

The **May 20, 2019** regular 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 7:00 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 Leonard Capristo
Councilman William Graetz
Councilwoman Sara King
Councilman James Shuler
Mayor Thomas O'Brien

Absent:

Councilman Christopher Willms

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

On a motion by Mr. Campion, seconded by Mr. Graetz, the agenda will be amended to add Resolution No.2019-106, a Resolution of the Borough Council authorizing to read the 2019 municipal budget by title only, was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Mr. Campion, Mr. Capristo, Mr. Graetz, Mrs. King, Mr. Shuler
Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Willms

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

Ayes: Mr. Campion, Mr. Capristo, Mr. Graetz, Mrs. King, Mr. Shuler
Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Willms

APPROVE MINUTES - Executive and Regular Sessions May 6, 2019

On a motion by Mr. Graetz, seconded by Mr. Shuler, the Executive session minutes of May 6, 2019 were approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Mr. Graetz, Mr. Shuler
Nays: None Abstain: Mr. Campion, Mr. Capristo, Mrs. King Absent: Mr. Willms

On a motion by Mr. Graetz, seconded by Mr. Shuler, the Regular session minutes of May 6, 2019 were approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Mr. Capristo, Mr. Graetz, Mr. Shuler
Nays: None Abstain: Mr. Campion, Mrs. King Absent: Mr. Willms

PRESENTATIONS – Proclamation Declaring 1st Friday in June National Gun Violence Awareness Day

Mayor O'Brien read the proclamation; its purpose is to honor victims and survivors of gun violence. Mayor O'Brien stated that this issue hits close to home as he is traveling to Colorado for his niece's graduation which is near where recent incident took place.

Margaret Sarracco, as a resident and member of Monmouth County Chapter of Moms Net Action for Gun Sense in America, she wanted to thank the council for supporting National Gun Violence Day, invited all to Community Day of Action on June 8, 2019 in Neptune.

Robert McArthur Recycling Update: there is an app called "Recycle Coach" available on our website for any questions about what/when to recycle.

SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARINGS - 2019 Municipal Budget

Mayor O'Brien read Resolution R2019-106

Resolution of the Borough Council authorizing to read the 2019 municipal budget by title only.

Resolution No. R2019-106

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-8 provides that the budget be read by title only at the time of the public hearing if a resolution is passed by not less than a majority of the full governing body, providing that at least one week prior to the date of hearing a complete copy of the approved budget as advertised, has been posted in the Municipal Building and copies have been made available by the Clerk to persons requesting them; and

WHEREAS, these conditions have been met;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Spring Lake Heights, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, that the budget shall be read by title only.

On a motion by Mr. Campion, seconded by Mr. Shuler, Resolution No. R2019-106 was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Mr. Campion, Mr. Capristo, Mr. Graetz, Mrs. King, Mr. Shuler
Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Willms

Borough Clerk, Janine Gillis announced that all requirements were met.

Mr. John Barrett read the 2019 budget revenues and expenditures.

On a motion by Mrs. King, seconded by Mr. Shuler, the Public Hearing was opened by the following vote:

Ayes: Mr. Campion, Mr. Capristo, Mr. Graetz, Mrs. King, Mr. Shuler
Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Willms

No comment

On a motion by Mr. Campion, seconded by Mr. Graetz, the Public Hearing was closed by the following vote:

Ayes: Mr. Campion, Mr. Capristo, Mr. Graetz, Mrs. King, Mr. Shuler
Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Willms

Mrs. King asked how the budget will affect the taxpayer. Mr. Barrett explained we are expecting the tax rate to remain stable, however we won't know until the county finalizes that figure.

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

Ayes: Mr. Campion, Mr. Capristo, Mr. Graetz, Mrs. King, Mr. Shuler
Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Willms

PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda items only)

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

Ayes: Mr. Campion, Mr. Capristo, Mr. Graetz, Mrs. King, Mr. Shuler
Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Willms

No comment

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

Ayes: Mr. Campion, Mr. Capristo, Mr. Graetz, Mrs. King, Mr. Shuler
Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Willms

DISCUSSION ITEMS – None

MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Capristo – no report

Mrs. King – commented that there are construction workers in town starting too early in the morning; Mayor O'Brien added we should examine the way we enforce noise/code regulations; Mr. Campion added that construction department shared service agreement may need to be re-evaluated.

Mrs. King commented on silk fencing – issue of enforcement. Mr. Campion's understanding is that responsibility to maintain fencing falls on construction department.

Mr. Barrett encouraged residents to contact police department in event they need to complain about construction noise early in morning. Construction code official, Sandy Ratz, is supposed to handle construction code problems as part of our shared service agreement. We are working to monitor oversight with Spring Lake and will report back with data of construction permit volume.

Mr. Shuler – reported that grand opening of playground at Community Center will be Memorial Day.

Mr. Campion – reported that there were 1,306 police calls and 85 first aid calls in month of April. First Aid Squad still looking for volunteers. We ordered 4 new speed limit signs that flash red/green according to your speed; do not believe speed bumps would be welcomed; residents need to slow down, especially now that it's summer and people are out walking, biking. Mr. Campion is a proponent of residential fire sprinklers. He also addressed his difference of opinion with Mayor O'Brien on subject of gun law issues; they agree people should lead by example, just be nice.

Mr. Graetz – no report

Mayor O'Brien – reported that our new recreation director is doing a good job already; up-coming baseball game trips. Mr. Barrett added that Erik has been great; we are on Community Pass now, can buy tickets online; registrations for Allaire Rd. recreation program this summer continue to roll in.

REPORTS, NOTICES & CORRESPONDENCE

- Spring Lake Heights Monthly Police Report – April 2019
- Spring Lake First Aid Monthly report – April 2019
- Certificate & report of School Taxes 2019-2020
- Borough of Eatontown Resolution No 127-2019 Declaring Eatontown a Stigma Free Community
- Wall Township Public Hearing May 22, 2019 Ordinance No. 6-2019 Redevelopment of Block 810 Lots 1,3,4 (Peddlers Village)

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS

- **Ordinance No. 2019-05** Bond Ordinance, providing for various capital improvements and other related expenses for the Borough and appropriating \$1,000, 000 therefor and providing for the issuance of \$950,000 in bonds or notes of the Brough of Spring Lake Heights to finance the same.

Mr. Champion asked if this was budgeted in the 2019 budget. Mr. Barrett said down payment of \$50,000 was appropriated for.

Mr. Barrett explained funds are for improvements for Police Dept. (security, video system) and DPW building, 3 new police vehicles, DPW mower, drainage improvements on Holly, Lake & Hamilton Avenues.

Mrs. King asked how many bonds we have now. Mr. Barrett explained outstanding debt is very low as a percentage; he will provide annual debt statement.

On a motion by Mr. Champion, seconded by Mr. Graetz, Ordinance No.2019-05 was introduced by the following vote:

Ayes: Mr. Champion, Mr. Capristo, Mr. Graetz, Mrs. King, Mr. Shuler

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Willms

Borough Clerk, Janine Gillis announced public hearing would be on Monday, June 3, 2019.

RESOLUTIONS

- **R2019-101**, Appoint Patrolman to permanent status – Connor Bokop

On a motion by Mr. Champion, seconded by Mr. Shuler, Resolution No. 2019-101 was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Mr. Champion, Mr. Capristo, Mr. Graetz, Mrs. King, Mr. Shuler

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Willms

- **R2019-102**, Certifying Certification of Compliance with the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commissions Enforcement Guide on the Consideration of Arrest & Conviction Records in Employment Decisions Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

On a motion by Mr. Champion, seconded by Mr. Graetz, Resolution No. 2019-102 was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Mr. Champion, Mr. Capristo, Mr. Graetz, Mrs. King, Mr. Shuler

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Willms

- **R2019-103**, Rescind Resolution No. 2018-188

On a motion by Mr. Shuler, seconded by Mr. Graetz, Resolution No. 2019-103 was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Mr. Champion, Mr. Capristo, Mr. Graetz, Mrs. King, Mr. Shuler

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Willms

- **R2019-104**, Authorizing the Credit of Overbilled Water/Sewer Utility Charges

On a motion by Mr. Shuler, seconded by Mr. Graetz, Resolution No. 2019-104 was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Mr. Champion, Mr. Capristo, Mr. Graetz, Mrs. King, Mr. Shuler

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Willms

- **R2019-105**, Approving Payment of the Itemized Claims as Set Forth on the May 16, 2019 Bills List.

On a motion by Mr. Shuler, seconded by Mr. Champion, Resolution No. 2019-105 was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Mr. Champion, Mr. Capristo, Mr. Graetz, Mrs. King, Mr. Shuler

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Willms

Mr. Capristo abstained from anything related with Ansell.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Any item)

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

Ayes: Mr. Campion, Mr. Capristo, Mr. Graetz, Mrs. King, Mr. Shuler
Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Willms

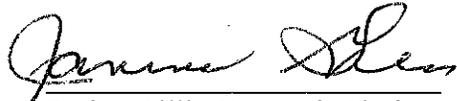
Frank Cavaliere, of 16 Rosewood Ct., thanked Police Dept., Chief Gunnell and Sergeant Ramp for extending themselves to Fairway Mews Community; we appreciate what they do for community. We will host "Coffee with a Cop" this summer. Chief Gunnell mentioned Fairway Mews will be getting one of the new speed limit signs.

On a motion by Mr. Shuler, seconded by Mr. Graetz, the Public Comment Section was closed by the following vote:

Ayes: Mr. Campion, Mr. Capristo, Mr. Graetz, Mrs. King, Mr. Shuler
Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Willms

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on a motion by Mr. Graetz, seconded by Mrs. King, the meeting was adjourned without objection at 7:53p.m.


Janine Gillis, Borough Clerk

Approved: June 3, 2019