

**The April 20, 2020** regular session of the Borough Council of the Borough of Spring Lake Heights, Monmouth County, New Jersey was called to order by Mayor Campion at 7:04 p.m. in the Frank E. Adams Municipal Building with a moment of silence and a salute to the flag.

Mayor Campion was joined by Councilwoman Sara King and Borough Attorney Dennis Collins at the municipal building, the remainder of Council members joined the meeting via virtual means.

Mayor Campion 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.

### **ROLL CALL**

Present:

Absent: None

Councilman Leonard Capristo

Councilman John Casagrande

Councilman William Graetz

Councilwoman Sara King

Councilman James Shuler

Councilman Christopher Willms

Mayor Christopher Campion

Also attending:

Dennis Collins, Borough Attorney

### **APPROVE AGENDA**

On a motion by Mrs. King, seconded by Mr. Shuler, the agenda was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Mr. Capristo, Mr. Casagrande, Mr. Graetz, Mrs. King, Mr. Shuler, Mr. Willms

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: None

### **APPROVE MINUTES - April 20, 2020**

On a motion by Mrs. King, seconded by Mr. Casagrande, the minutes of April 6, 2020, were approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Mr. Capristo, Mr. Casagrande, Mr. Graetz, Mrs. King, Mr. Shuler, Mr. Willms

Nays: None Abstain: Absent: None

### **PRESENTATIONS**

Mayor Campion announced that there were 16 cases of COVID 19 in the borough, he added that updates can be viewed through visitmonmouth.com. He also reviewed the Emergency Declaration that he issued on April 13, 2020 - No 2020-01. This declaration was made for the safety of all residents and borough employees. In short it states the following:

- a) There is no short term or seasonal rentals or other transient accommodations. This does not impair the ability of hotels, motels, private residences to individuals needing housing supported by federal. State or local emergency housing for healthcare workers taking temporary housing.
- b) There shall be no on street parking or parking in any municipal parking lots. Any construction or landscaping vehicles will be permitted while work is actively being performed on behalf of a resident. Parking is permitted by Borough employees at the municipal office. The Chief of Police may issue exceptions to the parking ban to residents via a parking pass.

Mayor Campion thanked the Police Dept. Fire Dept. First Aid, Public works and all the administration staff for their hard work and dedication to the residents.

## **SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARINGS - None**

### **PUBLIC COMMENT (Any Item)**

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

Ayes: Mr. Capristo, Mr. Casagrande, Mr. Graetz, Mrs. King, Mr. Shuler, Mr. Willms

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: None

**Michael Milano 56 Wyckham Rd.** asked about if there will be a budget meeting, when tree planting would be done and if there was any regulations regarding pool opening. Borough Administrator John Barrett replied that the budget was in its final stages, looking to bring the budget to the next council meeting, he added at this time revenues are down and there will be an information session on the budget after the introduction. At this time tree planting is on hold as the staff in Public Works is operating on alternating schedules and we are not aware of limitations on pool openings.

**Sharon Batteau 1719 Beverly Ave.** inquired about commercial landscapers; she stated that they were in her neighborhood not using any face shields and not maintaining distancing practices. She inquired as to policing of that. Mayor Campion offered to speak to her separately and offered to reach out to her.

**Tom Phillips 2404 Emerson Ave** asked if there was a list maintained by the town of residents that needed assistance; he would like to volunteer.

**Sgt Ramp(Spring Lake Heights)** offered that Officer Michael O'Neil is in charge of Operation Reassurance which is a program geared for seniors. Sgt Ramp offered that Officer O'Neill might be able to help. His contact is moneill@springlakehts.com

**Joe Scaffidi – Joe's Cigar** His business is located in the shopping center. His business has been deemed non-essential. He understands that the lounge should not be open to the public but feels he should be able to sell even if it is curbside only. Mayor Campion would look into his options.

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

Ayes: Mr. Capristo, Mr. Casagrande, Mr. Graetz, Mrs. King, Mr. Shuler, Mr. Willms

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: None

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS – None**

### **MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councilwoman King – No Report

Councilman Graetz – reviewed the police and fire monthly reports. He added that the revised egg hunt was a success eggs and prizes were delivered to homes.

Councilman Shuler – reminded residents that garbage must be brought to the curb and that the cans should not be larger than 32 lbs.

Councilman Casagrande – he and the Mayor and Administrator working through final details of the 2020 budget, it's been a little difficult with expenses occurred with COVID. Looking to introduce at the next meeting.

Councilman Willms – announced that the 2020 drinking water quality report is out and posted on the website, hard copies are also available at the office.

Councilman Capristo – No Report

Mayor Campion – reminded residents to sign up for the Swiftreach reverse 911 to receive notifications from the Borough. He also reported that the NJ Dept. of Transportation has

reviewed and announced that it will be reducing the speed limit on Hwy 71, he added that is one of the correspondences listed.

#### **REPORTS, NOTICES & CORRESPONDENCE**

- Spring Lake Heights Police Department February & March Report
- Independent Fire Co. No. 1 March Report
- Spring Lake Heights Municipal Court March Report
- Public Notice-NJDEP FY2020 Annual Fee Report
- Spring Lake Heights Board of Education Public Meeting Notice April 27, 2020
- Letter from State of NJ Dept. of Transportation – Speed Limit Reduction for Highway 71

#### **ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS None**

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

*Consent Agenda items are considered routine and will be enacted with a single motion; any items requiring expenditure are supported by a Certification of Availability of Funds; any item requiring discussion will be removed from the Consent Agenda; all Consent Agenda items will be reflected in full in the minutes.*

- **R2020-66;** Approve the designated membership in the Independent Fire Co. No. 1
- **R2020-67;** Authorizing the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to execute the 2021-2023 agreement with Monmouth County for the cooperative participation in the Community Development Program pursuant to the interlocal services act
- **R2020-68;** Authorizing the submission of the tonnage grant application
- **R2020-69;** Supporting reduction of speed limit along Highway 71 in the Borough of Spring Lake Heights

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

Ayes: Mr. Capristo, Mr. Casagrande, Mr. Graetz, Mrs. King, Mr. Shuler, Mr. Willms

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Campion

#### **RESOLUTIONS**

- **R2020-70;** Approving the payment of the itemized claims as set forth on the April 16, 2020 bills list

On a motion by Mr. Casagrande, seconded by Mrs. King, R2020-53 was approved by the following vote:

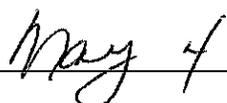
Ayes: Mr. Capristo, Mr. Casagrande, Mr. Graetz, Mrs. King, Mr. Shuler, Mr. Willms

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Campion

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

  
Janine Gillis, Borough Clerk

Approved:  , 2020