

The February 6, 2023 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  
Councilwoman Michele Degnan-Spang  
Councilman William Graetz  
Councilwoman Sara King  
Mayor Christopher Campion

### Absent:

Councilman Christopher Willms

### Also attending:

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

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 Mr. Casagrande, seconded by Mrs. King, the agenda was amended to add the Spring Lake First Aid January 2023 report and remove resolution R2023-53 Recreation Fees by the following vote:

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

## APPROVE AMENDED AGENDA

On a motion by Mrs. King, seconded by Mr. Graetz, the agenda as amended was approved by the following vote:

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

## APPROVE MINUTES – January 17, 2023

On a motion by Mrs. Degnan-Spang, seconded by Mr. Casagrande, the January 17, 2023, regular minutes were approved by the following vote:

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

## PRESENTATIONS –

- Spring Lake First Aid Squad - Captain Mr. Rockhill presented the Spring Lake First Aid Squad's yearly report. He mentioned that this is the squad's 95<sup>th</sup> year and that it is the oldest volunteer squad in the area. He detailed ways the organization is recruiting new members and certain challenges they face. Mayor Campion requested Mr. Rockhill to acknowledge the top five volunteers that answered calls last year. Mr. Rockhill closed with providing the First Aid Squad's contact information should anyone be interested in volunteering; phone number (732) 449-8810 and email [slfas@verizon.net](mailto:slfas@verizon.net).
- Proclamation – School Crossing Guards – Mayor Campion announced that February 8, 2023, is School Crossing Guard Appreciation Day. He expressed his gratitude and appreciation for the Crossing Guards in Spring Lake Heights. Chief Gunnell added that the Police Department would be recognizing and highlighting each crossing guard on social media in efforts to expand community engagement.

## DISCUSSION ITEMS – None

## MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Capristo – Stated the reason for pulling the recreation resolution from the agenda is to review and revise the language.

Mr. Casagrande – Stated that the COLA ordinance on the agenda for public hearing tonight is done annually, he also stated that the Borough’s budget planning phase is beginning, he will be getting together with the department heads. Mayor Campion asked that with the budget planning, we must continue to curtail our spending.

Mrs. King – Councilwoman King stated that we will introduce 4 land use ordinances on zoning. They are several more coming but are on hold due to affordable housing issue. She thanked Eileen Eilenberger who worked very hard on this Thank Janine for her assistance.

Mr. Graetz – Councilman Graetz reviewed the January Police and Fire Dept reports and thanked all our volunteer services.

Mrs. Degnan-Spang – Councilwoman Degnan-Spang that Joe is finalizing our GIS map of the water system, this is a requirement of NJ DEP. He also will be putting a bid together to replace about 20 fire hydrants. The DPW finished the street sign replacement. She added that our crew are really great.

Mr. Campion – Mayor Campion added that our DPW/Water-Sewer staff are great, the projects that they do under Joe’s supervision save the borough money but not having to outsource, we are lucky.

**PUBLIC COMMENT (Any Item)**

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

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

Nays: None            Abstain: None            Absent: Mr. Willms

John Nugent 118 Maple Drive thanked council for the proclamation of the John Taratino Highway, is seems to be moving through legislature. As the President of Fairway Mews complex, he wanted to talk about pickleball courts. He stated that 19% of Spring Lake Heights population plays the game. He inquired if the grant that we applied for included adding pickleball courts. He said that a Sunday times article on the growing popularity of pickleball and now is on all the sports channels. He added that Fairway Mews has a tennis court but that it does not have a good base, the cost would be 6 figures to renovate. Mr. Nugent stated on behalf of the Fairway Mews population, they request council to pursue a grant to allow for pickleball courts

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

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

Nays: None            Abstain: None            Absent: Mr. Willms

**SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARINGS – Ordinance No. 2023-01 An Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Appropriation Limits & to Establish a Cap Bank (2022)**

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

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

Nays: None            Abstain: None            Absent: Mr. Willms

None presented

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

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

Nays: None            Abstain: None            Absent: Mr. Willms

## REPORTS, NOTICES & CORRESPONDENCE

- Spring Lake Heights Municipal Court Monthly Report - December 2022
- Spring Lake Heights Police Monthly Report – December 2022
- Independent Fire Company No #1 Monthly Report - December 2022 & 2022 Annual, January 2023
- Spring Lake First Aid Squad Monthly Report – December 2022 & 2022 Annual
- South Monmouth Regional Sewerage Authority 2023 Sewer Connection Fee

## ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS –

- **Ordinance 2023-02**, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 22, Article III Definitions, Section 302 Definitions

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

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

Nays: None          Abstain: None          Absent: Mr. Willms

Borough Clerk, Janine Gillis stated that the public hearing will be held on March 20, 2023, this will allow for the mailing to property owners and review of by the Land Use. There was discussion whether or not mailing letters to property owners and those within 200ft of the proposed changes was necessary. Attorney Collins reviewed and stated yes.

- **Ordinance 2023-03**, An ordinance Amending Chapter 22, Article VI Zoning Regulations, Section 603 Prohibited Uses

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

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

Nays: None          Abstain: None          Absent: Mr. Willms

Borough Clerk, Janine Gillis stated that the public hearing will be held on March 20, 2023.

- **Ordinance 2023-04**, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 22, Article VI Zoning Regulations, Section 22.060.1 Rezoning Parcels from B2 to R1

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

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

Nays: None          Abstain: None          Absent: Mr. Willms

Borough Clerk, Janine Gillis stated that the public hearing will be held on March 20, 2023.

- **Ordinance 2023-05**, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 22 Article VI Zoning Regulations, Section 22-606.1 Rezoning Parcels from B2 to R5

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

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

Nays: None          Abstain: None          Absent: Mr. Willms

Borough Clerk, Janine Gillis stated that the public hearing will be held on March 20, 2023.

## CONSENT AGENDA - Resolutions R2023-49 to R2023-52, & R2023-54 to R2023-55

*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.*

- **R2023-49**, Confirming the Permanent Appointment of Public Works Employee

- **R2023-50**, Authorizing Monmouth County Mosquito Division to Conduct Aerial Mosquito Control
- **R2023-51**, Approving the Application for Governor's Council on Alcoholism & Drug Abuse Youth Leadership Grant Application
- **R2023-52**, Approving the Shore Municipal Alliance Grant Application
- ~~**R2023-53**, Establishing Fees for 2023 Recreation Programs removed from the agenda~~
- **R2023-54**, Authorizing the Balance Adjustment of a Water-Sewer Utility Charge
- **R2023-55**, Authorizing the Transfer of 2022 Municipal Budget Appropriations

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

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

Nays: None          Abstain: Mrs. Degnan-Spang          Absent: Mr. Willms

#### RESOLUTIONS

- **R2023-56**, Approving the payment of the itemized claims as set forth on the February 2, 2023 bills list

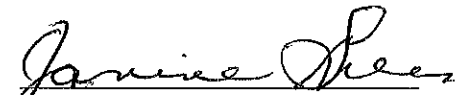
On a motion by Mr. Casagrande, seconded by Mr. Graetz, Resolution No. R2023-46 was approved by the following vote:

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

Nays: None          Abstain: Mr. Casagrande          Absent: Mr. Willms

#### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on a motion by Mrs. King, seconded by Mrs. Graetz, the meeting was adjourned without objection at 7:50 p.m.

  
Janine Gillis, Borough Clerk

Approved: March 6, 2023