

The **November 18, 2019** regular session 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 William Graetz
Councilwoman Sara King
Councilman James Shuler
Councilman Christopher Willms
Mayor Thomas O'Brien

Absent:

Councilman Len Capristo

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. Campion, seconded by Mr. Shuler, the agenda was approved by the following vote:

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

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Capristo

APPROVE MINUTES - October 21, 2019

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

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

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Capristo

PRESENTATIONS – Proclamation – Joseph Francolino

Mayor O'Brien read proclamation for Eagle Scout, highest rank in Boy Scouting, demonstrating good character, to Joseph Francolino. Congratulations.

SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda items only)

On a motion by Mr. Campion, seconded by Mr. Graetz, the public comment section was opened, by the following vote:

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

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Capristo

No comment

On a motion by Mrs. King, seconded by Mr. Campion, the public comment section was closed by the following vote:

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

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Capristo

DISCUSSION ITEMS –

MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Graetz reported that Rec Program tried Trunk or Treat, cancelled for lack of interest, will try again next year. We are looking for coaches & volunteers for Rec Basketball program, forming teams this

Sunday, practice to begin December 2 & games start December 14, still in need of 7th/8th grade boys & girls; 68 participants signed up so far. We have added regular yoga (Tuesdays & Thursdays 10-11am) in addition to chair yoga (Mondays & Wednesdays 11am-12pm) at the Community Center, the classes are free to Spring Lake Heights residents. We are having a "High Tea" on December 17, 3:30-5:30pm, \$15 fee, come to Borough Hall to register. We will be having a Holiday Decorating Contest, there's a \$5 fee to register your home, residents can cast their vote online. The cornhole league was a fantastic success, great participation, possible interest in a summer league.

Mr. Champion reported that he met with DEP in respect to Shore Rd. We have limited options in what we can do; we are allowed to remove any dead trees. He was hopeful in having a DEP representative to come to meeting to address residents' concerns. He reported on a fire on Woodcrest Dr. this week, great job by Fire Dept. He has received a lot of feedback from residents regarding speeding, it seemed to be a common theme. Some suggestions included speed bumps, but they create problems. He referred to a common problem known as "rat-running" refers to cutting through side streets to avoid lights. A possibility of creating dead-ends at Prospect Ave. & Shore Rd. could eliminating cut-throughs, making the neighborhood safer. Mayor O'Brien thought it was a good idea. He added that our Police Dept. responded to 900 calls for service in October, which equates to 30 calls a day.

Mr. Shuler reported that we have completed paving the Community Center parking lot, striping is next, a new fire alarm system will be installed.

Mrs. King referenced letter from Mr. Collins in respect to land-use code changes, there's only one meeting left in the year to introduce. A Green Acres Grant to improve Robertson Park was approved in the amount of \$75,000.

Mr. Willms reported that Master Plan review was presented at the last Planning Board meeting. It included recommendations to update the municipal code. It was suggested that council review the, need to review Master Plan first before adopting previously mentioned code changes. Mr. Collins responded that he'd like to add certain recommendations in zone changes in 400/500 section of code. If we add those items to committee's proposal, we wouldn't have to notice every single person in or within 200 feet of a particular zone. If we do it as part of a Master Plan Reexamination Report, we eliminate thousands of dollars' worth of individual notices; recommended waiting for final Master Plan document. Mr. Collins' recommendation was to not introduce it yet, authorize him to contact planner, Jen Beam, to confirm.

REPORTS, NOTICES & CORRESPONDENCE

- Spring Lake Heights Monthly Police Report – October
- Spring Lake Heights Monthly Court Report – October
- Spring Lake First Aid Monthly Report – October
- Letter from State of New Jersey, Dept. of Environmental Protection grant award letter \$75K for improvements to Joseph Robertson Park
- Public Notice – Wall Township Planning Board hearing Nov. 18, 2019 Re: Block 270 Lot 29
Mr. Champion added that this meeting was related to Circus property; looking for variance, residents in area may be interested in impact on traffic etc.
- Public Notice - Monmouth County Planning Board meeting December 16, 2019 Re: Open Space Plan

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS - None

RESOLUTIONS

- **R2019-176**, Approving the Shore Municipal Alliance Grant for the year 2021

On a motion by Mr. Campion, seconded by Mr. Graetz, Resolution No. 2019-176 was approved by the following vote:

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

- **R2019-177**, Authorizing the Borough to participate in Intra County Mutual Aid & Assistance Agreements with participating units in the County of Monmouth.

Mr. Campion added this is a re-up of agreement formalizing our mutual aid & assistance plan.

On a motion by Mr. Graetz, seconded by Mr. Campion, Resolution No. 2019-177 was approved by the following vote:

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

- **R2019-178**, Authorizing the execution of an agreement between the Borough and County of Monmouth Special Citizens Area Transportation System

On a motion by Mrs. King, seconded by Mr. Shuler, Resolution No. 2019-178 was approved by the following vote:

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

- **R2019-179**, Authorizing the adoption of a deferred compensation program for Borough employees
Mayor O'Brien & Mr. Campion added it will not cost Borough anything; Mrs. King asked how it came up, Mr. Campion explained employees asked for it.

On a motion by Mr. Campion, seconded by Mr. Graetz, Resolution No. 2019-179 was approved by the following vote:

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

- **R2019-180**, Authorizing the refund of duplicate tax payment of property taxes

On a motion by Mr. Shuler, seconded by Mr. Willms, Resolution No. 2019-180 was approved by the following vote:

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

- **R2019-181**, Authorizing the refund of duplicate payment of property taxes

On a motion by Mr. Shuler, seconded by Mr. Graetz, Resolution No. 2019-181 was approved by the following vote:

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

- **R2019-182**, Approving the use of the Cornelius V. Kelly Community Center

On a motion by Mrs. King, seconded by Mr. Graetz, Resolution No. 2019-182 was approved by the following vote:

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

▪ **R2019-183**, Approving the payment of itemized claims as set forth on the November 6, 2019 bills list
On a motion by Mr. Graetz, seconded by Mr. Shuler, Resolution No. 2019-183 was approved by the following vote:

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

▪ **R2019-184**, Approving the payment of itemized claims as set forth on the November 15, 2019 bills list
On a motion by Mr. Champion, seconded by Mr. Shuler, Resolution No. 2019-184 was approved by the following vote:

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

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

Scott Yucker – Coast Star Reporter, asked if calls for Police in October was average. Also asked what improvements to Robertson Park will be specifically. Mrs. King responded that grant was originally written to improve the food shack but we may be taking a diversion from that with all the replanting of trees happening. Mayor added we have leeway as to how we spend the money. Also asked if we are still pursuing the possibility of bike lanes. Mr. Champion responded yes, not a quick thing, following up.

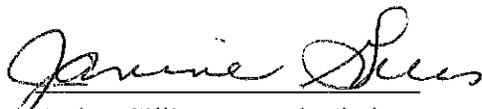
On a motion by Mrs. King, seconded by Mr. Shuler, the public comment section was closed by the following vote:

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

Mr. Champion added that we have vacancies on committees; members of community can get more involved, get the word out to get more people to help.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on a motion by Mrs. King, seconded by Mr. Willms, the meeting was adjourned without objection at 7:38p.m.


Janine Gillis, Borough Clerk

Approved: December 16, 2019