

The May 15, 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 7:04 p.m. in the Frank E. Adams Municipal Building with a moment of silence and a salute to the flag.

Present:

Councilman John Casagrande
Councilwoman Michele Degnan-Spang
Councilman William Graetz
Councilwoman Sara King
Councilman Christopher Willms
Mayor Christopher Campion

Absent:

Councilman Leonard Capristo

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

APPROVE MINUTES - May 1, 2023

On a motion by Mrs. Degnan-Spang, seconded by Mr. Casagrande, the May 1, 2023, minutes were approved by the following vote:

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

PRESENTATIONS – Proclamation - Emergency Medical Services Week

Mayor Campion read the proclamation and thanked all the volunteers for the service.

DISCUSSION ITEMS – None

MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilman Casagrande – Tonight is the public hearing on the 2023 municipal budget and the salary & wage ordinance.

Councilwoman King – No report

Councilman Graetz – Reviewed calls for Fire Dept. & First Aid

Councilman Willms – No Report

Councilwoman Degnan-Spang – Announced hydrant flushing is completed. Public works is asking residents to please park cars in their driveways during the week of May 22 as their going to be coming through with the street sweeper.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Any Item)

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

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

Joan Brady Essex Ave asked for clarification of the noise ordinance. She sees approval of music for both the golf club and The Shore Club. She expressed her concern about the outdoor music. She feels that over the past 2 years it's gotten louder, she can't enjoy spending time in her own backyard. She has been neighborly and has spoken with the manager and is hoping this year is better, she asked if there is a regulation as to a limit. Mayor Campion stated he understood her concerns. He stated that the team has

been working with the businesses owners to monitor themselves by monitoring and measuring the volume. Borough Attorney Collins stated that there a Noise Pollution Act which states decibel levels for day/night along with time frames. He explained that if she feels the noise is excessive, she should call the police, they enforce the borough's noise ordinances.

Ms. Brady also asked about the use of power equipment. She feels that the current ordinance should be revised, equipment should only be allowed Monday through Thursday, not on the weekend. Homeowners want to be able to enjoy their outside property. Mayor Campion offered that Councilwoman King does legislation and any recommendation should be passed onto to her.

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

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

SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARINGS - 2023 Municipal Budget

- **R2023-91, Authorizing to Read the 2023 Municipal Budget by Title Only**

On a motion by Mrs. King, seconded by Mr. Casagrande, **R2023-91** was approved by the following vote:

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

- **2023 Municipal Budget Public Hearing**

On a motion by Mr. Casagrande, seconded by Mr. Graetz, the public hearing on the 2023 Municipal Budget section was opened by the following vote:

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

Mr. Casagrande thanked everyone for their hard work on the budget. The leaders in all departments have done a great job especially in this challenging economic environment. Everything is more expensive, and everyone has been fiscally responsible and maintained their spending. Mr. Casagrande added that the utility budget is in good shape and there is no need to for increases to the water-sewer rates. He pointed out that on the resident's tax bill only 30% of that comes to the town.

Mayor Campion expanded that the 30% covers of all the many services provided to the residents which include just some of the following: our parks, various garbage collection, fire dept. first aid, police. The mayor added this is a very responsible budget. He stated that our staff can do in house projects which is a significant savings instead of hiring outside contractors.

John Barrett added that the team feels and appreciates the support.

Mayor Campion read into the record an email he received from a resident, commenting on the interaction he had with John Barrett, he felt he was extremely professional.

No Public Presented

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

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

- **R2023-92, Adopt 2023 Municipal Budget**

On a motion by Mr. Casagrande, seconded by Mr. Willms, **R2023-92** was approved by the following vote:

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

REPORTS, NOTICES & CORRESPONDENCE

- Spring Lake First Aid Squad Monthly Report – April 2023
- Independent Fire Company No #1 Monthly Report - April 2023

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS -

- **Ordinance 2023-11**, Ordinance Establishing Salaries and Wages for the year 2023

CONSENT AGENDA Resolutions R2023-93 to R2023-100

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.

- **R2023-93**, Approving outdoor music – Spring Lake Golf Club
- **R2023-94**, Approving outdoor music – Spring Lake Tap House
- **R2023-95**, Approving use of the Cornelius V. Kelly Community Center
- **R2023-96**, Approving use of the Bicentennial Park Tennis Courts
- **R2023-97**, Confirming the permanent appointment of public works employee
- **R2023-98**, Authorizing the refund of duplicate tax payment
- **R2023-99**, Authorizing balance adjustment of water-sewer charges
- **R2023-100**, Authorizing the release of designated escrow accounts

On a motion by Mrs. King, seconded by Mr. Graetz, the **Consent Agenda** was approved by the following vote:

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

RESOLUTIONS

- **R2023-101**, Authorizing the Mayor ad Clerk to execute the FY2024-FY2026 revised amendment agreement with Monmouth County for participation in the Community Development Program

On a motion by Mrs. King, seconded by Mr. Willms, **R2023-101** was approved by the following vote:

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

- **R2023-102**, Authorize to renew shared services agreement with Wall Township for Joint Municipal Court

On a motion by Mr. Graetz, seconded by Mr. Casagrande, **R2023-102** was approved by the following vote:

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

- **R2023-103**, Approving the payment of the itemized claims as set forth on the May 12, 2023 bills list

On a motion by Mr. Casagrande, seconded by Mr. Willms, **R2023-103** was approved by the following vote:

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

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on a motion by Mrs. King, seconded by Mr. Willms, the meeting was adjourned without objection at 7:35 p.m.

Adopted June 5, 2023

