

**The November 21, 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 Leonard Capristo  
Councilwoman Michele Degnan-Spang  
Councilwoman Sara King  
Councilman Christopher Willms  
Mayor Christopher Campion

### Absent:

Councilman John Casagrande  
Councilman William Graetz

### Also attending:

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

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.

## **AMEND AGENDA**

On a motion by Mrs. King, seconded by Mr. Willms, the agenda was amended to add resolution R2022-196 by the following vote:

Ayes: Mr. Capristo, Mrs. Degnan-Spang, Mrs. King, Mr. Willms  
Nays: None      Abstain: None      Absent: Mr. Casagrande, Mr. Graetz

## **APPROVE AMENDED AGENDA**

On a motion by Mr. Capristo, seconded by Mr. Willms, the agenda as amended was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Mr. Capristo, Mrs. Degnan-Spang, Mrs. King, Mr. Willms  
Nays: None      Abstain: None      Absent: Mr. Casagrande, Mr. Graetz

## **APPROVE MINUTES – October 17, 2022**

On a motion by Mrs. King, seconded by Mr. Capristo, the October 17 2022, regular minutes were approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Mr. Capristo, Mrs. Degnan-Spang, Mrs. King, Mr. Willms  
Nays: None      Abstain: None      Absent: Mr. Casagrande, Mr. Graetz

## **PRESENTATIONS –**

- Resolution R2022-190, Borough Council Supporting the Designation of a Portion of State Highway Route 71, as the “John Tarantino Highway”  
Mayor Campion read the resolution honoring Mr. Angelo John Tarantino through which the Borough respectfully requests that the State of New Jersey to honor the patriotism of Angelo John Tarantino by designating a portion of State Highway Route 71 in the Borough of Spring Lake Heights as the “John Tarantino Highway”.

On a motion by Mr. Willms, seconded by Mrs. King, Resolution No. R2022-190 was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Mr. Campion, Mr. Capristo, Mrs. Degnan-Spang, Mrs. King, Mr. Willms  
Nays: None      Abstain: None      Absent: Mr. Casagrande, Mr. Graetz

John Nugent, long time neighbor of John Tarantino, thanked the Mayor and Council for recognizing and honoring Mr. Tarantino. He spoke fondly of Mr. Tarantino’s life and the humble impact he had on neighbors and friends.

Mayor Campion spoke about meeting and talking with Mr. Tarantino at the Veteran’s Day Luncheon and the stories he shared.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS – None**

## **MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mr. Capristo – No report

Mrs. King – On behalf of Rich Carragher, Councilwoman King thanked all veterans and their guests for attending the luncheon. She also thanked everyone who worked on making the event a success. Mayor Campion echoed the gratitude of success. Mrs. King continued to discuss working on the previously pulled land use ordinances and provide an updated on the statuses. Mayor Campion expanded on the purposes of the ordinances.

Mr. Willms - Councilman Willms addressed the resolution on the agenda appointing a probationary public works laborer. He also thanked the voters, on behalf of himself and Mr. Graetz, for being reelected to council and is looking forward to the next term.

Mrs. Degnan-Spang – Councilwoman Degnan-Spang mentioned she spent time with Joe May and Steve Dodd at the water plant and is excited to work with the everyone. She also congratulated Mr. Willms and Mr. Graetz on their reelection to council.

Mr. Campion – Mayor Campion commented on the recent power outages and thanked the Police Department for their work with the school closing, communication to the public, and completing senior welfare checks. He reminded any senior to reach out to the Police Department if they would like to be part of the welfare check program. He also remarked on the tax assessment cards that were mailed out and thanked Mr. Barrett for making a video to help understand the increases. He added that the largest portion of a residents taxes go to the school and county, of which the council has no say in their budget. He suggested the public go to the other civic meetings to voice their concerns. He concluded with confirming the Borough's tree lighting event will take place December 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00pm and Santa will be making an appearance.

## **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. Campion, Mr. Capristo, Mrs. Degnan-Spang, Mrs. King, Mr. Willms

Nays: None            Abstain: None            Absent: Mr. Casagrande, Mr. Graetz

No Public Comment

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

Ayes: Mr. Campion, Mr. Capristo, Mrs. Degnan-Spang, Mrs. King, Mr. Willms

Nays: None            Abstain: None            Absent: Mr. Casagrande, Mr. Graetz

## **SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARINGS – None**

## **REPORTS, NOTICES & CORRESPONDENCE**

- Spring Lake Heights Police Monthly Report – June, July & October 2022
- Spring Lake Heights Municipal Court Monthly Report – October 2022
- Spring Lake First Aid Squad Monthly Report – October 2022
- Independent Fire Co #1 Monthly Report – September & October 2022
- Monmouth County Board of County Commissioners Resolution #2022-0697 Establishing a County Opioid Advisory Council
- Monmouth County Board of County Commissioners Resolution #2022-0769 Establishing the USA 250 Monmouth Committee
- Public Notice Township of Wall Board of Adjustment Schlossberg Block 92 Lot 179
- Monmouth County Planning Board Resolution 2022-13 Adopting Farmland Preservation as Element of County Master Plan
- Thank You Letter – Frederick Vath Re: Veterans Day Luncheon

## ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS

- **Ordinance No. 2022-17**, Bond Ordinance Providing for the Acquisition of Various Capital Equipment by and in the Borough of Spring Lake Heights, in the County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey; Appropriating \$500,000 Therefor and Authorizing the Issuance of \$475,000 Bonds or Notes of the Borough to Finance Part of the Cost Thereof

Mr. Barrett wanted to inform council that the Best Practices Questionnaire, an annual event has been completed. He added that the Borough will be receiving the full State Aid. Council had no questions. He added that there is a resolution regarding budget transfers later in the agenda as well.

Mr. Barrett continued to provide an overview on Ordinance 2022-17. He explained the ordinance would not borrow money at this time, this is in preparation for future expenses; geared towards purchase of vehicles for the Police Department and Public Works Department. Mayor Campion described the Borough's asset management plan and how they are working to create a stable financial environment for the Borough. The public hearing on Ordinance 2022-17 will take place on December 19, 2022.

On a motion by Mrs. King, seconded by Mrs. Degnan-Spang, the ordinance was introduced by the following vote:

Ayes: Mr. Capristo, Mrs. Degnan-Spang, Mrs. King, Mr. Willms  
Nays: None            Abstain: None            Absent: Mr. Casagrande, Mr. Graetz

## CONSENT AGENDA - Resolutions R2022-183 to R2022-189

*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.*

- **R2022-183**, Approving outdoor music permit at The Mill Lakeside Manor on designated dates
- **R2022-184**, Authorizing the Balance Adjustment of Water-Sewer Utility Charges
- **R2022-185**, Authorizing the Refund of Overpaid or Cancelled Taxes
- **R2022-186**, Requesting the Director of NJ Local Government Services to Approve an Amendment to the 2022 Municipal Budget
- **R2022-187**, Authorizing the Transfer of 2022 Municipal Budget Appropriations
- **R2022-188**, Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement Between the Borough and the County of Monmouth for Special Citizens Area Transportation System (SCAT) services.
- **R2022-189**, Establishing the 2023 Reorganization meeting date

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

Ayes: Mr. Capristo, Mrs. Degnan-Spang, Mrs. King, Mr. Willms  
Nays: None            Abstain: None            Absent: Mr. Casagrande, Mr. Graetz

## RESOLUTIONS

- **R2022-191**, Appointing a Probationary Public Works Laborer

On a motion by Mr. Willms, seconded by Mrs. King, Resolution No. R2022-191 was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Mr. Capristo, Mrs. Degnan-Spang, Mrs. King, Mr. Willms  
Nays: None            Abstain: None            Absent: Mr. Casagrande, Mr. Graetz

- **R2022-192**, Filing of a Lien for Outstanding Municipal Charges regarding 909 Jersey Ave Block 7 Lot 179

On a motion by Mrs. King, seconded by Mr. Willms, Resolution No. R2022-192 was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Mr. Capristo, Mrs. Degnan-Spang, Mrs. King, Mr. Willms  
Nays: None            Abstain: None            Absent: Mr. Casagrande, Mr. Graetz

- **R2022-193**, Awarding a Contract to Fernandes Construction, Inc. for the Contract Amount of \$347,073.23 in Accordance with the Bid Specifications

On a motion by Mr. Willms, seconded by Mrs. Degnan-Spang, Resolution No. R2022-193 was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Mr. Capristo, Mrs. Degnan-Spang, Mrs. King, Mr. Willms

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Casagrande, Mr. Graetz

- **R2022-194**, Approving the Payment of the Itemized Claims as set forth on the November 7, 2022 Bills List

On a motion by Mrs. King, seconded by Mr. Capristo, Resolution No. R2022-194 was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Mr. Capristo, Mrs. Degnan-Spang, Mrs. King, Mr. Willms

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Casagrande, Mr. Graetz

- **R2022-195**, Approving the Payment of the Itemized Claims as set forth on the November 18, 2022 Bills List

On a motion by Mrs. King, seconded by Mr. Capristo, Resolution No. R2022-195 was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Mr. Capristo, Mrs. Degnan-Spang, Mrs. King, Mr. Willms

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Casagrande, Mr. Graetz

- **R2022-196**, Approving issuance of an Alcoholic Beverage Control Social Affair Special Permit for Common Ground, Inc.

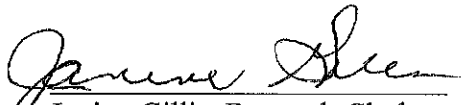
On a motion by Mr. Willms, seconded by Mrs. Degnan-Spang, Resolution No. R2022-196 was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Mr. Capristo, Mrs. Degnan-Spang, Mrs. King, Mr. Willms

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Casagrande, Mr. Graetz

#### **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: December 19, 2022