

**The January 20, 2026 Executive Session** of the Borough Council of the Borough of Spring Lake Heights, Monmouth County, New Jersey was called to order by Mayor Campion at 6:15 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 Michele Degnan-Spang  
Councilwoman Sara King  
Councilman Dayton Lonsdale  
Mayor Christopher Campion

Absent:

Councilman William Graetz  
Councilman Leonard Capristo

Also attending:

Alyssa Zara, Borough Attorney  
Janine Gillis, Borough Clerk

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.

Borough Clerk Gillis read the resolution into the record.

- **R2026-37**, Resolution of the Borough Council to Enter into Executive Session

**WHEREAS**, the Open Public Meetings Act provides that the Borough Council may enter into Executive Session to discuss matters that are of a confidential nature, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12; and

**WHEREAS**, it is recommended by the Borough Attorney and Borough Administrator that the Borough Council enter into Executive Session to discuss matters set forth hereinafter which are permissible for discussion in Executive Session.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Borough Council of the Borough of Spring Lake Heights, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey that the Borough Council shall enter into Executive Session to discuss the following matters:

Residential Pump Station – ATOD February 2026

Traffic Calming Measures – ATOD February 2026

COAH Update – ATOD February 2026

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Executive Session shall be released to the public when the need for confidentiality no longer exists, with an estimate of the circumstances and/or time for public disclosure provided in the above-listed anticipated times of decision (“ATOD”).

On a motion by Mr. Casagrande, seconded by Mrs. King, Resolution No. **R2026-37** was approved by the following vote:

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

Nays: None      Abstain: None      Absent: Mr. Graetz, Mr. Capristo

There being no further business, on a motion by Mrs. King, seconded by Mr. Casagrande, the executive session was adjourned without objection at 7:00 p.m.

**The January 20, 2026 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 7:05 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 Michele Degnan-Spang  
Councilman William Graetz  
Councilwoman Sara King  
Councilman Dayton Lonsdale  
Mayor Christopher Campion

Absent:

Councilman Leonard Capristo

Also attending:

Alyssa Zara, Borough Attorney  
Janine Gillis, Borough Clerk

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 Mrs. King, seconded by Mr. Casagrande, the agenda was amended to remove resolution R2026-43 from the agenda by the following vote:

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

### **APPROVE AMENDED AGENDA**

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

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

### **APPROVE MINUTES - December 15, 2025 Executive & Regular Session**

On a motion by Mrs. Degnan-Spang, seconded by Mr. Casagrande, the December 15, 2025 Executive & Regular Session minutes were approved by the following vote:

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

### **APPROVE MINUTES - January 5, 2026**

On a motion by Mr. Graetz, seconded by Mrs. King, the January 5, 2026 minutes were approved by the following vote:

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

### **PRESENTATIONS – None**

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS – General Traffic Measures**

Hunter Sabins with Dynamic Traffic presented a conceptual plan for Old Mill Road Traffic Calming. The plan would utilize speed humps that would be approximately 3 inches high and 12 feet in length and spaced 500 feet apart along Old Mill Road. Mr. Sabins explained the difference between a speed bump and a speed hump. Speed humps reduce the rate of travel to the range of 15-20 miles per hour at the point of crossing. The spacing of the speed humps is required to maintain a speed reduction of traveling vehicles. Mr. Sabins continued to describe the benefits and challenges of speed humps. The proposed conceptual plan would be to add 8 speed humps along Old Mill Road, however this could be revised with a complete engineer review and field verification. Mayor Campion thanked Mr. Sabins for his presentation and explained the Borough will also be addressing Wall Road, Old Mill Road then Ocean Road over the next year plus for traffic calming.

Mayor Campion offered that a resolution should be advanced for Dynamic to continue with the speed humps project.

## **MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councilman Casagrande – Mr. Casagrande attended the County Board of Elections meeting for proposed election district redistricting with Councilman Lonsdale. Spring Lake Heights was proposed to consolidate from 5 districts to 4 districts. Mr. Casagrande expressed that it is not in the best interest of the residents and he thanked the Board for listening and not moving forward on redistricting.

Councilwoman King – Mrs. King stated that she is working on ordinance updates with Mrs. Eilenberger. The next section will be regarding signage.

Mayor Campion – Mr. Campion explained the Borough's position with round four of affordable housing requirements. The Borough has been approved for a settlement that will fulfill the Borough's requirements for the next 10 years.

Councilman Graetz- Mr. Graetz asked residents to be mindful of clearing fire hydrants and keeping cars off the streets with the impending snowstorm.

Councilwoman Degnan-Spang – No report

Councilman Lonsdale – Mr. Lonsdale reported going to the County Board of Elections meeting. Mr. Casagrande expanded on why they went to the meeting and how the Board agreed that redistricting would not be beneficial to the town.

Mayor Campion implemented an administrative report to be done at the first meeting of the month every month. Joseph May provided updates on s topics including a New Jersey State project of sidewalk handicap ramps on Highway 71, the pickleball courts at Joesph E. Robertson Park, and a grant application for lighting at Bicentinnial Park. Mr. May stated that he asked H2M Engineering to do a presentation and update on the cell tower project. Mr. May covered internal projects Public Works will be handling including but not limited to repairs at the parks, public works yard as well as manhole covers around town. He stated they will be adding water fountains in the parks as well as looking into a bike repair station.

Mayor Campion asked Police Chief Ed Gunnell perspective on the traffic study and the proposed calming techniques. Chief Gunnell asked for residents in the area to be notified prior to the installation of the traffic calming measures. Mayor Campion explained why Ocean Road would be addressed last based on Wall Road and Old Mill Roads success.

## **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. Lonsdale

Nays: None      Abstain: None      Absent: Mr. Capristo

Karen Burke, 606 Shore Road, questioned why Old Mill Road and Ocean Road doesn't have a 4-way traffic light. Chief Gunnell responded that the intersection did not meet the requirements and criteria to warrant a light. Mr. May explained that the New Jersey Department of Transportation approval previously was needed for a 4 way stop, now the requirements changed and an engineer can provide the recommendation. Mr. Casagrande expanded that the Borough has hired the engineering firm for the traffic studies to implement the best options.

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

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

Nays: None      Abstain: None      Absent: Mr. Capristo

## SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

## REPORTS, NOTICES & CORRESPONDENCE

- Independent Fire Co. No. 1 Monthly Report – December 2025 & Annual
- Spring Lake Heights Municipal Court Monthly Report – October 2025
- Spring Lake First Aid Squad Monthly Report – December 2025
- Spring Lake Heights Zoning Report – December 2025
- South Monmouth Regional Sewerage Authority Public Notice -2026 Sewer Connection Charge

## ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS

- Ordinance **2026-01** Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Appropriation Limits and to Establish a Cap Bank  
On a motion by Mr. Casagrande, seconded by Mrs. King, the ordinance was introduced by the following vote:  
Ayes: Mr. Casagrande, Mrs. Degnan-Spang, Mr. Graetz, Mrs. King, Mr. Lonsdale  
Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Capristo  
The public hearing will be on Monday, February 2, 2026.

## CONSENT AGENDA Resolutions R2026-38 to R2026-41

*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.*

- **R2026-38**, Approving outdoor music- The Mill Lakeside Manor – Feb. 1 to May 31, 2026
- **R2026-39**, Approving use of the Bicentennial Park Tennis Courts – SLH Elementary School
- **R2026-40**, Authorizing SLH Police Dept. to participate in the Defense Logistics Agency LESO Program
- **R2026-41**, Confirming the appointment of a school crossing guard – Dennis Wilcox

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

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

## RESOLUTIONS

- **R2026-42**, Confirming the appointment of a Fire Official – Christopher Willms

On a motion by Mr. Casagrande, seconded by Mr. Lonsdale, Resolution No. R2026-42 was approved by the following vote:

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

- **R2026-43**, Confirming the appointment of part time employee to back up Code/Zoning Official – Christopher Willms - **Removed from Agenda**
- **R2026-44**, Authorizing to go to Public Bidding for traffic calming improvements to Wall Road

On a motion by Mr. Graetz, seconded by Mr. Casagrande, Resolution No. R2026-44 was approved by the following vote:

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

- **R2026-45**, Authoring a change order #1 and payment #1 to Fernandes Construction Inc. for Ocean Road Improvements

On a motion by Mr. Casagrande, seconded by Mr. Graetz, Resolution No. R2026-45 was approved by the following vote:

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

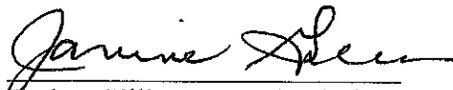
- **R2026-46**, Approving the payment of the itemized claims as set forth on the January 16, 2026 bills list

On a motion by Mr. Graetz, seconded by Mrs. Degnan-Spang, Resolution No. R2026-46 was approved by the following vote:

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, on a motion by Mrs. King, seconded by Mr. Graetz, the meeting was adjourned without objection at 8:10 p.m.

  
Janine Gillis, Borough Clerk

Approved: February 2, 2026