

The October 5, 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 7:00 p.m. in the Frank E. Adams Municipal Building with a moment of silence and a salute to the flag.

ROLL CALL

Present:

Councilman Leonard Capristo
Councilman John Casagrande
Councilwoman Sara King
Councilman James Shuler
Councilman Christopher Willms
Mayor Christopher Campion

Absent:

Councilman William Graetz

Also attending:

Dennis Collins, Borough Attorney

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.

APPROVE AGENDA

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

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

APPROVE MINUTES - September 21, 2020

On a motion by Mr. Casagrande, seconded by Mrs. King, the minutes of September 21, 2020, were approved by the following vote:

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

PRESENTATIONS - None

DISCUSSION ITEMS – John Barrett – Re: 550 Ludlow Ave

Mr. Barrett discussed the property at 550 Ludlow Ave: it has a number of municipal liens; building on property is unsafe and an eyesore; concern about young people's misbehavior. Attorney will discuss possibilities to clean property, any cost could be added to lien. Property is in need of remediation. There is grant funding from NJDEP available to get an environmental study done (to determine what need to be done); after study, there is additional funding that we can pursue. Mr. Barrett advised it is time to step up and investigate. Mr. Collins explained ordinance provides various steps borough can take to remediate issues; construction official reviews for safety; a hearing would be held to move forward; would make property significantly more marketable. Mayor asked if borough took possession of property, would we be responsible for environmental issue. Mrs. King said property had belonged to oil distributor. Mayor asked if we were aware of any issue. Mr. Barrett clarified that we do not want to take ownership; we want to start process of remediating issues; then down the line, we could possibly sell our tax liens. Mayor gave consent to pursue grant to investigate property.

MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Shuler – no report

Mr. Willms – reported that hydro-flushing was completed past few weeks; no issues reported

Mrs. King – reported that the tree committee met last week with Attorney Collins. Attorney Collins explained that the proper method to move forward would be to solicit landscape architect to complete planting layout. Mr. Collins explained that if it is the consensus of council, we can move forward by putting an RFP on the website and publish and have a name for by the next meeting. Mayor gave go-ahead; council members agreed. Mrs. King also mentioned that the land use ordinance was discussed with Eileen Eilenberger & Councilman Willms; with the Master Plan review, there may be changes to the land use ordinance. Mr. Collins explained that the planner would review recommendations made by her and the planning board. The planner will be at the next meeting, due to what could be a lengthy discussion, Council agreed to start the next meeting at 6:30pm.

Mr. Capristo reported that Halloween is happening this year according to the Governor; he suggested going to NJ Dept of Health and CDC websites for guidelines: masks, social distancing etc. Also, residents are encouraged to get a sign or ribbon on house to let children know that you are participating in Halloween treat-giving. Mr. Capristo reminded all of the two great book sheds at the recycling center and recommended taking advantage of them. He thanked Erik for all the work he has done with Rec activities – COVID has pushed some things to the back-burner for now.

Mr. Casagrande – no report

PUBLIC COMMENT (Any Item)

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

Tom O'Brien 916 Woodcrest Dr., thanked mayor and council for moving forward with Allaire Rd. Park plans.

Mayor Campion announced that Trenton has changed the guidelines for public meetings – no more hybrid meetings allowed.

Mrs. King mentioned people are complaining about lights out in her neighborhood. Chief Gunnell explained JCP&L sends out a questionnaire every Fall about what lights need fixing; we had already requested action several times over recent months on many street lights at the north end of town; hope for follow-up from JCP&L soon.

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

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

SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

REPORTS, NOTICES & CORRESPONDENCE

- Copy of the 2019 Monmouth County Open Space Plan.
- Borough of Beach Haven resolution #149-2020 supporting high speed internet accessibility
- Township of Middletown resolution #20-203 opposing all mail-in ballot election.
- NJ Water Supply Authority public hearing on 10-29-2020 Re: proposed schedule of rates.
- Borough of West Long Branch resolution #20-100 recognizing the importance of the display of the American flag on the NJ Turnpike overpasses.
- Township of Wall public hearing on 10-28-2020 Re: Ordinance 6-2020 create AH3 zone and amend zoning map.

- Township of Wall public hearing on 10-28-2020 Re: Ordinance 9-2020 create AH2 zone and amend zoning map.
- Township of Wall public hearing on 10-28-2020 Re: Ordinance 10-2020 create West Belmar Gateway zone and amend zoning map.
- County of Monmouth Board of Chosen Freeholders resolution #2020-0702 urging legislature to prevent funds diverted from Clean Communities and Recycling funds.
- South Monmouth Regional Sewerage Authority Public Notice Re: public hearing 10-08-2020, change in start time.

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS - None

CONSENT AGENDA Resolutions R2020-142 to R2020-144

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.

- **R2020-142**, Confirming the appointment of a school crossing guard for 2020-2021 school year.
- **R2020-143**, Approving the extension of outdoor dining dates and time.
- **R2020-144**, Authorizing the institution of proceedings under Ordinance No. 10-3 "Unsafe Buildings, Walls or Structures"

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

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

RESOLUTIONS

- **R2020-145**, Authorizing the purchase of a 2021 Ford 250 4WD Supercab with snowplow

On a motion by Mr. Willms, seconded by Mr. Casagrande, Resolution No. 2020-145 was approved by the following vote:

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

- **R2020-146**, Approving payment of the itemized claims as set forth on the October 2, 2020 bills list

On a motion by Mr. Casagrande, seconded by Mr. Shuler, Resolution No. 2020-146 was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Mr. Capristo, Mr. Casagrande, Mrs. King, Mr. Shuler, Mr. Willms
 Nays: None Abstain: Mr. Willms on Lincoln Financial Absent: Mr. Graetz

Mrs. Gillis mentioned that our insurance carrier requests that managers, supervisors, and elected officials take a class on protecting children from abuse; please check your availability on 10/14, 10/20 or 11/9; class is virtual, can do from home.

Mayor mentioned that it is Fire Prevention Week; theme this year is kitchen fires, unattended cooking is dangerous; and please change the batteries in your smoke detectors.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on a motion by Mrs. King, seconded by Mr. Graetz, the meeting was adjourned without objection at 7:40p.m.


 Janine Gillis, Borough Clerk

Approved: October 19, 2020