

The June 17, 2024 Regular Session of the Borough Council of the Borough of Spring Lake Heights, Monmouth County, New Jersey was called to order by Council President Graetz 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
Councilman Christopher Willms

Absent:

Mayor Christopher Campion

Also attending:

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

Council President Graetz 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. Degnan-Spang, seconded by Mr. Casagrande the agenda was approved by the following vote:

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

APPROVE MINUTES – June 3, 2024

On a motion by Mrs. King, seconded by Mr. Willms, the June 3, 2024, minutes were approved by the following vote:

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

PRESENTATIONS – Environmental Commission Logo Contest

Members of the Environmental commission explained the logo contest and the collaboration the commission had with the Spring Lake Heights School. Environmental commission member Elizabeth Maricic read the proclamations honoring all the participants, Charlotte Freeman, Kyra Sherwood, Molly Freeman, and Ryan Patterson as well as the second-place winner Ashlyn Angelini. There were 2 first place winners, Ava Child and Sunny Carnahan. The commission asked them to collaborate and combine their individual designs to one. The first and second place winners were presented with Hoffman's gift cards.

The Borough Council thanked the students for their participation.

DISCUSSION ITEMS – None

MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilman Capristo – Mr. Capristo reviewed summer recreation plans for summer camp and the summer pickleball league has been postponed to the fall due to lack of participation.

Councilman Casagrande – Mr. Casagrande explained the finance ordinances on the evening's agenda.

Ordinance 2024-09 is for various capital improvements including road improvements and communications improvements for first responders. Ordinance 2024-10 is for various improvements to utilities including but not limited to sewer lining and water tank improvements.

Councilwoman King – No report

Councilman Willms – No report

Councilwoman Degnan-Spang – Mrs. Degnan-Spang provided an update for the continuing sewer lining project on the Church Street area.

Councilman Graetz – No report

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

None presented

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

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

SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARINGS

- **Ordinance No. 2024-05**, An Ordinance Amending & Supplementing Chapter III, entitled Regulations Enforced by the Police Dept. with a New Section 3-29 Entitled "Tree Removal-Replacement"
- **Ordinance No. 2024-06** An Ordinance Amending & Supplementing Chapter III, entitled Regulations Enforced by the Police Dept. with a New Section 3-30 Entitled "Privately Owned Salt Storage"
- **Ordinance No. 2024-07** An Ordinance Repealing & Replacing Article 22-535 Entitled "Stormwater Control"

On a motion by Mrs. King, seconded by Mr. Casagrande, the public hearing for Ordinance 2024-05, Ordinance 2024-06 and Ordinance 2024-07 was opened by the following vote:

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

Lawrence Tencza, 62 Walnut Drive, asked for clarification on the Tree Ordinance. Mr. Willms responded to Mr. Tencza's question regarding New Section 3-29.3 and the number of trees per acre that can be removed.

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

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

On a motion by Mr. Willms, seconded Mr. Capristo, Ordinance 2024-05, Ordinance 2024-06 and Ordinance 2024-07 were adopted by the following vote:

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

- **Ordinance No. 2024-08** An ordinance Amending & Supplementing Chapter 16 entitled "Reserved" with a new section 16 entitled "Small wireless facilities regulations"

On a motion by Mr. Willms, seconded by Mrs. King, the public hearing for Ordinance 2024-08 was opened by the following vote:

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

Mr. Collins provided a synopsis of the ordinance and the protection it will allow the Borough to have.

On a motion by Mr. Willms, seconded by Mrs. King, the public hearing was closed by the following vote:

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

On a motion by Mr. Willms, seconded Mrs. King, Ordinance 2024-08 was adopted by the following vote:

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

REPORTS, NOTICES & CORRESPONDENCE

- Spring Lake Heights Municipal Court Monthly report – May 2024
- Spring Lake Heights Land use Board Public Hearing – 1012 Ocean Rd Block 25.01 Lot 2
- County of Monmouth Resolution #2024-0436 authorizing charitable event on county road - Independent Fire Co. No. 1

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS

- **Ordinance No. 2024-09** Bond ordinance providing various 2024 capital improvements, appropriating \$2,110,000 therefor and authorizing the issuance of \$2,000,000 bonds or notes of the Borough to finance part of the cost thereof

Mr. Graetz detailed the communication upgrade needs for the emergency first responders and current inoperability.

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

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

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: None

The public hearing will be on Monday July 15, 2024.

- **Ordinance No. 2024-10**, Bond ordinance providing for various water and sewer utility improvements, appropriating \$2,000,000 therefor and authorizing the issuance of \$2,000,000 in bonds or notes to finance the cost thereof

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

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

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: None

The public hearing will be on Monday July 15, 2024.

CONSENT AGENDA Resolutions R2024-121 to R2024-124

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.

- **R2024-121**, Authorizing refund of duplicate payment of taxes Blk 34 Lot 10
- **R2024-122**, Certifying that members of Governing Body have reviewed annual report of 2023 audit
- **R2024-123**, Approving the terms of memorandum of agreement between the Borough & Spring Lake Heights Employees Association
- **R2024-124**, Authorizing the salary of Emergency Management Coordinator- James Giuliano

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

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

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: None

RESOLUTIONS

- **R2024-125**, Approving the payment of claims as set forth on the June 13, 2024 bills list

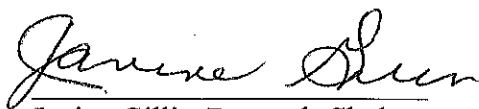
On a motion by Mr. Casagrande, seconded by Mr. Willms, Resolution No. R2024-125 was approved by the following vote:

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

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on a motion by Mrs. King, seconded by Mr. Casagrande, the meeting was adjourned without objection at 7:38 p.m.



Janine Gillis, Borough Clerk

Approved: July 15, 2024