

**The March 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 John Casagrande  
Councilwoman Sara King  
Councilman Christopher Willms  
Mayor Christopher Campion

Absent:

Councilman Leonard Capristo  
Councilwoman Michele Degnan-Spang  
Councilman William Graetz

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.

**APPROVE AGENDA**

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

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

Nays: None      Abstain: None      Absent: Mr. Capristo, Mrs. Degnan-Spang, Mr. Graetz

**APPROVE MINUTES - February 6, 2023**

On a motion by Mr. Casagrande, seconded by Mrs. King, the February 6, 2023, regular minutes were approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Mr. Casagrande, Mrs. King

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

**PRESENTATIONS –**

**DISCUSSION ITEMS –**

**MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mr. Willms – No Report

Mrs. King – No Report

Mr. Casagrande – Offered that the Finance Committee is preparing the budget for introduction, it's almost finalized, could possibly be put forth at the next meeting. He also stated that Resolution 2023-57, requesting moratorium on the wind development is the same resolution several area municipalities have adopted. The issue being the washing up of the marine life at several coastal towns. Hope that the governor will take steps to investigate.

Mayor Campion – Announced that the townwide garage sale is Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, with a \$5.00 permit fee.

**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. Casagrande, Mrs. King, Mr. Willms

Nays: None      Abstain: None      Absent: Mr. Capristo, Mrs. Degnan-Spang, Mr. Graetz

None Presented

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

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

Nays: None          Abstain: None          Absent: Mr. Capristo, Mrs. Degnan-Spang, Mr. Graetz

### **SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARINGS - None**

### **REPORTS, NOTICES & CORRESPONDENCE**

- 2022 Annual Tax Collectors Report
- Spring Lake Heights Police Monthly Report – January 2023
- Spring Lake Heights Municipal Court Report – January 2023
- Spring Lake Heights Land Use Public Hearing- March 15, 2023 927 Woodcrest Dr
- Spring Lake Public Hearing March 14, 2023 Re: Land Use Ordinance 2023-001

### **ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS - None**

### **CONSENT AGENDA Resolutions R2023-57 to R2023-62**

*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.*

- **R2023-57**, Resolution calling for an immediate moratorium on offshore wind development pending a thorough investigation into the unprecedented deaths of whales.

Mayor Campion stated he agreed that something is obviously wrong and should be investigated.

- **R2023-58**, Establishing fees for various 2023 recreation programs.
- **R2023-59**, Approving the designated membership to the Independent Fire Co. No. 1
- **R2023-60**, Accept the performance bond provided by Fernandes Construction Co. as required for the Ocean Road Improvements
- **R2023-61**, Authorizing the release of the designated escrow deposits.
- **R2023-62**, Approving outdoor dining and music on designated date-St. Stephen's Green Publick House

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

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

Nays: None          Abstain: None          Absent: Mr. Capristo, Mrs. Degnan-Spang, Mr. Graetz

### **RESOLUTIONS**

- **R2023-63**, Approving Interlocal Agreement for Tax Collector Services

Councilwoman King asked when she would she be going to Manasquan. Administrator Barrett explained that Manasquan approached us, they have staff in the office to perform daily tasks. Our collector would be available for questions. They did ask that she be in the office 3-4 hours a week to be available for their residents. This would be done around her 40 hours provided to Spring Lake Heights. The 20% of the fees collected for this service would be split -10% to cover employment expenses with Spring Lake Heights netting 10%.

Mayor Campion inquired if this is a qualified position, Mr. Barrett replied yes., it is one of four positions, CFO, Tax Assessor, Tax Collector and Clerk. Mayor Campion stated that he liked the idea and saw it as a benefit to both municipalities.

Mr. Barrett replied that we are looking to do a another shared service with Wall Township. Our licensed water operator is retiring; currently we have an employee that has started the training process

to obtain all of the necessary licenses however that is going to take 2 more years. He is currently in a training program, that the borough actually gets a stipend for his attendance. Mr. Barrett added that Joe May recognized this individuals' attributes and was pleased to have him move forward with the training. However, we need someone with a license, Wall Township is willing to provide that service. We're still working out the details.

Attorney Collins added that he prepared the agreement with Manasquan and worked with their attorney, will finalize this week. Mayor Campion asked about the intro of the budget, Mr. Barrett replied doing a final review and hope to have for next meeting.

On a motion by Mrs. King, seconded by Mr. Willms, Resolution R2023-63 was approved by the following vote:

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

Nays: None          Abstain: None          Absent: Mr. Capristo, Mrs. Degnan-Spang, Mr. Graetz

- **R2023-64**, Authorizing the additional temporary budget appropriations pending adoption of the 2023 municipal budget

On a motion by Mr. Casagrande, seconded by Mr. Willms, Resolution R2023-64 was approved by the following vote:

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

Nays: None          Abstain: None          Absent: Mr. Capristo, Mrs. Degnan-Spang, Mr. Graetz

- **R2023-65**, Approving the payment of the itemized claims as set forth on the February 16, 2023 bills list

On a motion by Mr. Casagrande, seconded by Mr. Willms, Resolution R2023-65 was approved by the following vote:

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

Nays: None          Abstain: None          Absent: Mr. Capristo, Mrs. Degnan-Spang, Mr. Graetz

- **R2023-66**, Approving the payment of the itemized claims as set forth on the March 3, 2023 bills list

On a motion by Mr. Casagrande, seconded by Mrs. King, Resolution R2023-66 was approved by the following vote:

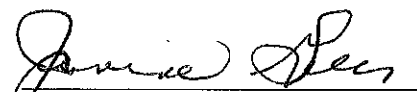
Ayes: Mr. Casagrande, Mrs. King, Mr. Willms

Nays: None          Abstain: None          Absent: Mr. Capristo, Mrs. Degnan-Spang, Mr. Graetz

Mr. Barrett announced that Megan had her baby, all is well. Mayor Campion wanted to congratulate the Manasquan Basketball team on their state championship.

#### ADJOURNMENT

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

  
Janine Gillis, Borough Clerk

Approved: March 20, 2023