

The October 16, 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:

Andrew Bayer, 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 Mr. Graetz, seconded by Mrs. King, the agenda was approved by the following vote:

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

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Willms

APPROVE MINUTES - October 2, 2023

On a motion by Mrs. Degnan-Spang, seconded by Mr. Casagrande, the October 2, 2023, minutes were approved by the following vote:

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

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

PRESENTATIONS – None

DISCUSSION ITEMS – 2023 Best Practices Inventory

Mr. Casagrande explained the Best Practices Inventory questionnaire, which is filed annually with the State of New Jersey. The Borough received a great score and will receive all the anticipated state aid.

MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Campion – Mayor Campion recognized the passing of former councilman Peter Gallo. Mr. Gallo succumbed to his long-term illness, leaving behind his wife and four children. Mayor Campion reminisced on his time with Mr. Gallo and announced the arrangements are on the website for those interested.

Councilman Capristo – Councilman Capristo thanked Mayor Campion for his kind words for Mr. Gallo. Mr. Capristo continued with an update regarding the fall cornhole league and the senior softball league. He thanked the league sponsors of Naples Pizza, Joe Leone's and the Shore Club. He also announced upcoming recreation programs including the holiday house decorating and the basketball clinic.

Councilman Casagrande – Councilman Casagrande echoed the sentiments expressed about Mr. Gallo, he will be dearly missed. Mr. Casagrande mentioned the best practices questionnaire, a budget item on the agenda and the upcoming Fall Festival.

Councilwoman King – Councilwoman King provided updates on two grants. The borough will be receiving \$15,000 for storm water management and \$75,000 for the tree project in Robertson Park. Mrs. King continued with echoing the sentiment of sympathy for Mr. Gallo's passing and his family. Mrs. King asked Richard Carragher to speak about the annual Veteran's Luncheon. Mr. Carragher described the details of the luncheon.

Councilman Graetz – No report regarding law and public safety. Mr. Graetz echoed the sentiment of sympathy for Mr. Gallo and his family.

Councilwoman Degnan-Spang –No report regarding water-sewer. Mrs. Degnan-Spang echoed the sentiment of sympathy for Mr. Gallo and his family.

Mayor Campion – Mayor Campion explained details of the upcoming Fall Festival.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Any Item)

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

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

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Willms

None Presented

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

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

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Willms

SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

REPORTS, NOTICES & CORRESPONDENCE

- Spring Lake First Aid Squad Monthly Report – September 2023
- Spring Lake Heights Police Monthly Report – September 2023
- Independent Fire Company No #1 Monthly Report - September 2023
- Spring Lake Heights Land Use Board Public Notice: October 18, 2023 Re: 901 Warren Ave
- Wall Township Public Hearing, October 25, 2023 Re: Redevelopment on Rt 33/34 Corridor
- Monmouth County Board of County Commissioners Resolution #2023-0773 Small Wireless Facility Right of Way Agreements
- Spring Lake Public Notice: October 24, 2023 Re: Amending Land Development “District Regulations”

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS

- **Ordinance 2023-08** An Ordinance Creating the Affordable Housing AH-2 Zoning District in Furtherance of the Borough’s Obligation to Provide for its Fair Share of Affordable Housing

Attorney Andrew Bayer explained the Borough’s declaratory judgment action to be compliant with the affordable housing obligation and the settlement agreement with Lombardi Residential. Ordinance 2023-08 changes the zoning of the location to allow for affordable housing. Mayor Campion explained that the Borough has plans and is getting close to fulfilling its affordable housing obligations.

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

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

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Willms

CONSENT AGENDA Resolutions R2023-168 to R2023-169

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.

- **R2023-168**, Approving the issuance of an Alcoholic Beverage Control Social Affair Permit – Moceans for Independent Living
- **R2023-169**, Requesting the Director of NJ Division of Local government Services to approve an Amendment to the Borough’s 2023 Municipal Budget

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

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

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Willms

RESOLUTIONS

- **R2023-170**, Appointing a Probationary Public Works Laborer – Justice McHugh

On a motion by Mr. Graetz, seconded by Mr. Casagrande, Resolution No. R2023-170 was approved by the following vote:

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

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Willms

- **R2023-171**, Approving the payment of the itemized claims as set forth on the October 13, 2023 bills list


On a motion by Mr. Casagrande, seconded by Mrs. Degnan-Spang, Resolution No. R2023-171 was approved by the following vote:

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

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Willms

ADJOURNMENT

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


Janine Gillis, Borough Clerk

Approved: November 20, 2023