

The **April 20, 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 7:00 p.m. in the Frank E. Adams Municipal Building and opened with a silent reflection and Pledge of Allegiance.

Present:

Mayor Gavino Maccanico
Councilwoman Sara King
Councilman Christopher Champion
Councilman Thomas O'Brien
Councilman James Shuler

Absent:

Councilman Christopher Tienken
Councilman Thomas Vorbach

Also Attending:

Janine Gillis, Borough Clerk
Joseph J. Delaney, Jr. Borough Administrator
Gary McLean, Esq., Borough Attorney
John Barrett, PM Consultants

There were 7 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. O'Brien, seconded by Mr. Champion, the agenda was approved by the following vote:

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

DISCUSSION – Budget Review

Mayor Maccanico asked Borough Administrator, Jay Delaney to review the course of events that have lead up to this meeting. Mr. Delaney explained that the budget was outlined at a March 9th council meeting. A Special Meeting was held on March 16th; Councilpersons Champion and Tienken were not in attendance. The budget was on the agenda of the March 23rd council meeting but Councilpersons Shuler and Tienken were not in attendance so council members elected to have a special meeting for tonight. Mr. Delaney went on to say that a couple of versions have been distributed to council but that further adjustments were requested; of which council received tonight. Mr. Delaney went on to say that the official deadline for submitting the budget is May 15th which we will be close. Councilman O'Brien reminded all that the budget could be introduced and modified prior to adoption. He went on to say that there were some line items that council wanted to see adjusted..

Councilman O'Brien lead the discussion which included make positive and negative adjustments to the following line items: Audit Services, Legal Services, Salary Adjustments to Police and DPW, Vehicle Maintenance, Reserve for Tax Appeals, Accumulated Leave, Reserve for Uncollected Taxes, Recycling and Capital for new vehicles for Police and Fire.

There was discussion about a new vehicle for the Fire Chief. Councilman Champion explained that the repairs to the existing Chief car are becoming very costly; presently the vehicle needs about \$12,000.00 in repairs. Fire Chief, Joe Tompey stated that if a new vehicle was purchased the existing car would be turned over to the borough.

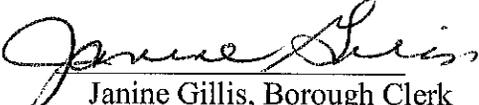
There was a discussion about the surplus and whether or not to use it in the coming budget; Councilman Champion felt it was not a good idea; he felt it would leave future council in a bad position, the entire council agreed to leave the surplus untouched.

With the changes, it was felt that the tax increase would come to about .01 cent. Councilman O'Brien stated that he had spoken to Councilman Vorbach about the budget; he stated that Mr. Vorbach was OK with the

original budget which had an increase of .02 cents so he felt that with a lesser increase he would be pleased. Council requested that Mr. Delaney to prepare a new document with the adjustments discussed.

PUBLIC COMMENT - Nat Novak Keith Avenue asked if the outgoing police vehicles could be turned over to the Fire Chief, Councilman Campion replied that the police vehicles are pretty much run to the ground and there is equipment required in the Fire Chief Car that couldn't be maintained in the police vehicle.

ADJOURNMENT - There being no further business, on a motion by Mr. Campion, seconded by Mr. O'Brien, the meeting was adjourned without objection at 8:50 p.m.


Janine Gillis, Borough Clerk

Approved: April 27, 2015