

The **December 16, 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. Graetz, seconded by Mr. Campion, 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 - November 18, 2019

On a motion by Mr. Campion, seconded by Mrs. King, 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 - None

SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda items only)

On a motion by Mr. Graetz, seconded by Mr. Shuler, 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. Graetz, 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 – None

MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Graetz – reported deadline for Holiday House decorating contest has been extended to Dec. 20; 3 groups being judged: Most Decorated, Winter-Wonderland & Holiday Spirit. We needed to cancel our High Tea that was scheduled for this week due to lack of interest.

Mr. Campion – reported Emergency Operations Plan was submitted & approved by the state, he thanked all who participated. He reminded all to make sure your sure to water your Christmas trees. He reviewed that the Police Dept. answered 827 requests for service in November & First Aid Dept. answered 91 calls for service.

Mr. Shuler – reported last pick-up for leaves is this Friday; and a bulk pick-up for January was added and that the 2020 calendars are being mailed.

Mrs. King – wished the Mayor the best in future, thanked him for his service.

Mr. Willms – wished everyone the best for the holidays.

Mayor O'Brien – stated that he met with tree committee; a county park planner came to speak- had good ideas for way to get future grant money to continue to improve park; Erik, Rec Director also spoke about uses of park. Mr. Lou Lobosco is helping with overview of park & configuring of planting of trees; we received an offer from a Rutgers graduate class in landscape design as a free service, not sure we will use, Alex Burke, SLH resident, is the graduate student. Mayor added that it's been a pleasure being mayor, appreciated his time serving the town, looking forward to his free time.

REPORTS, NOTICES & CORRESPONDENCE

- Spring Lake Heights Monthly Police Report – November 2019
- Spring Lake First Aid Monthly Report – November 2019
- Letter from Spring Lake Heights Environmental Commission Re: Tree Ordinance

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS - none

RESOLUTIONS

- **R2019-185**, Supporting Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over 2019 Statewide Crackdown

On a motion by Mr. Campion, seconded by Mr. Shuler, Resolution No. 2019-185 was approved by the following vote:

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

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Capristo

- **R2019-186**, Authorizing the Spring Lake Heights Police to participate in Defense Logistics Agency Law Enforcement Support Office 1033 Program

On a motion by Mr. Campion, seconded by Mr. Graetz, Resolution No. 2019-186 was approved by the following vote:

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

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Capristo

Mrs. King asked how we got involved in this; Mr. Campion added it offers various surplus items, not military-nature items.

- **R2019-187**, Authorizing the Borough of Spring Lake Heights to enter a cooperative pricing agreement

On a motion by Mr. Graetz, seconded by Mr. Willms, Resolution No. 2019-187 was approved by the following vote:

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

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Capristo

Mrs. King asked how we are participating in this; Mrs. Gillis & Mr. Campion replied it is a

purchasing co-op instead of going out to bid everything; there is no obligation.

▪ **R2019-188, Authorizing the transfer of 2019 Municipal Budget Appropriations**

On a motion by Mr. Champion, seconded by Mr. Shuler, Resolution No. 2019-188 was approved by the following vote:

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

▪ **R2019-189, Authorizing the transfer of 2019 Municipal Budget Appropriations**

On a motion by Mr. Graetz, seconded by Mr. Shuler, Resolution No. 2019-189 was approved by the following vote:

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

▪ **R2019-190, Authorizing the release of the posted performance bond and acceptance of the designated maintenance bond Block 20 lot 9**

On a motion by Mr. Champion, seconded by Mr. Shuler, Resolution No. 2019-190 was approved by the following vote:

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

▪ **R2019-191, Authorizing the release of the designated maintenance bond Block 46.01 Lots, 1,65,66 & 67**

On a motion by Mr. Shuler, seconded by Mr. Champion, Resolution No. 2019-191 was approved by the following vote:

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

▪ **R2019-192, Authorizing a tax lien redemption Block 42.08 Lot 61**

On a motion by Mr. Shuler, seconded by Mrs. King, Resolution No. 2019-192 was approved by the following vote:

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

▪ **R2019-193, Authorizing the refund of duplicate tax payment Block 39 Lot 73**

On a motion by Mrs. King, seconded by Mr. Shuler, Resolution No. 2019-193 was approved by the following vote:

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

▪ **R2019-194, Requesting the Director of NJ Division of Local Government Services to approve an amendment to the Borough's 2019 Municipal Budget**

On a motion by Mr. Champion, seconded by Mr. Graetz, Resolution No. 2019-194 was approved by the following vote:

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

▪ **R2019-195**, Establishing the 2020 Reorganization meeting date

On a motion by Mr. Champion, seconded by Mr. Graetz, Resolution No. 2019-195 was approved by the following vote:

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

▪ **R2019-196**, Approving the payment of itemized claims as set forth on the December 13, 2019 bills list

On a motion by Mr. Champion, seconded by Mr. Graetz, Resolution No. 2019-196 was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Mr. Champion, Mr. Graetz, Mrs. King, Mr. Shuler, Mr. Willms w/abstain from fire Co.

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Capristo

PUBLIC COMMENT (Any item)

On a motion by Mrs. King, seconded by Mr. Champion, 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

Kimberly Frazier, Shore Rd., concerned about speeding on Shore Rd./dead-ending of street. Mr. Champion replied we are in preliminary stage, looking for input. Residents think stop signs will work.

Lisa O'Brien, Woodcrest Dr., thanked Mr. Shuler for adding bulk pick-up, inquired about next year's schedule. Mr. Shuler replied calendar is coming. Mrs. O'Brien sent a tree ordinance, hoping council will address concern over taking down trees and not replacing them.

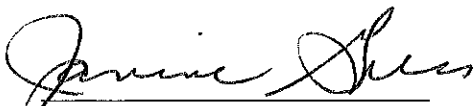
On a motion by Mrs. King, seconded by Mr. Champion, the public comment section was closed by the following vote:

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

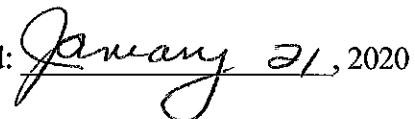
Mr. Champion thanked Mayor O'Brien, added it has been a pleasure serving with him.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on a motion by Mrs. King, seconded by Mr. Willms, the meeting was adjourned without objection at 7:15p.m.



Janine Gillis, Borough Clerk

Approved:  January 21, 2020