

The December 21, 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. via virtual means with a moment of silence and a salute to the flag.

Councilwoman Sara King and Councilman Jim Shuler were present 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:

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

Absent: None

Also attending:

Dennis Collins, Borough Attorney
John Barrett, Borough Administrator

APPROVE AGENDA

On a motion by Mr. Casagrande, seconded by Mr. Willms, 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 - November 16, 2020

On a motion by Mr. Graetz, seconded by Mr. Casagrande, the minutes of November 16, 2020, were approved by the following vote:

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

Nays: None Abstain: Mr. Shuler Absent: None

PRESENTATIONS – None

DISCUSSION ITEMS – None

MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Graetz - reported on November Police Dept. & First Aid reports.

Mr. Capristo – no report

Mr. Casagrande – referred to ordinances on tonight's agenda for public hearing.

Mrs. King – wished everyone a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year.

Mr. Shuler – reported that there is no more leaf collection for rest of year; thanked Joe May & Janine for their efforts to ensure smooth running of town.

Mr. Willms – reported on a water main break on Hwy. 71 last week that was quickly identified & repaired; wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Mayor Campion thanked Councilman Shuler for his dedication & hard work, wished him the best.

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

Tommy Reynolds asked about rebuilding the bike trail along Shore Road; Councilman Capristo asked him to send the information via email.

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

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

SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARINGS

- **Ordinance No. 2020-05** – Ordinance Amending & Supplementing Chapter XV Entitled Water Section 15-1.14 entitled “Rates” and Section 15-1.15 Entitled “Miscellaneous Charge

On a motion by Mr. Graetz, seconded by Mr. Shuler, 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

None Presented

Mrs. King asked why we didn't go back to 10,000 gallon level for base on utility bill. Mayor responded we are forced by increased supplier costs and increased demand. Mr. Barrett added only a small percentage of accounts will be impacted; need to make changes to make sure utility is solvent.

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

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

On a motion by Mr. Casagrande, seconded by Mr. Graetz, Ordinance No 2020-05 was adopted by the following vote:

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

- **Ordinance No. 2020-06** – Ordinance Amending & Supplementing Chapter XXII- Municipal Land Use Article 1 Purposes

On a motion by Mr. Willms, seconded by Mr. Shuler, 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

None Presented

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

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

On a motion by Mrs. King, seconded by Mr. Shuler, Ordinance No 2020-06 was adopted by the following vote:

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

- **Ordinance No. 2020-07** – Ordinance Amending & Supplementing Chapter XXII- Municipal Land Use Article 3 Definitions

On a motion by Mr. Graetz, 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

None Presented

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

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

On a motion by Mrs. King, seconded by Mr. Graetz, Ordinance No 2020-07 was adopted by the following vote:

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

- **Ordinance No. 2020-08-** Bond Ordinance providing for various water-sewer utility improvements

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

Eileen Eilenberger asked if water tower would be painted; Mayor replied yes, work will get done.

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

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

On a motion by Mr. Graetz, seconded by Mr. Casagrande, Ordinance No 2020-08 was adopted by the following vote:

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

Mr. Casagrande added taking this action now will save us money in the long run.

REPORTS, NOTICES & CORRESPONDENCE

- Spring Lake Heights Monthly Police Report – November 2020
- Spring Lake Heights Monthly Court Report – November 2020
- Spring Lake First Aid Squad Report – November 2020
- Monmouth County Board of Chosen Freeholders Resolution #2020-0950 urging State Legislature allow counties/municipalities regulate sale/use of marijuana within their borders

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS – None

CONSENT AGENDA Resolutions R2020-172 to R2020-180

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.

- **R2020-172**, Authorizing the Spring Lake Heights Police Dept. to participate in Defense Logistics Agency law Enforcement Support Office 1033 Program-Enable to request /access to Dept. of Defense Equipment
- **R2020-173**, Requesting Director of NJ Division of Local Government Services to approve amendment to Borough's 2020 Municipal Budget – NJ DOT Grant \$200,000 (Emerson Ave)
- **R2020-174**, Requesting Director of NJ Division of Local Government Services to approve amendment to Borough's 2020 Municipal Budget – Community Development Block Grant \$114,106 (ADA Improvements to Refreshment Stand at Joseph Robertson Park)
- **R2020-175**, Requesting Director of NJ Division of Local Government Services to approve amendment to Borough's 2020 Municipal Budget – Monmouth County Open Space Grant \$125,000 (Ocean Road Park)
- **R2020-176**, Requesting Director of NJ Division of Local Government Services to approve amendment to Borough's 2020 Municipal Budget – NJ DOT Grant \$225,000 (Lake Drive)
- **R2020-177**, Borough Council ratifying & confirming certain Capital Reserve Expenditures for the year 2020
- **R2020-178**, Authorizing the refund of duplicate payment of property taxes
- **R2020-179**, Authorizing the credit of water-sewer utility charges
- **R2020-180**, Authorizing the transfer of 2020 Municipal Budget appropriations

On a motion by Mrs. King, seconded by Mr. Graetz, 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: None

RESOLUTIONS

- **R2020-181**, Approving the Person-to-Person transfer of Alcoholic Beverage Control Plenary Retail Distribution License from Michael Doolan, Inc. to 700 Highway 71, LLC

On a motion by Mr. Graetz, seconded by Mr. Casagrande, Resolution No. R2020-181 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

- **R2020-182**, Authorizing the Public Bidding for replacement of existing wastewater pumping station at Fairway Mews Community of the Borough of Spring Lake Heights

On a motion by Mr. Casagrande, seconded by Mr. Shuler, Resolution No. R2020-182 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

- **R2020-183**, Authorizing and supporting remediation & redevelopment of 550 Ludlow Ave Block 58 Lot 4

On a motion by Mr. Casagrande, seconded by Mr. Graetz, Resolution No. R2020-183 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

- **R2020-184**, Approving the payment of the itemized claims as set forth on the December 17, 2020 bills list

On a motion by Mr. Casagrande, seconded by Mr. Shuler, Resolution No. R2020-184 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

Mrs. King asked for update on Old Mill Rd. construction in Wall. Mayor replied that he voiced his opposition at their recent meeting, but they moved forward with rezoning.

Attorney Collins asked to make presentation of options if that project moves forward, council agreed.

Mrs. King asked about access road on Allaire Rd.; inquired if we can get county involved. Mayor agreed residents would be negatively impacted in terms of traffic. Mr. Casagrande stated he too has spoken to Wall council and expressed his concern; they are willing to work with SLH. He was informed that the plan has only west-bound exit onto Allaire Rd.

Mrs. King added Wall has plenty of other locations, could have put this development elsewhere; Mayor added people need to stay involved. Mrs. King agreed people need to go to meetings and voice opposition.

Mr. Capristo echoed Mayor that this will affect entire area.

Attorney Collins will address all these issues with various strategies.

In closing, Mayor Campion thanked everyone – council, front office, DPW, Police Dept. – for a tremendous job/great team to be working with. Wished everyone the best for the New Year.

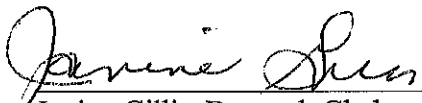
Mrs. King wished Mr. Shuler the very best, thanked him for his service to community.

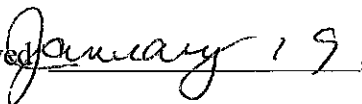
Mr. Casagrande thanked Mayor for his hard work/informative 10am sessions with residents.

Attorney Collins thanked everyone.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on a motion by Mrs. King, seconded by Mr. Graetz, the meeting was adjourned without objection at 7:52p.m.


Janine Gillis, Borough Clerk

Approved , 2021