

The January 18, 2022 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 John Casagrande
Councilman Peter Gallo
Councilman William Graetz
Councilwoman Sara King
Councilman Christopher Willms
Mayor Christopher Campion

Absent:

Councilman Leonard Capristo
Dennis Collins, Borough Attorney

Also attending:

Council 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. Graetz, the agenda was approved by the following vote:

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

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Capristo

APPROVE MINUTES - December 20, 2021
January 3, 2022

On a motion by Mrs. King, seconded by Mr. Casagrande, the December 20, 2021 minutes were approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Mr. Casagrande, Mrs. King,

Nays: None Abstain: Mr. Gallo, Mr. Graetz, Mr. Willms Absent: Mr. Capristo

On a motion by Mr. Graetz, seconded by Mr. Willms, the January 3, 2022 minutes were approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Mr. Casagrande, Mr. Gallo, Mr. Graetz, Mr. Willms

Nays: None Abstain: Mrs. King Absent: Mr. Capristo

PRESENTATIONS – None

DISCUSSION ITEMS – None

MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Gallo – Commented on the water service interruption over the weekend and allowed Mr. May to expand on the issue. Mr. May reported the two water main breaks, first on 8th Ave and Park as well as a break near the guard shack in Fairway Mews. He stated the water mains on 8th Ave were scoped for additional concern and nothing was found.

Mr. Willms – No report

Mr. Graetz – Recapped the monthly police report and the yearend reports for fire and first aid. Mr. Graetz also reminded the Borough's fire, and first aid services are volunteer members and if service is needed please call 9-1-1 and not to call the facilities directly.

Mrs. King – No report

Mr. Casagrande – Advised that over the next month the council and administration will be working on the Borough's budget and initiatives including the Ocean Road Park improvement project for 2022. He also commented on the ordinances on the evening's agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Any Item)

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

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

Larry Devine, 1225 Wall Road, appreciated the initiatives on a traffic safety but expressed additional safety concern on Wall Road. Mr. Devine suggested looking into a three way stop sign at the intersection of Old Mill Road and Wall Road. Mr. Devine also stated he spoke to Mayor of Wall Township and expressed concern over development of route 35 and impacts on Spring Lake Heights, specifically traffic impacts on Wall Road. Mayor Campion asked Mr. May to investigate the three-way stop sign at the intersection. Mr. Barrett provided an update on a resolution to engage traffic study. Mr. Casagrande also mentioned working with and communicating with Wall Township on traffic and impacts on Spring Lake Heights.

Mrs. King asked Mr. May about truck routes through the Borough. Mr. May clarified that State approval is needed from the NJDOT on restrictions and the restrictions are based on a traffic study for truck routes.

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

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

SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARINGS – None

REPORTS, NOTICES & CORRESPONDENCE

- Spring Lake Heights Municipal Court Monthly Report - December 2021
- Spring Lake Heights Police Monthly Report – December 2021
- Independent Fire Company No #1 Monthly Report - December 2021 & 2021 Annual
- Spring Lake First Aid Squad Monthly Report – December 2021 & 2021 Annual
- Spring Lake Heights Board of Education Meeting Schedule for 2022

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS – Ordinance No. 2022-01 & 2022-02

- **Ordinance No. 2022-01** An Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Appropriation Limits & to Establish a Cap Bank (2022)
Mr. Barrett provided a recap of the ordinance and how certain appropriations change based on the cost of living and State mandates. Public hearing will be on February 7, 2022.

On a motion by Mr. Casagrande, seconded by Mr. Graetz the ordinance was introduced by the following vote:

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

- **Ordinance No. 2022-02** An Ordinance to Establish Salary & Wages for the year 2022
Mr. Barrett explain the ordinance does not set salaries but allows for positions to be in range. Salaries are set by resolution which would occur at a later date. Public hearing will be on February 7, 2022.

On a motion by Mr. Casagrande, seconded by Mr. Gallo the ordinance was introduced by the following vote:

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

CONSENT AGENDA Resolutions R2022-36 to R2022-42

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.

- **R2022-36**, Confirming Appointment of Tax/Utility Collector
- **R2022-37**, Authorizing a Contract for professional Services – Special Project Engineer
- **R2022-38**, Authorizing a Contract for professional Services – Special Project Engineer
- **R2022-39**, Authorizing Agreement for Professional Services – Special Counsel
- **R2022-40**, Authorizing Borough Tax Assessor & Borough Attorney/Tax Counsel to Sign Stipulations/Hire Experts in Connection with Tax Appeals
- **R2022-41**, Authorizing Spring Lake Heights Police Dept. to Participate in the Defense Logistics Agency-Law Enforcement Support Office 1033 Program
- **R2022-42**, Approving Use of the Cornelius V. Kelly Community Center

Mrs. King inquired why there are two contracts for special project engineers; Mr. May clarified the services provided by the different engineers.

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

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

RESOLUTIONS

- **R2022-43**, Authorizing the Crediting a Water-Sewer Utility Charges

On a motion by Mr. Graetz, seconded by Mr. Gallo, Resolution No 2022-43 was approved by the following vote:

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

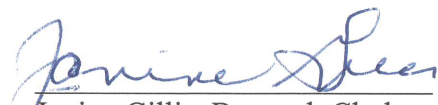
- **R2022-44**, Approving the Payment of the Itemized Claims as set forth on the January 14, 2022 Bills List

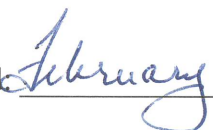
On a motion by Mr. Gallo, seconded by Mr. Graetz, Resolution No 2022-44 was approved by the following vote:

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

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on a motion by Mrs. King, seconded by Mr. Willms, the meeting was adjourned without objection at 7:25p.m.


Janine Gillis, Borough Clerk

Approved  February 7, 2022