

The **October 7, 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 Christopher Willms
Mayor Thomas O'Brien

Absent:

Councilman James Shuler

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

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

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

APPROVE MINUTES - September 16, 2019

On a motion by Mr. Campion, seconded by Mr. Graetz, the minutes were approved by the following vote:

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

PRESENTATIONS - None

SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda items only)

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

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

No comment

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

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS - None

MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Graetz - reported that corn-hole is coming to a close; chair yoga is starting this week at Community Center: Monday & Wednesday 11am-12pm, free to SLH residents for remainder of year; basketball for kids starting; Trunk or Treat at Allaire Rd. Park on October 26, 2019, 3:30-5:30pm, best-decorated trunk contest.

Mr. Campion – reported that it is Fire Prevention Week: “Not every hero wears a cape” is this years theme with a focus on practicing escape plans from your house, the Fire Co is going to school this week to present to the students. The Police Dept. Wine-Tasting is on October 25, tickets left to buy if interested.

Mrs. King – reported that we applied for a grant in amount of \$175,000 from Monmouth County Open Space for the Shore Rd. project. (Total cost of project is \$350,000.) The proposed scope of the project includes 2 access piers with gazebos, floating dock, kayak launch, nature trails, elevated walkways along both sides; projected for March 2021. Mrs. King invited Rich Carragher to speak about annual Veteran’s Lunch: Monday, November 11 at 12 noon at Doolan’s, free to any Spring Lake Heights veteran and guest; spread the word; program is self-sufficient, supported by local businesses & professionals, thanked them.

Mr. Willms – reported on sale of bond notes - 4 bidders, drove interest cost down from 2% to 1.6%, which is saving us money.

Mr. Capristo – no report

Mr. Graetz – added that one of the tennis courts at Allaire Rd. Park is being repainted as a pickle ball court; vendor to begin work this week weather-permitting.

Mayor O’Brien – reported that work on Allaire Rd. Park has begun – area cleaned up, grass planted, trees planted around the perimeter and that the committee has been expanded for talks over winter to develop a plan.

REPORTS, NOTICES & CORRESPONDENCE

- South Monmouth Regional Sewerage Authority Public Hearing – October 10, 2019 Re: Sewer Use Service Charge
- Tinton Falls Resolution No. R-19-149 Urge voters to support referendum on November election for Veterans in continuing care communities (CCRC) to be eligible for property tax deduction.
- Borough of Lake Como Master Plan Re-examination Report

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS - None

RESOLUTIONS

- **R2019-165**, Authorizing an agreement for professional services; Bond Counsel- John Cantalupo, Esquire

Mrs. King questioned the hourly rate; Mr. Collins explained our attorney has left the firm; this will go out for proposal in January along with all the professional appointments. He added that this appointment is just till the end of the year and believes the rate is in line.

On a motion by Mr. Campion, seconded by Mr. Willms, Resolution No. 2019-165 was approved by the following vote:

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

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Shuler

- **R2019-166**, Appointing a probationary public works employee

On a motion by Mr. Campion, seconded by Mr. Capristo, Resolution No. 2019-166 was approved by the following vote:

Mrs. King questioned when this person started and if he was replacing anyone. Mrs. Gillis explained he started in September, he is taking the place of an employee who has been on military leave for past 2 years and will continue to be on leave for 2 more years.

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

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Shuler

- **R2019-167**, Authorizing the sale of surplus items through USGOVBID. Com

On a motion by Mr. Campion, seconded by Mr. Graetz, Resolution No. 2019-167 was approved by the following vote:

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

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Shuler

- **R2019-168**, Authorizing the refund of duplicate payment of property taxes

On a motion by Mr. Graetz, seconded by Mrs. King, Resolution No. 2019-168 was approved by the following vote:

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

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Shuler

- **R2019-169**, Approving issuance of a Social Affair Permit to The Foodbank of Monmouth & Ocean Counties

On a motion by Mrs. King, seconded by Mr. Graetz, Resolution No. 2019-169 was approved by the following vote:

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

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Shuler

- **R2019-170**, Approving the use of the Cornelius V. Kelly Community Center

On a motion by Mr. Graetz, seconded by Mr. Willms, Resolution No. 2019-170 was approved by the following vote:

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

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Shuler

- **R2019-171**, Approving payment of the itemized claims as set forth on the October 3, 2019 bills list

On a motion by Mr. Campion, seconded by Mrs. King, Resolution No. 2019-171 was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Mr. Campion, Mr. Capristo*, Mr. Graetz**, Mrs. King, Mr. Willms

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Shuler

* With exception: abstains in respect to Ansell bill

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PUBLIC COMMENT (Any item)

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

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

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Shuler

Maureen Miller, 567 Monmouth Ave., asked about TaiChi classes and the increase in the fee; Mrs. Gillis responded instructors haven't come forward to inform us they are increasing rate; Mayor O'Brien explained the issue of a private vendor using our facility; possibility of putting her in Recreation program. Mrs. King mentioned history of Community Center classes being handled by a volunteer years ago. Mrs. Gillis explained can't have individuals running their business out of Community Center, we want them to come on board as a vendor and pay them. Mr. Campion would like to see someone in Recreation take charge of programs for seniors, either expand Erik's role or hire someone else.

Margaret Melchione, 2 Jeanette Ct., thanked council for listening to senior concerns for activities, also thanked Council & Mayor for working on Allaire Rd. planting and expansion of committee; pickle board court great idea.

Kerry Brady Murray, 710 Shore Rd., thanked council for approving grant resolution; since approval could take till 2021, how will borough maintain vegetation? Mayor responded we are restricted by what EPA allows us to clear out; Joe May researching. Mrs. King explained it is a huge project, money is divided into various categories, but you might find other things that need to be addressed, possible drainage issues; we want it designated as a park. Ms. Murray pointed out it is a health & safety issue for residents living nearby.

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

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

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Shuler

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on a motion by Mrs. King, seconded by Mr. Graetz, the meeting was adjourned without objection at 7:30p.m.


Janine Gillis, Borough Clerk

Approved: October 21, 2019