

The January 19, 2021 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
Councilman Peter Gallo
Councilman William Graetz
Councilwoman Sara King
Councilman Christopher Willms
Mayor Christopher Campion

Absent:

None

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. Casagrande, seconded by Mr. Willms, the agenda was approved by the following vote:

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

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: None

APPROVE MINUTES - December 21, 2020

January 4, 2021 Executive & Public

On a motion by Mrs. King, seconded by Mr. Graetz, the minutes for December 21, 2020 were approved by the following vote:

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

Nays: None Abstain: Mr. Gallo Absent: None

On a motion by Mr. Graetz, seconded by Mr. Gallo, the minutes for January 4, 2021 were approved by the following vote:

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

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: None

PRESENTATIONS – None

DISCUSSION ITEMS – None

MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mrs. King – reported that committee is progressing with architect and design plans for planting at Robertson Park; hope to have preliminary design in 2 weeks and continue to bid process.

Mr. Capristo – announced winners of Holiday Decorating Contest: Saulnier, Sisti, Galvin & Conrey families.

Mr. Casagrande – reported that the 2021 budgeting process is under way; we will endeavor to keep costs in line as best we can in consideration of impact of pandemic on residents; we do have a number of initiatives moving forward.

Mr. Graetz – reported on monthly police, fire and first aid calls for December.

Mr. Willms – no report

Mr. Gallo – reported that he had an introductory meeting with Joe May/Utility

Mayor Campion – commented on loss of Bob Shafer, a dedicated servant in our community for many years; made a great contribution to the Borough and his legacy will carry on; a sad passing; services tomorrow January 20; Borough Hall closed 1-3:00pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Any Item)

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

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

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: None

Eileen Eilenberger, 1213 Pond Rd, asked about the purchase of the backhoe. Mayor Campion replied that the funds were coming from capital bond.

Sharon Batteau, 1719 Beverly Ave., asked if we had a date for hearing on Master Plan. Mayor Campion replied not yet but will announce soon.

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

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

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: None

SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARINGS – None

REPORTS, NOTICES & CORRESPONDENCE

- Spring Lake Heights Police Monthly Report – December 2020
- Spring Lake Heights Municipal Court Monthly Report – December 2020
- Spring Lake First Aid Squad Monthly Report – December 2020
- Independent Fire Co #1 Monthly Report – December 2020 & 2020 Annual Summary Report
- Spring Lake Heights Board of Education meeting schedule for 2021
- NJ Water Supply Authority Public Hearing February 4, 2021 Re: Rate Proposal

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS

- **Ordinance No. 2021-01**, Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Appropriation Limits & To Establish a Cap Bank

Administrator Mr. Barrett explained that the ordinance authorizes inside-the-cap appropriations; it is a best-practice, a routine ordinance that we've done in previous years. The Public Hearing is February 1, 2021.

On a motion by Mr. Casagrande, seconded by Mr. Graetz, Ordinance No 2021-01 was introduced by the following vote:

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

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: None

CONSENT AGENDA Resolutions R2021-32 to R2021-40

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.

- **R2021-32**, Appointment of Municipal Court Judge
- **R2021-33**, Appointment of Part Time Code Enforcement/Zoning Officer
- **R2021-34**, Appointment of a Recycling Coordinator
- **R2021-35**, Appointment of a Licensed Water Operator
- **R2021-36**, Appointment of an Assistant Licensed Water Operator
- **R2021-37**, Authorizing agreement for Professional Services-Special Counsel Russell Finestein
- **R2021-38**, Designating the Borough of Spring Lake Heights as a Stigma Free Community
- **R2021-39**, Authorizing the Tax Assessor & Borough Tax Attorney to Sign Stipulations & Hire Experts in Connection with Tax Appeals
- **R2021-40**, Approving Use of the Cornelius V. Kelly Community Center

Mrs. King asked what R2021-39 pertains to. Borough Clerk, Mrs. Gillis explained that it enables the tax appeal attorney and conflict attorney to get the experts they feel they need to pursue their case on behalf of the Borough; we have passed the same resolution in the past few years.

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

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

RESOLUTIONS

- **R2021-41**, Adopting the Monmouth County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan

On a motion by Mr. Willms, seconded by Mr. Graetz, Resolution No. 2021-41 was approved by the following vote:

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

- **R2021-42**, Authorizing a contract for the Purchase of a Caterpillar Backhoe Loader with Related Accessories, Attachments and Supplies via Sourcewell Co-Op Pricing System

On a motion by Mr. Graetz, seconded by Mr. Gallo, Resolution No. 2021-42 was approved by the following vote:

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

- **R2021-43**, Approving the payment of the itemized claims as set forth on the January 14, 2021 bills list

On a motion by Mr. Graetz, seconded by Mr. Willms, Resolution No. 2021-43 was approved by the following vote:

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

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on a motion by Mrs. King, seconded by Mr. Casagrande, the meeting was adjourned without objection at 7:26p.m.


 Janine Gillis, Borough Clerk

Approved:  February 16, 2021