

The **May 21, 2018** 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 James Shuler
Councilman Joseph Tompey
Mayor Thomas O'Brien

Absent:

Councilman Robert Merriken

Also attending:

Dennis Collins, Borough Attorney
John Barrett, Borough Administrator

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 the agenda will be amended to add Resolution No. R2018-100, Authorizing Amendments to the Budget Prior to Adoption & R2018-101, Resolution of Censure of Robert Merriken and to move Resolution R2018-96 to the presentation period of the agenda.

On a motion by Mr. Diver, seconded by Mr. Campion the agenda will be amended by the following vote:

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

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

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

APPROVE MINUTES - April 16, 2018

On a motion by Mr. Campion, seconded by Mr. Tompey, the Regular Session minutes of April 16, 2018 were approved by the following vote:

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

May 7, 2018

On a motion by Mr. Diver, seconded by Mr. Tompey, the Regular Session minutes of May 7, 2018 were approved by the following vote:

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

PRESENTATIONS – Spring Lake Heights Police Association

- **R2018-96**, Appointing a Probationary Patrolman in the Police Department – Connor Bokop

On a motion by Mr. Campion, seconded by Mr. Tompey, Resolution No. 2018-74 was approved by the following vote:

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

There was a pause to the meeting at 8:05 pm; meeting resumed at 8:08 pm

Connor Bokop was sworn in, surrounded by family, by Borough Clerk, Janine Gillis.

Patrolman Zachary Ramp, stated he was here on behalf of the police association. He thanked council members that have helped to support and advance the department with both equipment and personnel. He made presentations to: Mayor O'Brien, Council President Campion, Councilman Diver, Councilman Shuler and Councilman Tompey.

Patrolman Ramp added that the department was going to participate in an event this past weekend but due to weather it didn't happen. The event was coordinated by Janine as the Pink Chair which she has done for several years, they would like to support her by making a donation to the Pink fund which helps those with cancer. Janine thanked the association for their generosity. She announced that there was going to be a friendly wiffle ball game against Bradley Beach but Mother Nature wasn't on our side. Janine announced that our other event was a presentation at the community center last week. There were 3 doctors that spoke to a group of attendees; it was very informative. This check will be going to help many people, thank you.

SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARINGS

- **2018 Municipal Budget**

John Barrett announced that he had an open forum last Wednesday for the public to discuss the budget, he had 3 members of the public attend. The budget has also been posted on our website. Based on the review by the Division of Local Government Services, there is a small amendment. There is a public hearing tonight. Once the budget is adopted, it'll be sent to the State and the County.

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

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

The meeting was open to the public; None Presented

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

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

- **Resolution No. R2018-100**, Authorizing Amendments to the 2018 Municipal Budget Prior to Adoption.

Mr. Barrett read the resolution in its entirety into the record.

On a motion by Mr. Diver, seconded by Mr. Tompey, the amendment was adopted by the following vote:

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

On a motion by Mr. Diver, seconded by Mr. Tompey, the public comment period was opened on the amendment; roll call taken as follows:

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

The meeting was open to the public; None Presented

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

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

On a motion by Mr. Diver, seconded by Mr. Campion, the budget as amended was adopted by the following vote:

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

Borough Clerk, Janine Gillis read Ordinance No. 2018-04 by title:

- **Ordinance No. 2018-04** Bond ordinance of the Borough of Spring Lake Heights, in the County of Monmouth, New Jersey, providing for various capital improvements and other related expenses for the borough and appropriating \$1,700,000 therefor, and providing for the issuance of \$1,615,000 in bonds or notes of the Borough of Spring Lake Heights to finance the same

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

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

The meeting was open to the public; None Presented

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

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

On a motion by Mr. Diver, seconded by Mr. Campion, Ordinance No. 2018-04 was adopted by the following vote:

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

Mayor O'Brien read Ordinance No. 2018-05 by title:

- **Ordinance No. 2018-05** Bond ordinance of the Borough of Spring Lake Heights, in the County of Monmouth, New Jersey, providing for various water & sanitary sewer utility improvements and other related expenses for the borough and appropriating \$3,000,000 therefor, and providing for the issuance of \$3,000,000 in bonds or notes of the Borough of Spring Lake Heights to finance the same

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

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

The meeting was open to the public; None Presented

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

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

On a motion by Mr. Diver, seconded by Mr. Tompey, Ordinance No. 2018-05 was adopted by the following vote:

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

Mayor O'Brien pointed out that this plan has been worked on for several meetings. Councilman Campion had put together a capital improvement plan, in review we realized some things need attention more quickly than anticipated. This allows us to do major improvements with our infrastructure, especially our roads.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda items only)

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

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

The meeting was open to the public; None Presented

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

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS – None

MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilman Tompey – No Report

Councilwoman King – No Report

Councilman Shuler – No Report

Councilman Campion – Announced that he was proud of the budget, adding that the Mayor started the process of a capital plan when he was finance chair; he thanked Councilman Diver and all the department heads.

Councilman Diver – Stated that he was pleased with the budget, everyone pitched in with the development of it. The paving of some of our roads is a major need, maintenance must be done. Spring Lake Height is the lowest tax rate in the area. Mr. Barrett added that the paving would be done along with the county after Labor Day.

REPORTS, NOTICES & CORRESPONDENCE

- Monthly Police Report – April 2018
- Monthly Court Report – April 2018
- Board of Adjustment Hearing on May 24, 2018 Block 68 Lot 22
- Board of Adjustment Hearing on May 24, 2018 Block 80 Lot 36
- Thank you letter from St. Catharine 2nd grade - Use of Community Center
- Borough of Sea Girt Public Hearing on June 20, 2018 Re: Master Plan

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS

RESOLUTIONS

- **R2018-85**, Authorizing Procedures as to the Borough Assessor and Attorney to Sign Stipulations and Hire Experts in Connection with Tax Appeals

Mrs. King stated that someone was hired to do tax appeals. Mr. Collins explained that this allows the tax assessor and tax appeal attorney to have the authorization to sign off on stipulations and hire experts if needed. This resolution is usually done at the re-organization meeting

On a motion by Mr. Campion, seconded by Mr. Shuler, Resolution No. 2018-85 was approved by the

following vote:

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

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Merriken

- **R2018-95**, Authorizing the Execution of Agreement between the Borough, Wall Twp., American Littoral Society & U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Janine Gillis reminded that this was a presentation done last year, the agreement wasn't executed at that time. Mayor O'Brien stated that it was for a fish passage at the Old Mill Dam. Mr. Collins added that there is no expense to the town.

On a motion by Mr. Champion, seconded by Mr. Tompey, Resolution No. 2018-95 was approved by the following vote:

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

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Merriken

- **R2018-97**, Authorizing the Adjustment of Designated Water-Sewer Utility Accounts

On a motion by Mr. Diver, seconded by Mr. Champion, Resolution No. 2018-97 was approved by the following vote:

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

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Merriken

- **R2018-98**, Accepting a Performance Bond for Development Located on Block 61 Lot 7 (2412 Rt 71) in Spring Lake Heights

On a motion by Mr. Shuler, seconded by Mr. Diver, Resolution No. 2018-98 was approved by the following vote:

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

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Merriken

- **R2018-99**, Approving Payment of the Itemized Claims as set forth on the May 17, 2018 Bill List

On a motion by Mr. Diver, seconded by Mr. Shuler, Resolution No. 2018-99 was approved by the following vote:

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

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Merriken

- **R2018-101**, Censure of Spring Lake Heights Councilman Robert Merriken by the Members of the Governing Body of the Borough of Spring Lake Heights

- Borough Clerk, Janine Gillis read the resolution in its entirety into the record.

On a motion by Mr. Champion, seconded by Mr. Shuler, Resolution No. 2018-101 was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Mr. Champion, Mr. Diver, Mr. Shuler, Mr. Tompey

Nays: Mrs. King Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Merriken

PUBLIC COMMENT (Any item)

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

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

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Merriken

Margaret Saracco 800 Allaire Road stated that June 1st is National Gun Violence Awareness Day and asked council to consider putting the proclamation on the agenda. The recent lockdown in

Spring Lake Heights was terrifying to all. The Monmouth County Board of Chosen Freeholders and many surrounding municipalities have done it; why not here, she hoped it could be done at the next meeting.

George Corbeels 6 Nadine Drive has spoken at several council meetings on several issued and he feels that the council hasn't taken any action. One of them was LED lighting and working with JCP&L. Hhe realizes it's difficult to have contact but that contact should be made with their public relations manager. He announced that he has raised many issues that were not addressed, he added that he would be happy to help but since he hasn't gotten any satisfaction he will not be attending council meetings any longer.

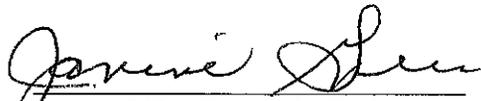
On a motion by Mr. Shuler, seconded by Mr. Tompey, the public comment period was closed; roll call taken as follows:

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

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Merriken

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on a motion by Mr. Diver, seconded by Mr. Tompey, the meeting was adjourned without objection at 8:51 p.m.



Janine Gillis, Borough Clerk

Approved:  4, 2018