

**The December 19, 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  
Councilwoman Michele Degnan-Spang  
Councilwoman Sara King  
Councilman Christopher Willms  
Mayor Christopher Campion

### Absent:

Councilman Leonard Capristo  
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.

## **APPROVE AGENDA**

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

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

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

## **APPROVE MINUTES – November 21, 2022**

On a motion by Mrs. King, seconded by Mr. Willms, the November 21, 2022, regular minutes were approved by the following vote:

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

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

## **PRESENTATIONS – Proclamation - Chief Edward Gunnell**

Mayor Campion read the proclamation that described the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy and congratulated Chief Edward Gunnell on his completion of the intensive 10-week program. Chief Edward Gunnell thanked everyone in the Borough who kept services running smoothly while he was away and also thanked his family for their support.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS – None**

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

Mrs. Degnan-Spang – No report

Mr. Willms - Councilman Willms stated the Public Works Department is prepared for the upcoming winter weather.

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

Mr. Casagrande – Councilman Casagrande mentioned the ordinance on the agenda regarding the purchase of vehicles. He also talked about the resolution on the agenda that balances the budget, and how it is standard procedure at the end of the year.

Mr. Campion – No report

## **PUBLIC COMMENT (Any Item)**

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

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

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

No Public Comment

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

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

**SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARINGS –**

- **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

On a motion by Mrs. Degnan-Spang, seconded by Mr. Casagrande, the public comment section was opened by the following vote:

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

Mr. Barrett described the intent of the ordinance is the be able to appropriate funds for the purchase of vehicles for the Borough including the Public Works Department and the Police Department. Mayor Campion expanded on the statement with discussing supply chain issues and inflation.

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

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

On a motion by Mrs. Degnan-Spang, seconded by Mr. Casagrande, the ordinance was adopted by the following vote:

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

**REPORTS, NOTICES & CORRESPONDENCE**

- Spring Lake Heights Police Monthly Report – November 2022
- Spring Lake First Aid Squad Monthly Report - November 2022
- Spring Lake Public Notice Ordinance 2022-011 Land Development
- Letter from South Monmouth Regional Sewerage Authority Re: 2023 Sewer Use Service Rate Increase

**ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS - None**

**CONSENT AGENDA - Resolutions R2022-196A to R2022-197**

*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.*

- **R2022-196A**, Authorize the Transfer of 2022 Municipal Budget Transfers
- **R2022-197**, Authorizing a Tax Lien Redemption Payment

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

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

## RESOLUTIONS

- **R2022-198**, Approving the Payment of the Itemized Claims as set forth on the December 1, 2022 Bills List

On a motion by Mr. Casagrande, seconded by Mrs. King, Resolution No. R2022-198 was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Mr. Casagrande, Mrs. Degnan-Spang, Mrs. King

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

- **R2022-199**, Approving the Payment of the Itemized Claims as set forth on the December 15, 2022 Bills List

On a motion by Mr. Casagrande, seconded by Mr. Willms, Resolution No. R2022-199 was approved by the following vote:

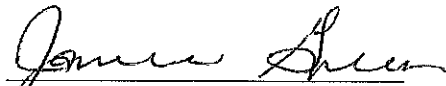
Ayes: Mr. Casagrande, Mrs. Degnan-Spang, Mrs. King, Mr. Willms

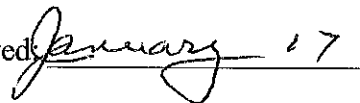
Nays: None      Abstain: None      Absent: Mr. Capristo, Mr. Graetz

Mayor Champion thanked everyone for another great year and the professionalism in which business was handled over the year. He also thanked the various departments for their hard work and wished everyone a happy holiday season. Mayor Champion concluded with the reminder of the reorganization meeting taking place on January 2, 2023 at noon.

## ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on a motion by Mr. Willms, seconded by Mrs. King, the meeting was adjourned without objection at 7:22 p.m.

  
Janine Gillis, Borough Clerk

Approved:  17, 2023