

The **February 23, 2015** meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Spring Lake Heights, Monmouth County, New Jersey, was called to order by Mayor Gavino Maccanico at 8:00 p.m. in the Frank E. Adams Municipal Building and opened with a silent reflection and Pledge of Allegiance.

Present:

Mayor Gavino Maccanico
Councilman Christopher Campion, Jr.
Councilwoman Sara King
Councilman James Shuler
Councilman Christopher Tienken
Councilman Thomas Vorbach

Absent:

Councilman Thomas O'Brien

Also Attending:

Joseph J. Delaney, Jr., Administrator/Borough Clerk
Gary McLean, Esq., Borough Attorney
Joseph May, P.E., Borough Engineer

There were 3 members of the public present.

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE. The Clerk reported the meeting was being conducted pursuant to the requirements of the N.J. Open Public Meetings Act with notice included in the annual notice of meetings sent to the Coast Star and Asbury Park Press; posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building and on the Borough website.

APPROVE AGENDA. On a motion by Mr. Shuler, seconded by Mr. Vorbach, the agenda was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Mr. Campion, Mrs. King, Mr. Shuler, Mr. Tienken, Mr. Vorbach
Nays: None Absent: Mr. O'Brien

APPROVAL OF MINUTES. The minutes of the February 9, 2015 meeting were distributed and were held for approval pending review.

PRESENTATIONS. There were no presentations.

PUBLIC HEARINGS. There were no scheduled hearings.

PUBLIC COMMENT. (Agenda items only) There were no public comments presented. On a motion by Mrs. King, seconded by Mr. Shuler, the public comment period was closed without objection.

DISCUSSION ITEMS.

▪ Raw Water Contract with N.J. Water Supply Authority.

Borough Administrator Delaney provided a presentation on the Borough's Water-Sewer Utility. Mr. Delaney outlined the groundwater obtained through Borough-owned wells and surface water from the Manasquan Reservoir purchased from the N.J. Water Supply Authority (NJWSA), the treatment process and purchase of finished water provided by the Southeast Monmouth Municipal Utilities Authority (SMMUA), the water distribution system, the sewer/wastewater collection system and the wastewater treatment by the South Monmouth Regional Sewerage Authority (SMRSA). Mr. Delaney explained the state-regulated limits on the use of groundwater, the establishment of the Manasquan reservoir system in the 1980s, and the Borough's soon-to-expire 25 year contract for the purchase of raw water from the Water Supply Authority which requires the purchase of .425 MGD (million gallons per day) which is then treated at the SMMUA treatment plant operated by the NJWSA. It was noted that 75-80% of the Borough's water is supplied by the NJWSA and SMMUA. Mr. Delaney also presented estimates for the costs associated with the production, distribution and

wastewater treatment component of the water-sewer utility noting that nearly one-third, or \$745,000 annually is spent for water purchases.

Councilman Vorbach questioned the Borough's ability to reduce the level of water purchases. Borough Engineer May noted that any change will require approval to purchase less raw water, and the Borough's commitment for a fixed percentage of treated water expenses in operating the SMMUA plant. Mr. May noted the need to maintain the existing NJDEP allocation for ground water use and outlined the DEP allocation which provides maximum daily, monthly and annual limits and the potential for increasing the utilization of the wells.

Councilman Campion questioned the current cost of producing water locally and the cost of purchasing water; the age and condition of the existing wells; and stressed the importance of funding the long-term capital needs of the utility. Mr. Campion expressed concern on the 25-year renewal term, the cost in the event water usage exceeds the contract amount and suggested a review of water usage for the last ten years before any decision on the raw water contract is made.

Councilwoman King noted the state is encouraging the use of surface water sources and commented that many residents may switch to bottled water.

MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS.

- Councilman Shuler reported on the installation of monitoring cameras at the Public Works yard and Recycling Center.
- Councilwoman King reported signs reminding residents to remove vehicles from the roads during snow events have been installed. Mrs. King requested Borough Engineer May report on the Planning Board discussion regarding building height. Mr. May detailed the existing regulations related to building heights in flood zones and the concern the elevation results in three-and half story residences.
- Councilman Vorbach thanked Mrs. King for the snow removal reminders and urged all residents to sign up for the reverse 9-1-1 notifications. Police Sergeant Gunnell suggested the snow ordinance information be distributed with rental CO's and included on the recycling calendar.
- Councilman Tienken – no report.
- Councilman Campion – no report.

REPORTS, NOTICES & CORRESPONDENCE.

- Municipal Court Report (January 2015)
- Zoning Board of Adjustment Hearing Notice: Tarnuzzer, 601 Monmouth Avenue

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION. There were no ordinances presented for introduction.

RESOLUTIONS.

- **R2015-44**, appointing Kevin Thompson as Recycling Coordinator for the term expiring December 31, 2015. Mr. Shuler moved the resolution be adopted, seconded by Mrs. King. Mrs. King requested additional discussion regarding compensation in executive session. On a motion by Mr. Campion, seconded by Mrs. King, the resolution was tabled with no vote recorded.
- **R2015-45**, approving use of the Community Center. On a motion by Mr. Vorbach, seconded by Mr. Tienken, the resolution was adopted by the following vote:
 - Ayes: Mr. Campion, Mrs. King, Mr. Shuler, Mr. Tienken, Mr. Vorbach
 - Nays: None Absent: Mr. O'Brien
- **R2015-46**, authorizing reimbursement to Waterford at Spring Lake Heights Condominium Association, Inc. for street lighting costs for the year 2014. On a motion by Mrs. King, seconded

by Mr. Campion, the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Mr. Campion, Mrs. King, Mr. Shuler, Mr. Tienken, Mr. Vorbach

Nays: None Absent: Mr. O'Brien

- **R2015-47**, approving payment of the claims as set forth on the February 20, 2015 Bill List. On a motion by Mrs. King, seconded by Mr. Shuler, the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Mr. Campion, Mrs. King, Mr. Shuler, Mr. Tienken, Mr. Vorbach

Nays: None Absent: Mr. O'Brien

PUBLIC COMMENT. (Any items) There were no public comments. On a motion by Mr. Shuler, seconded by Mrs. King, the public comment period was closed without objection.

ADJOURNMENT. There being no further business, on a motion by Mrs. King, seconded by Mr. Vorbach, the meeting was adjourned without objection at 9:18 p.m.

Joseph J. Delaney, Jr., Borough Clerk

Approved: *March 23* 2015

Janina Sileo
Deputy Clerk