

The **October 15, 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  
Councilman William Graetz  
Councilwoman Sara King  
Councilman Robert Merriken  
Councilman James Shuler  
Mayor Thomas O'Brien

Absent:

None

Also attending:

Dennis Collins, Borough Attorney

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 Resolution No. R2018-164.

On a motion by Mr. Diver, seconded by Mr. Merriken, the agenda will be amended to add Resolution R2018-164, by the following vote:

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

Nays: None                      Abstain: None                      Absent: None

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

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

Nays: None                      Abstain: None                      Absent: None

### **APPROVE MINUTES - October 1, 2018**

On a motion by Mr. Merriken, seconded by Mr. Graetz, the Regular Session minutes of October 1, 2018 were approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Mr. Graetz, Mrs. King, Mr. Merriken, Mr. Shuler

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

Mayor O'Brien announced that to move on Resolution **R2018-164**, Appointing a Class II Police Officer at this time.

On a motion by Mr. Merriken, seconded by Mr. Graetz, Resolution **R2018-164** appointing a Class II officer, Michael O'Neill, was approved by the following vote:

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

Nays: None    Abstain: None    Absent: None

Mayor O'Brien swore Mr. O'Neill into service.

### **SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARINGS    None**

### **PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda items only)**

On a motion by Mr. Diver, seconded by Mrs. King, the public comment section was opened by the following vote:

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

Nays: None    Abstain: None    Absent: None

Anna Kuntz (of 2005 Parkview Terrace) asked for clarification of the recycling announcement and when it's starting.

Borough Clerk, Janine Gillis replied that it starts immediately, it's actually a regulation that's always been in place, we are strictly enforcing it now, that's why the reminder was sent out. Councilman Campion stated the County will not accept our recycling if they are in plastic bags, they will refuse the whole load. Councilman Diver stated we used to get paid for recycling; we now must pay to dispose of the recycling.

On a motion by Mr. Diver, seconded by Mr. Graetz, the public comment section was closed by the following vote:

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

#### **DISCUSSION ITEMS – None**

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

Mr. Graetz – no report

Mr. Merriken – no report

Mrs. King – reported on the Veteran's Luncheon is November 9; all Veterans living in town are invited with a guest.

Mr. Shuler – commented on the recycling collection; no plastic bags will be accepted.

Mr. Campion – reported on the flooding we experienced by Post Office – we have both County and State help, we are making progress. There's been a noticeable difference in flow after NJ Transit came out & dug out boulders under tracks; more work needs to be done. Mr. Campion also reported on final inspection of fire truck by him and Mr. Graetz; made sure all was good; this represents a longer-term capital goal of combining 2 pieces of equipment; retiring other equipment into a more effective piece of apparatus for fire-fighting.

Mr. Diver - reported that council would be starting budget discussion soon. If any member has any suggestions to let him know.

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

- JCP&L Public Hearing Notice Oct. 16, 2018 Re: Tariff Charge
- Letter from Independent Fire Co. No. 1 Newly Elected Fire Chief – Keith DeLaura
- Letter from Monmouth County Library 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Oct. 28, 2018
- Township of Wall Public Hearing Oct. 24, 2018 Re; Ordinance 14-2018 Establish Chapter 223, Septic Systems and Amend Chapter 140 Land Use

#### **ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS - None**

#### **RESOLUTIONS**

- **R2018-160**, Authorizing the Execution of Agreement with Monmouth County for Special Citizens Area Transportation Services (SCAT)

On a motion by Mr. Campion, seconded by Mr. Shuler, Resolution No. 2018-160 was approved by the following vote:

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

- **R2018-161**, Awarding a Contract for 2018 Hydrant Replacement Program to Mark Woszczak Mechanical Contractors, Inc. in the sum of \$156,621.20

On a motion by Mr. Diver, seconded by Mr. Campion, Resolution No. 2018-161 was approved by the following vote:

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

- **R2018-162**, Approving a Social Affair Permit to Independent Fire Co. No. 1  
On a motion by Mrs. King, seconded by Mr. Merriken, Resolution No. 2018-162 was approved by the following vote:

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

- **R2018-163**, Approving the Payment of Claims as set forth on the October 11, 2018 Bill List  
On a motion by Mr. Diver, seconded by Mr. Merriken, Resolution No. 2018-163 was approved by the following vote:

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT** (Any item)

On a motion by Mr. Merriken, seconded by Mrs. King, the Public Comment Section was opened by the following vote:

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

Anna Kuntz, 2005 Parkview Terrace - questioned the cost of 3 people going to Louisiana for inspection of the new fire truck. Mr. Champion explained that the individuals that went were the most familiar with the purchase having been involved from the start and knowing what the details were. She asked who pays for these persons to go; Mr. Champion explained that it was a part of the contract; he added that he paid for all of his expenses. She asked if he would submit to the Borough for reimbursement, he replied absolutely no. She stated that council needs to be aware that the seniors in town cannot afford to pay additional taxes. Mayor O'Brien pointed out the transparency of the purchase; Mr. Diver clarified it is customary for a contract to include 2 people to inspect. He added that this purchase is replacing 2 trucks which have had continuous high repair bills. Mayor O'Brien noted that council is cognizant of saving the town money.

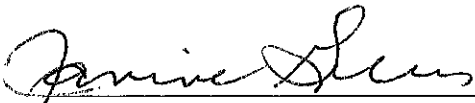
On a motion by Mr. Merriken, seconded by Mrs. King, the Public Comment section was closed by the following vote:

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, on a motion by Mrs. King, seconded by Mr. Champion, the meeting was adjourned without objection at 8:30 P.M.

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

  
Janine Gillis, Borough Clerk

Approved: November 5, 2018