendments to the 2017 Municipal Budget

On a motion by Mr. Diver, seconded by Mr. Merriken, Resolution R2017-185 was approved by the following vote:

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

Nays: None Abstain: Mr. Tompey Absent: None

- **R2017-186**, Authorizing the Transfer of 2017 Municipal Budget Appropriations

On a motion by Mr. Diver, seconded by Mr. Merriken, Resolution R2017-186 was approved by the following vote:

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

Nays: None Abstain: Mr. Tompey Absent: None

- **R2017-187**, Approving the Shore Municipal Alliance Grant for fiscal year 2019

On a motion by Mr. Merriken, seconded by Mr. Diver, Resolution R2017-187 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

- **R2017-188**, Establishing the 2018 Reorganization meeting for January 1, 2018

On a motion by Mrs. King, seconded by Mr. Merriken, Resolution R2017-188 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

- **R2017-189**, Designating the 2018 Borough Holidays

On a motion by Mrs. King, seconded by Mr. Merriken, Resolution R2017-189 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

- **R2017-190**, Authorizing Execution of an Interlocal Services Agreement with the Borough of Belmar for Fire Prevention Bureau Services

Mr. Champion explained that this would be savings to the Borough.

On a motion by Mr. Diver, seconded by Mr. Merriken, Resolution R2017-190 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

- **R2017-191**, Approving Payment of the Itemized Claims as set forth on the December 8, 2017 Bill List

On a motion by Mr. Diver, seconded by Mr. Merriken, Resolution R2017-191 was approved by the following vote:

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

- **R2017-192**, Requesting the Director of New Jersey Division of Local Government Services to approve amendments to the Borough's 2017 municipal budget.

On a motion by Mr. Diver, seconded by Mr. Merriken, Resolution R2017-192 was approved by the following vote:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT (Any item)

On a motion by Mr. Diver, seconded by Mr. Champion the meeting was opened to the public by the following vote:

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

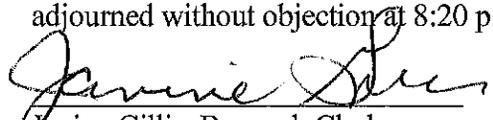
Kat Crippen 564 Atlantic Ave asked Mayor and Council to add to the improvement list to upgrade Mr. May's car; it needs to be at least painted.

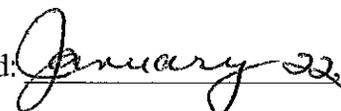
On a motion by Mr. Merriken, seconded by Mr. Tompey, the public comment period was closed; roll call taken as follows:

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. Tompey, seconded by Mr. Merriken, the meeting was adjourned without objection at 8:20 p.m.


 Janine Gillis, Borough Clerk

Approved:  January 22, 2018