

The August 19, 2024 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 in remembrance of Borough Attorney, Dennis Collins, who unexpectedly passed away and a salute to the flag.

ROLL CALL

Present:

Councilman Leonard Capristo
Councilman John Casagrande
Councilwoman Michele Degnan-Spang
Councilwoman Sara King
Councilman Christopher Willms
Mayor Christopher Campion

Absent:

Councilman William Graetz

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.

AMEND AGENDA

On a motion by Mr. Casagrande, seconded by Mr. Willms, the agenda was amended to add resolution R2024-142 to the agenda by the following vote:

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

APPROVE AMENDED AGENDA

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

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

APPROVE MINUTES – July 15, 2024

On a motion by Mr. Casagrande, seconded by Mrs. Degnan-Spang, the July 15, 2024, minutes were approved by the following vote:

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

PRESENTATIONS – None

DISCUSSION ITEMS – None

MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilman Capristo – No report

Councilman Casagrande – Mr. Casagrande expressed sympathy and spoke of missing Borough Attorney Dennis Collins. He shared memories and accolades of Mr. Collins. Mr. Casagrande continued to thank the professional who worked on the Affordable Housing Ordinances and the borough's Fair Housing Act requirements.

Councilwoman King – Mrs. King echoed remembrance of Dennis Collins and stated he will be greatly missed.

Councilman Willms – Mr. Willms proposed starting a committee for the 100th anniversary of the Borough which will be in 2027. Mr. Willms volunteered to chair the committee and begin the planning process. Mayor Campion thanked Mr. Willms and agreed to the committee. Mr. Willms continued to echo the sentiments of sympathy for Dennis Collins.

Councilwoman Degnan-Spang – Mrs. Degnan-Spang remembered and expressed appreciation for Dennis Collins in both personal and professional manners.

Mayor Campion – Mr. Campion honored the work Dennis Collins provided to the Borough and expressed his gratitude and appreciation for everything Mr. Collins did. He expressed his sympathy and stated Mr. Collins would be greatly missed.

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, Mrs. King, Mr. Willms
Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Graetz

Eileen Eilenberger, 1213 Pond Rd, announced the Shore Community Alliance is holding a Overdose Prevention training on Thursday Sept 12, 2024 from 6:00-7:00 pm at the Manasquan Municipal building. More information can be found online. Mrs. Eilenberger expressed sympathy for the passing of Dennis Collins and expressed interest in joining the 100th Anniversary Committee.

Mr. Barrett shared stories of Dennis Collins. He also provided an update of the John Tarantino Highway Dedication ceremony and event. Mr. Barrett continued to review a request from the Monmouth County Commissioners to observe September 11 as a day of remembrance. Mayor Campion agreed to add a resolution to the agenda declaring September 11th as a borough holiday this year.

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

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

SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

REPORTS, NOTICES & CORRESPONDENCE

- Spring Lake First Aid Squad Report – July 2024
- Spring Lake Heights Municipal Court Monthly Report – June 2024
- Spring Lake Heights Police Monthly Report – July 2024
- Independent Fire Co. No. 1 Monthly Report – July 2024
- JCP&L Public Notice Sept. 3, 2024 Re: Annual Compliance Filings

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS

Attorney Andrew Bayer reviewed the Borough’s settlement agreement and the ordinances being introduced.

- **Ordinance No. 2024-11** An ordinance creating the affordable housing AH-3 zoning district in furtherance of the Borough’s obligation to provide for its fair share of affordable housing

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

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

Mr. Bayer corrected a typographical error in one sections of the ordinance referencing “Block 46.01 Lot 5 & 7” that should be corrected to be “Block 46.01 Lot 2,3, &4”

The public hearing will be on Monday September 16, 2024.

- **Ordinance No. 2024-12** An ordinance amending Article VI Zoning, Section 606 in furtherance of the Borough’s obligation to provide for its fair share of affordable housing

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, Mrs. King, Mr. Willms
Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Graetz

The public hearing will be on Monday September 16, 2024.

- **Ordinance No. 2024-13** An ordinance establishing the borough's development fees

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

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

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Graetz

The public hearing will be on Monday September 16, 2024.

- **Ordinance No. 2024-14**, An ordinance eliminating Chapter 22 Sections 650 & 651 and creating New Chapter 22 Section 650

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

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

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Graetz

The public hearing will be on Monday September 16, 2024.

- **Ordinance No. 2024-15**, An ordinance creating the affordable housing AH-4 zoning district in furtherance of the borough's obligation to provide for its fair share of affordable housing

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

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

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

The public hearing will be on Monday September 16, 2024.

CONSENT AGENDA Resolutions R2024-133 to R2024-139

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.

- **R2024-133**, Authorizing the crediting of water-sewer utility charges – acct # 17400-0
- **R2024-134**, Authorizing the refund of a property tax payment posted in error – Block 42.03 Lot 36
- **R2024-135**, Approving the issuance of an ABC Social Affair Special Permit-MOCEANS Center for Independent Living
- **R2024-136**, Opposing the industrial offshore wind project
- **R2024-137**, Confirming the appointment of school crossing guards for the 2024-2025 school year
- **R2024-138**, Approving an employment agreement between the Borough and Captain of the Police Dept.
- **R2024-139**, Approving an employment agreement between the Borough and Chief of the Police Dept.

Mr. Casagrande commented on resolution R2024-36 and the importance of the Borough to stand with surrounding communities on the opposition of the industrial offshore wind projects. He stated the project would have a negative impact on the coastal Jersey Shore area and mentioned studies of the findings.

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, Mrs. King, Mr. Willms

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Graetz

RESOLUTIONS

- **R2024-140**, Approving the payment of the itemized claims as set forth on the July 23, 2024

On a motion by Mr. Willms, seconded by Mr. Casagrande, Resolution No. R2024-140 was approved by the following vote:

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

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Graetz

- **R2024-141**, Approving the payment of the itemized claims as set forth on the August 16, 2024

On a motion by Mr. Casagrande, seconded by Mr. Willms, Resolution No. R2024-141 was approved by the following vote:

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

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Graetz

- **R2024-142**, Declaring September 11, 2024, as a holiday and day of remembrance

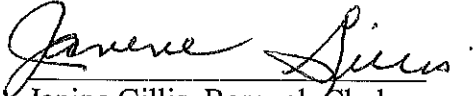
On a motion by Mr. Willms, seconded by Mrs. Degnan-Spang, Resolution No. R2024-142 was approved by the following vote:

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

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Graetz

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: September 16, 2024