

The March 21, 2022 Executive Session of the Borough Council of the Borough of Spring Lake Heights, Monmouth County, New Jersey was called to order by Council President Graetz at 6:30 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

Absent:

Mayor Christopher Campion

Also attending:

Janine Gillis, Borough Clerk
Dennis Collins Esq., Borough Attorney
John Barrett, Borough Administrator
Nicholas DelGaudio, Labor Attorney

Council President Graetz 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.

Attorney Collins read the resolution into the record.

- **R2022-72**, Authorizing an Executive Session and Permitting the Governing Body to exclude the public from a portion of a public meeting

BE IT RESOLVED that the following portion of this meeting dealing with the following generally described matters shall not be open to the public: Collective bargaining, contract negotiations, personnel, attorney client privilege

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it is anticipated that the matters to be considered in private may be disclosed to the Public at a later date under the following circumstance.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that private consideration is deemed required and is permitted because of the following noted exceptions set forth in the Act:

- _____ 1. Rendered confidential by Federal law or that if disclosed would impair receipt of Federal funds.
- _____ 2. Rendered confidential by State Statute or Court Rule.
- _____ 3. Would constitute an unwarranted invasion of individual privacy.
- X 4. Deals with collective bargaining, including negotiation positions.
- _____ 5. Deals with purchase, lease or acquisition of real property with public funds.
- _____ 6. Related to setting of bank rates or the investment of public funds and disclosure could adversely affect the public interest.
- _____ 7. Related to tactics and techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public and disclosure may adversely affect the public.
- _____ 8. Related to investigation of violations or possible violations of the law.

- _____ 9. Related to pending/anticipated litigation or contract negotiations in which the public body is or may be a party.
- X 10. Falls within the attorney-client privilege and confidentiality is required.
- X 11. Deals with personnel matters of public employees and employees have not requested that the matter be made public.
- _____ 12. Quasi-judicial deliberations after public hearing that may result in imposition of a civil penalty or suspension or loss of a license or permit.

On a motion by Mr. Willms, seconded by Mr. Casagrande, Resolution No. 2022-72 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

There being no further business, on a motion by Mrs. King, seconded by Mr. Willms, the executive session was adjourned without objection at 6:50 p.m.

The March 21, 2022 regular session of the Borough Council of the Borough of Spring Lake Heights, Monmouth County, New Jersey was called to order by Council President Graetz 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

Absent:

Mayor Christopher Campion

Also attending:

Janine Gillis, Borough Clerk
 Dennis Collins Esq., Borough Attorney
 John Barrett, Borough Administrator

Council President Graetz 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.

AMEND AGENDA

On a motion by Mr. Casagrande, seconded by Mrs. King, the agenda was amended to add resolutions R2022-76, R2022-77, and R2022-78 by the following vote:

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

APPROVE AMENDED 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, Mrs. King, Mr. Willms
 Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: None

APPROVE MINUTES - March 7, 2022

On a motion by Mrs. King, seconded by Mr. Willms, the minutes for March 7, 2022, were approved by the following vote:

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

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: None

PRESENTATIONS – None

DISCUSSION ITEMS – None

MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Gallo – no report

Mr. Willms – no report

Mrs. King – Thanked the Council for promptly acting on the resolution regarding Joseph E. Robertson Park and moving forward with Spiezle Architectural Group.

Mr. Casagrande – Provided an update regarding the municipal budget and anticipates the introduction of the budget to be at the next council meeting. Mr. Casagrande also described the bond ordinance intention and stated funding will come from the open space trust and money that is allocated for open space, not an additional allocation to the general fund.

Mr. Capristo – no report

Mr. Graetz – no report

PUBLIC COMMENT (Any Item)

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. Gallo, Mrs. King, Mr. Willms

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: None

Herbert Villanueva, 554 Jersey Ave, expressed concern regarding more traffic on Shore Road and the cleanliness of the Wreck Pond Park on Shore Road. Mr. Villanueva made suggestions regarding traffic control.

Karen Burke, 606 Shore Road, stated her concern for speeding and traffic on Shore Road. Ms. Burke also expressed concern and opposition to the gazebo and dock improvements to Shore Road Park.

Russell Yeserski, 608 Shore Road, further echoed concerns of traffic and speeding along Shore Road and opposition to the Shore Road Park improvements.

Clerk Mrs. Gillis described the process of the grant application and public notification in the newspaper. Further discussion occurred between Ms. Burke, Mr. Barrett, and Mr. Collins regarding Wreck Pond and park improvements.

Amber Burke, 600 Shore Road, shared the traffic and speeding concerns on Shore Road. Ms. Burke stated she was pleased with the clearing of brush at Wreck Pond.

Council President Graetz acknowledged the speeding and traffic concerns. He stated he would address with the Police Department. Mr. Collins echoed the Chief of Police would be the appropriate party to address traffic and speeding concerns.

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, Mr. Gallo, Mrs. King, Mr. Willms

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: None

SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARINGS

- **Ordinance No. 2022-04**, A Bond Ordinance Providing for Various Improvements to Borough Parks and Recreational Areas by and in the Borough of Spring Lake Heights, in the County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey; Appropriating \$1,000,000 therefor and Authorizing the Issuance of \$950,000 Bonds or Notes of the Borough to Finance Part of the Cost Thereof

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

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

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: None

Karen Burke, 606 Shore Road, expressed concerns regarding how the ordinance would financially affect the taxpayers. Mr. Barrett responded to Ms. Burke and explained how no new taxes would finance the improvements and the money was coming from open space tax.

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

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

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: None

On a motion by Mr. Casagrande, seconded by Mr. Willms, Ordinance No. 2022-04 was adopted by the following vote:

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

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: None

REPORTS, NOTICES & CORRESPONDENCE

- Spring Lake Heights Police Monthly Report – February 2022
- Spring Lake Heights Municipal Court Monthly Report – February 2022
- Spring Lake First Aid Squad Monthly Report – February 2022

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS - None

CONSENT AGENDA Resolutions R2022-73 to R2022-74

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.

- **R2022-73**, Approving use of the Cornelius V. Kelly Community Center (The Commons-8th Grade Graduation Party)

- **R2022-74** Approving Membership in the Independent Fire Company, No 1

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

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

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: None

RESOLUTIONS

- **R2022-75**, Approving the Payment of the Itemized Claims as set forth on the March 17, 2022 Bills List

On a motion by Mr. Casagrande, seconded by Mr. Gallo, Resolution No. 2022-75 was approved by the following vote:

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

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: None

- **R2022-76**, Approving of a second grant extension from New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Emerson Avenue Area

Joe May clarified the resolution proposed is a formality to extend the grant with the NJDOT.

On a motion by Mr. Casagrande, seconded by Mr. Willms, Resolution No. 2022-76 was approved by the following vote:

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

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: None

- **R2022-77**, Approving Sidebar Agreement Between the Borough and Spring Lake Heights Employees Association

Mr. Graetz explained the resolution was discussed during executive session and Mr. Collins stated the outcome is a result of the executive session discussion.

On a motion by Mr. Willms, seconded by Mr. Casagrande, Resolution No. 2022-77 was approved by the following vote:

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

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: None

- **R2022-78**, authorize a contract with Spiegle Architectural Group Inc for professional services

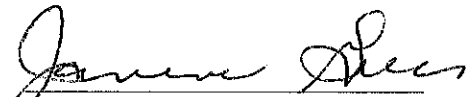
On a motion by Mrs. King, seconded by Mr. Willms, Resolution No. 2022-78 was approved by the following vote:

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

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: None

ADJOURNMENT

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


Janine Gillis, Borough Clerk

Approved: April 4, 2022