

The February 2, 2026 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 John Casagrande
Councilman William Graetz
Councilwoman Sara King
Councilman Dayton Lonsdale

Absent:

Councilman Leonard Capristo
Councilwoman Michele Degnan-Spang
Mayor Christopher Campion

Also attending:

John Barrett, Borough Administrator
Michael L. Collins, Borough Attorney
Janine Gillis, Borough Clerk

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.

AMEND AGENDA

On a motion by Mr. Casagrande, seconded by Mrs. King, the agenda was amended to add resolution R2026-53 from the agenda by the following vote:

Ayes: Mr. Casagrande, Mr. Graetz, Mrs. King, Mr. Lonsdale

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

APPROVE AMENDED AGENDA

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

Ayes: Mr. Casagrande, Mr. Graetz, Mrs. King, Mr. Lonsdale

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

AMEND MINUTES - January 20, 2026 – Regular Session

On a motion by Mrs. King, the minutes were amended to remove Administrator Barrett from the record as he was absent from the executive session and the regular session.

APPROVE AMENDED MINUTES - January 20, 2026 – Regular Session

On a motion by Mr. Casagrande, seconded by Mr. King, the amended January 20, 2026 Regular Session minutes were approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Mr. Casagrande, Mr. Graetz, Mrs. King, Mr. Lonsdale

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

PRESENTATIONS – None

DISCUSSION ITEMS – USA 250th Anniversary

Spring Lake Heights 100th Anniversary

Mr. Casagrande asked the Council for ideas that Spring Lake Heights could do for the United States of America's 250 Anniversary. He would like the Council to decide and begin planning in the immediate future.

Mrs. King mentioned she has attended all the 250th Anniversary committee meetings at Monmouth County. She offered to coordinate with the Spring Lake Heights School to plan an event such as a poster contest, art project or reenactment performance for both celebrations. Clerk Gillis is to arrange with Monmouth County

to have the 250th Anniversary Truck at the Borough's Fall Festival. Mrs. King also announced the first Spring Lake Heights 100th Anniversary Committee would take place on Thursday February 5, 2026

Mr. Casagrande stated the two celebrations and events should be separate events. Mrs. Gillis explained how the initial committee was put together and the Borough attorney explained a resolution can be completed at a future date to appoint officers. Mr. Graetz and Mr. Casagrande inquired about what other municipalities are doing so as not to conflict.

MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilman Lonsdale – Mr. Lonsdale thanked the Public Works team for the providing him with a tour of the facilities and their incredible work through the snowstorm as well as the Police and First Aid Departments.

Councilwoman King – Mrs. King mentioned she is in contact with some Monmouth County representatives regarding dredging of Wreck Pond.

Councilman Casagrande – Mr. Casagrande echoed the appreciation for Public Works for their amazing work through the snowstorm. He also mentioned the ordinance on the agenda to establish the CAP Bank.

Councilman Graetz- Mr. Graetz further echoed the gratitude for hard work through the storm from Public Works, Police, First Aid and the Fire Department. He thanked the residents for clearing around the fire hydrants on their properties.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Any Item)

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

Ayes: Mr. Casagrande, Mr. Graetz, Mrs. King, Mr. Lonsdale

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

None presented

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

Ayes: Mr. Casagrande, Mr. Graetz, Mrs. King, Mr. Lonsdale

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

SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 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 public hearing for Ordinance 2026-01 was opened by the following vote:

Ayes: Mr. Casagrande, Mr. Graetz, Mrs. King, Mr. Lonsdale

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

None presented

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

Ayes: Mr. Casagrande, Mr. Graetz, Mrs. King, Mr. Lonsdale

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

On a motion by Mr. Casagrande, seconded Mrs. King, Ordinance 2026-01 was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Mr. Casagrande, Mr. Graetz, Mrs. King, Mr. Lonsdale

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

REPORTS, NOTICES & CORRESPONDENCE

- Greater Spring Lake Chamber of Commerce 2026 events calendar

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS – none

CONSENT AGENDA Resolutions R2026-47 to R2026-50

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.

- **R2026-47**, Authorizing Monmouth County Mosquito Division to Conduct Aerial Mosquito Control Operations
- **R2026-48**, Appointing an additional assistant licensed operator- Christopher Crosby
- **R2026-49**, Appointing assistant licensed operator-Jake Partusch
- **R2026-50**, Establishing fees for the 2026 Recreation Fall Festival

Mrs. King questioned why Mr. Cosby would be additionally compensated for the assistant licensed operator title. Mr. May responded that he holds the required licenses. The position requires nights, weekends and holiday time and having the additional personnel helps in the scheduling it's also stipulated in the Public Works Contract. The positions of assistant licensed operator are annual compensation, not hourly wage.

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

Ayes: Mr. Casagrande, Mr. Graetz, Mrs. King, Mr. Lonsdale

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

RESOLUTIONS

- **R2026-51**, Awarding a contract to Dynamic Traffic LLC

On a motion by Mr. Casagrande, seconded by Mr. Lonsdale, Resolution No. R2026-51 was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Mr. Casagrande, Mr. Graetz, Mrs. King, Mr. Lonsdale

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

- **R2026-52**, Approving the payment of the itemized claims as set forth on the January 29, 2026 bills list

On a motion by Mr. Casagrande, seconded by Mrs. King, Resolution No. R2026-52 was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Mr. Casagrande, Mr. Graetz, Mrs. King, Mr. Lonsdale

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

- **R2026-53**, Authorizing to submit a grant application to the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for the Local Recreation Improvement Grant FY 2026

Mr. May explained that the grant is for potential additional funds for the pickleball court project at Joseph E. Robertson Park; there are no changes to the project, only additional funding.

On a motion by Mrs. King, seconded by Mr. Lonsdale, Resolution No. R2026-53 was approved by the following vote:

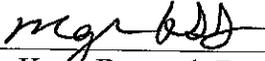
Ayes: Mr. Casagrande, Mr. Graetz, Mrs. King, Mr. Lonsdale

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

Mr. May provided a report regarding the Wall Road traffic calming bid opening and the Old Mill Road speed hump design plan approval. He added that the Borough is looking to submit a grant in conjunction with the Borough of Brielle for a leaf sweeper. The grant is specifically for municipalities that are in a shared service. He will be working with Mrs. King on the application. He thanked the Police Department for their efforts to remove vehicles from the streets; it made a big impact on being able to clear the streets fully. He also stated that H2M will be at the next meeting for the cell tower project and cut here is possible discolored water near Old Mill Road and to please report discoloration as it is being investigated. Mr. May further answered Mrs. King's questions regarding the removal of the kayak launch and the timing of the removal.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on a motion by Mrs. King, seconded by Mr. Casagrande, the meeting was adjourned without objection at 7:30 p.m.



Megan Kass, Borough Deputy Clerk

Approved: Feb. 17, 2026