

The **September 3, 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  
Councilwoman Sara King  
Councilman James Shuler  
Councilman Christopher Willms  
Mayor Thomas O'Brien

### Absent:

Councilman William Graetz

### 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. Capristo, the agenda was amended to add the Hunger Proclamation was approved by the following vote:

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

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

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

## **APPROVE MINUTES - Executive & Regular Meetings – August 12, 2019**

On a motion by Mr. Campion, seconded by Mr. Shuler, the minutes of August 12, 2019 were approved by the following vote:

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

## **PRESENTATIONS –**

Mayor O'Brien congratulated Ian Walsh for the special achievement and honor of attaining Eagle Scout; thanked him for his contribution to the community.

Mayor O'Brien also read proclamation for observance of September as Hunger Action Month, calling for attention and awareness to the issue of hunger.

Mayor announced a new alternate member on Environmental Commission, Gretchen Maccanico.

## **SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARINGS None**

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

On a motion by Mr. Campion, seconded by Mr. Capristo, the Public Comment Section was opened by the following vote:

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

No comment

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

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

**DISCUSSION ITEMS – None**

**MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mr. Campion – reminded the public that school resumes tomorrow, yield to pedestrians, be alert etc. September is National Preparedness Month, have items ready for severe weather.

Mr. Shuler – reported on vandalism at Ocean Rd. Park, kids have broken the nets on tennis court, damaged padding on basketball court; if you see kids at night, please report to police.

Mrs. King – no report

Mr. Willms – no report

Mr. Capristo – no report

Mayor O'Brien – announced that SLH PTA is hosting a Color Run, Heights Day and outdoor Craft Fair on September 28 at the school; Color Run is at 9am, one-mile route; Heights Day afterwards.

**REPORTS, NOTICES & CORRESPONDENCE**

- NJ Transit Public Hearings- September 4, 5, 10, 2019 Re: Senior Citizen/Disabled Resident Transportation Assistance Programs

**ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS None**

**RESOLUTIONS**

- **R2019-150**, Authorizing the crediting of utility charges

On a motion by Mr. Campion, seconded by Mr. Shuler, Resolution No. 2019-150 was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Mr. Campion, Mr. Capristo, Mrs. King, Mr. Shuler, Mr. Willms

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Graetz

- **R2019-151**, Authorizing the refund of duplicate tax payment

On a motion by Mr. Campion, seconded by Mr. Shuler, Resolution No. 2019-151 was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Mr. Campion, Mr. Capristo, Mrs. King, Mr. Shuler, Mr. Willms

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Graetz

- **R2019-152**, Accepting the performance bond provided by Kupex Exteriors LLC for exterior renovations to Cornelius V. Kelly Community Center

On a motion by Mr. Shuler, seconded by Mr. Campion, Resolution No. 2019-152 was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Mr. Campion, Mr. Capristo, Mr. Shuler, Mr. Willms

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

- **R2019-153**, Approving payment of itemized claims on the August 30, 2019 Bills List

On a motion by Mr. Campion, seconded by Mr. Shuler, Resolution No. 2019-153 was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Mr. Campion, Mr. Capristo\*, Mrs. King, Mr. Shuler, Mr. Willms\*

Nays: None Abstain: Absent: Mr. Graetz

Mr. Capristo abstains on anything pertaining to Ansell.

Mr. Willms abstains on anything pertaining to his brother, Casey Willms.

**PUBLIC COMMENT (Any item)**

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

Ayes: Mr. Campion, Mr. Capristo, Mrs. King, Mr. Shuler, Mr. Willms

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Graetz

Maureen Miller, of 567 Monmouth Ave., stated she was told Tai Chi exercise class at the Community Center was not part of Recreation Department and that the charge for the class would be going up. Mr. Barrett reported that the instructors at the Community Center were not paying Borough; the Borough has liability, tried to negotiate a fair and equitable fee to charge; arrived at \$20 daily rental fee. He added that the vendors are not part of the Recreation Department, never have been. Ms. Miller asked if charge could remain at \$5. Mr. Barrett explained it's not up to Borough to set fees for class. Mr. Campion asked if we came to a cost of \$20/day to use facility - can we make program free for residents? Mr. Collins warned must be careful because borough is subsidizing a private business; renting a public building to a private company - must be careful of interfering with a non-sponsored entity; some towns don't allow private vendors in their facilities. Mr. Campion asked if we could bring it under Recreation Dept. Mr. Barrett stated that he will consult with Attorney Collins. Mayor asked is there a way to structure it so that instructors/vendors are within our program, allowing us to provide the service to the community without costing us a lot of money.

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

Ayes: Mr. Campion, Mr. Capristo, Mrs. King, Mr. Shuler Mr. Willms

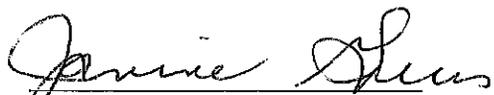
Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Mr. Graetz

#### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on a motion by Mr. Campion, seconded by Mrs. King, the meeting was adjourned without objection at 7:28p.m.

  
Janine Gillis, Borough Clerk

Approved: September 16, 2019