

**The February 17, 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 7:00 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  
Councilwoman Sara King  
Councilman Dayton Lonsdale  
Mayor Christopher Campion

Absent:

Councilman William Graetz

Also attending:

John Barrett, Borough Administrator  
Krishna Jhaver, Borough Attorney  
Megan Kass, Borough Deputy Clerk  
Joseph May, Borough Engineer

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 MINUTES - January 20, 2026 Executive**

On a motion by Mrs. King, seconded by Mr. Casagrande, the January 20, 2026 executive session minutes were approved by the following vote:

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

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

**APPROVE MINUTES - February 2, 2026 Regular**

On a motion by Mrs. King, seconded by Mr. Casagrande, the February 2, 2026 Regular session minutes were approved by the following vote:

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

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

**AMEND AGENDA**

On a motion by Mr. Casagrande, seconded by Mr. Lonsdale, the agenda was amended to add Ordinance 2026-02 and Ordinance 2026-03 by the following vote:

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

Nays: None      Abstain: None      Absent: Mr. Graetz

**APPROVE AMENDED AGENDA**

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

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

Nays: None      Abstain: None      Absent: Mr. Graetz

**PRESENTATIONS – Spring Lake First Aid Annual Report – 2025**

Howard “Rocky” Rockhill presented the end of year First Aid Squad report to the council. He recapped the number of calls responded to and the challenges the squad faces. A major challenge the squad faces is being completely volunteer and volunteerism has been steadily declining over the past few decades. Anyone interested in volunteering will be offered training. Please call 732-449-8810 and leave a message if interested in volunteering.

- Spring Lake Heights Police Monthly Report – December 2025 & January 2026
- Spring Lake Heights Zoning Violation Monthly Report – January 2026
- Wall Township Public Notice Ordinance 1-2026 hearing Feb 26 Re: Keeping of animals on parcels 2 acres or more

**ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS –**

- Ordinance 2026-02, An ordinance amending Chapter 22 Article VI, Affordable Housing in furtherance of the Borough’s 4<sup>th</sup> round affordable housing obligation

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

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

The public hearing will be on Monday, March 2, 2026.

- Ordinance 2026-03, An ordinance amending Chapter 22 Article VI, zoning regulations Section 606 (Zoning District Regulations) creating the AH-5 Zoning District in furtherance of the Borough’s obligation to provide for its fair share of affordable housing

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

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

The public hearing will be on Monday, March 2, 2026.

**CONSENT AGENDA Resolutions R2026-54 to R2026-57**

*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.*

- **R2026-54**, Approving outdoor music at Spring Lake Golf Club
- **R2026-55**, Granting Casey Willms permission to receive firearm at retirement
- **R2026-56**, Authorizing the release of designated escrow deposits
- **R2026-57**, Establish fees for 2026 recreation programs

On a motion by Mrs. Degnan-Spang, seconded by Mr. Lonsdale, the consent agenda was approved by the following vote:

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

**RESOLUTIONS**

- **R2026-58**, Appointing a summer recreation program director for the year 2026- David Smith

On a motion by Mr. Capristo, seconded by Mrs. King, Resolution No. R2026-58 was approved by the following vote:

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

- **R2026-59**, Establish the members to the 100<sup>th</sup> Spring Lake Heights Anniversary Committee  
 Extensive discussion was held among the council regarding the committee. Mayor Campion listed the criteria that was used to create the committee. Mr. Casagrande expressed his support for the committee while Mrs. King expressed her disapproval of the selection and the committee. Mr. Capristo clarified the role of the committee and how they would not have final say on events and spending. Mayor Campion stated the Borough Council would communicate what is expected of the committee. Mrs. Degnan-Spang communicated her support and offered to help with a time capsule as she has experience. The Council decided to allow the committee to select their officers and not be appointed by the Mayor.

On a roll call vote, Resolution No. R2026-59 was approved by the following vote:

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

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

- **R2026-60**, Approving the payment of the itemized claims as set forth on the February 12, 2026 bills list

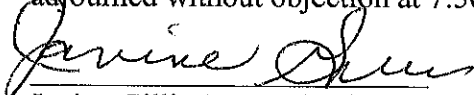
On a motion by Mr. Casagrande, seconded by Mr. Lonsdale, Resolution No. R2026-60 was approved by the following vote:

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

Nays: None                      Abstain: None                      Absent: Mr. Graetz

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, on a motion by Mrs. King, seconded by Mr. Capristo, the meeting was adjourned without objection at 7:56 p.m.



Janine Gillis, Borough Clerk

Approved: March 2, 2026