

The April 6, 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 John Casagrande
Councilman Leonard Capristo
Councilwoman Michele Degnan-Spang
Councilman William Graetz
Councilwoman Sara King
Mayor Christopher Campion

Absent:

Councilman Dayton Lonsdale

Also attending:

John Barrett, Borough Administrator
Nick Hession, Borough Attorney
Janine Gillis, Borough Clerk
Joseph May, Borough Engineer and Public Works Director

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. Take Notice that pursuant to P.L. 2025, c. 72, the complete text of each legal notice of the Borough of Spring Lake Heights, County of Monmouth, including the Boards, Commissions and the like may be obtained or viewed by the public on our official Internet Website: <https://springlakehts.com/public-notices>. Take further notice, that New Jersey Secretary of State legal notice webpage of each entity is <https://www.nj.gov/state/statewide-legal-notices-list.shtml>

APPROVE AGENDA

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

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

APPROVE MINUTES – March 16, 2026

On a motion by Mrs. King, seconded by Mr. Casagrande, the March 16, 2026 minutes were approved by the following vote:

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

PRESENTATIONS – None

DISCUSSION ITEMS – None

MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Joseph May – Mr. May stated that Dynamic Traffic will be available to present the revisions to the Traffic Calming Project on Old Mill Road at the next council meeting. Mr. May provided updates on the pickleball Courts at Joseph E. Robertson Park including the new water line and installing a new drinking water fountain that has a spicket for dogs as well. He also supplied updates on the shared service street sweeper with the Borough of Brielle. There was an initial meeting regarding the water tank project; the project is waiting on parts availability.

Councilwoman Degnan-Spang – Mrs. Degnan-Spang mentioned the semi-annual Hydrant Flushing beginning on April 13th to April 24th overnight. If you experience discoloration run the cold water in the tub because it does not have a screen.

Councilman Graetz – No report

Councilwoman King – No report

Councilman Casagrande – Mr. Casagrande stated the 2026 budget is on track to be introduced at the next council meeting.

Councilman Capristo- 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. Casagrande, Mr. Capristo, Mrs. Degnan-Spang, Mr. Graetz, Mrs. King

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Lonsdale

Karen Burke, 606 Shore Road, inquired on an update regarding the kayak launch removal. Mr. Barrett stated the Borough is working with a local municipality for the purchase of the dock before the removal.

Gaylan Nolan, 1022 Allaire Road, asked if more benches will be installed at Joseph E. Robertson Park near the playground structures. Mr. May responded that the benches are purchased and will be installed when the project is complete. The anticipated completion date is Memorial Day.

Joan Brady, 600 Essex Avenue, expressed her appreciation to Public Works for addressing a tree root and sidewalk issue near her property.

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

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

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Lonsdale

SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARINGS

- **Ordinance No. 2026-05**, An Ordinance Regulating Outdoor Dining

On a motion by Mr. Casagrande, seconded by Mrs. King the public hearing for Ordinance 2026-05 was opened by the following vote:

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

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Lonsdale

None presented

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

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

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Lonsdale

On a motion by Mr. Graetz, seconded Mrs. King, Ordinance 2026-05 was adopted by the following vote:

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

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Lonsdale

REPORTS, NOTICES & CORRESPONDENCE

- Spring Lake Heights Municipal Court Monthly Report – February 2026
- Independent Fire Co. No. 1 Monthly Report – January & February 2026
- Monmouth County Board of County Commissioners' resolution authorizing an ordinance extending the NJ County Option Hospital Fee Program for Monmouth County

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS – none

CONSENT AGENDA Resolutions R2026-78 to R2026-85

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.

- **R2026-78**, Confirming the appointment of a Tax Collector – Nicole Montedoro
- **R2026-79**, Appointing members to the Board of Health – Moloughney & Brennan
- **R2026-80**, Approving the use of the Joseph E. Robertson Park Baseball Field – Condon's Baseball
- **R2026-81**, Approving the use of the Bicentennial Park tennis Courts – Jersey Shore Tennis League
- **R2026-82**, Approving the use of the Cornelius V. Kelly Community Center- Spring Lake Heights PTA

- **R2026-83**, Approving participation with State of NJ “COPS in Shops Summer Shore” initiative 2026 Program – Grant application AL-26-07-02-01
- **R2026-84**, Authorizing the release of the designated Performance Bond – 551 Sussex Ave LLC
- **R2026-85**, Acceptance of the designated Maintenance Bond – 551 Sussex Ave LLC

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

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

RESOLUTIONS

- **R2026-86**, Approving the payment of the itemized claims as set forth on the March 26, 2026 bills list

On a motion by Mr. Casagrande, seconded by Mr. Graetz, Resolution No. R2026-86 was approved by the following vote:

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

- **R2026-87**, Approving the payment of the itemized claims as set forth on the April 2, 2026 bills list

On a motion by Mr. Casagrande, seconded by Mr. Graetz, Resolution No. R2026-87 was approved by the following vote:

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

Mayor Campion shared that the Borough received an objection to the settlement of a Affordable Housing Development Plan in town and it will be needed to be defended in court.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on a motion by Mrs. King, seconded by Mr. Capristo, the meeting was adjourned without objection at 7:16 p.m.



 Megan Kass, Borough Deputy Clerk

Approved: April 20, 2026