

The March 16, 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
Councilwoman Sara King
Councilman Dayton Lonsdale
Mayor Christopher Campion

Absent:

Councilman William Graetz

Also attending:

Michael L. Collins, Borough Attorney
Janine Gillis, Borough 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. 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-notice>. Take further notice, that New Jersey Secretary of State legal notice webpage of each entity is <https://www.nj.gov/state/statewide-legal-notice-list.shtml>

AMEND AGENDA

On a motion by Mrs. King, seconded by Mr. Casagrande, the agenda was amended to add resolution R2026-76 & 2026-77 to the agenda by the following vote:

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

On a motion by Mr. Casagrande, seconded by Mrs. Degnan-Spang, the agenda was amended to accept revised resolution R2026-70 to the agenda by the following vote:

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

APPROVE AMENDED AGENDA

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

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

APPROVE MINUTES – March 2, 2026 – Executive and Regular Session

On a motion by Mrs. King, seconded by Mr. Casagrande, the amended March 2, 2026 Regular and Executive Session minutes were approved by the following vote:

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

PRESENTATIONS – Dynamic Traffic - Old Mill Road

Hunter Sabins with Dynamic Traffic explained the Borough's proposed project of installing speed tables along Old Mill Road as part of the overall traffic calming initiative throughout the Borough. A speed table is a traffic calming device that produces discomfort to motorists traveling above the intended speed, therefore discouraging speeding. Mr. Sabins explained the details of what the speed tables are, how they do not impact drainage or parking along the street, and where they are proposed to be located along Old Mill Road.

Councilman Capristo – Mr. Capristo inquired if the location of the speed tables could be adjusted to move closer to Highway 35 at the north end. Mr. Sabins replied there are restrictions within a set distance from a New Jersey State Highway and the New Jersey Department of Transportation would be involved if changes were made within that distance.

Councilman Casagrande – Mr. Casagrande thanked Mr. Sabins for his report and questioned what speed is anticipated for vehicles crossing the speed tables. Mr. Sabins stated the intent is to have the vehicles travel at the posted speed limit of 25 miles per hour.

Councilwoman King – Mrs. King stated she is familiar with the speed tables on Jumping Brook Road and questioned the height of those speed tables. Mr. Sabins agreed the Jumping Brook Road Speed tables seem higher and the plan for Old Mill Road is to be 3 inches maximum. Mr. Sabins also stated that an experienced contractor would be necessary to install the proper dimensions.

Mayor Campion – Mr. Campion asked Mr. Sabins to speak about potential sound levels the speed tables would cause as well as the impact on emergency vehicles and snowplows. Mr. Sabins explained that passenger vehicles will have minimal noise when drivers proceed at the intended speed. Trucks may cause louder sound levels however the treatment is intended to also discourage large vehicles. Mr. Sabins also explained that you can drive over the speed tables faster than the speed limit, it will be uncomfortable, but it is doable. Mr. May explained that snowplows should not be traveling more than 20 miles per hour, so the speed tables are not impactful on speed. Mr. Sabins also stated the option presented is the most gradual.

Councilman Lonsdale – Mr. Lonsdale described his experience of driving on Jumping Brook Road and speaking to a resident who live on that street. Mr. Lonsdale stated the residents provided positive feedback on the speed tables along that road.

Mayor Campion – Mr. Campion explained the Borough's process of almost 2 years trying to ban large vehicles on Old Mill Road and how it is not a possible change. Surrounding municipalities refused to support Spring Lake Heights with the change and without their support the Division of Transportation and Monmouth County would not accept the change also.

Councilwoman Degnan-Spang – Mrs. Degnan-Spang stated she feels this is a good start to all traffic calming around town. She asked Mr. Sabins to explain the aesthetic of the speed tables. Mr. Sabins explained the tables would be the same color asphalt and the white striping and yellow signage.

On a motion by Mr. Casagrande, seconded by Mrs. Degnan-Spang, the public comment section regarding the presentation was opened by the following vote:

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

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Graetz

Maria Naughton, 1907 Old Mill Road, expressed concern regarding noise of trucks going over the speed tables as well as the number of white lines painted approaching the tables. Mayor Campion asked Mr. Sabins to find the minimum required line count for each table to implement.

Barbara Santos, 2401 Old Mill Road, inquired if the speed tables will affect parking along Old Mill Road. Mr. Sabins stated that the speed tables would not affect parking. Mrs. Santos thanked the Council for implementing the traffic calming measures on Old Mill Road. Mr. Sabins also explained why a stop sign at the intersection of Wall Road would not work.

Neil Moschel, 1919 Old Mill Road, stated he is not in favor of the speed tables as it is directly in front of his house. He believes the sound impact will strongly the residents negatively. Mayor Campion explained that the speed tables are different than speed bumps with noise impact and the hope is large vehicles will travel different roads. He also detailed how overdevelopment will continue to impact the area and future projects in surrounding towns will directly affect issues like this.

Amy Kennedy, 1005 Old Mill Road, expressed her frustration with motorists failing to stop when the stop lights are red lights on Old Mill Road. Mayor Campion hopes slowing motorists down will positively impact stopping at lights verses speeding up and blowing through red lights.

Barbara Santos, 2401 Old Mill Road, wondered if motorists would increase speed even more between Allaire Road and Warren Avenue if there is no speed table in that section. The Council and Mr. Sabins agreed they hope the speed tables slow down drivers over all and the timing of the lights will not allow for drastic increases in speed.

Maria Naughton, 1907 Old Mill Road, questioned if trucks will not really feel the impact of the 3-inch speed tables. Mr. Sabins reassured the trucks will absolutely feel the impact. Mrs. Naughton further encouraged the council to consider aesthetics of the project for current residents.

Eric Yang, 321 Old Mill Road, thanked the Council for addressing the issue of speeding on Old Mill Road and appreciates the efforts. Mr. Yang asked for more history on the how the speed tables came to be the proposed traffic calming for Old Mill Road. Mr. Sabins explained why other options would not work and why this is the best option.

Joyce Harris, 2103 Old Mill Road, inquired if sidewalks and jet outs were an option considered. Mr. Sabins stated sidewalks can be very expensive. Mrs. Harris stated she feels sidewalks would be very beneficial on Old Mill Road, especially for children and should be added as well. Mayor Campion explained that sidewalks would be cut into front yards as road widths have standards and residents would also have a special assessment and billed for the cost of the sidewalks.

Maria Naughton, 1907 Old Mill Road, questioned if bump outs would be considered for Old Mill Road. Mayor Campion explained that bump outs can be hazardous to bicyclists if not installed at cross walks and properly alerted.

Anthony Pecelli, 7 Jason Drive, asked the Council to consider not installing speed tables. Mr. Pecelli believes the sound impact will negatively impact the residents and cause grave annoyance. Mr. Sabins explained that striping alone would not reduce the speed the same as the speed tables. He also stated that Wall Road will have line striping and the Borough can evaluate how effective that is when it is installed in the near future.

Harry Smith, 307 Old Mill Road, inquired on speed cameras that produce speeding tickets. Mayor Campion stated that the State of New Jersey does not permit ticketing from cameras.

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. Capristo, Mrs. King, Mr. Lonsdale

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Graetz

Mr. Sabins stated the next step is the design process. Mayor Campion thanked Mr. Sabins for the presentation and answering comments. He stated that the comments will be taken into consideration and the design will be shared online when it is available.

DISCUSSION ITEMS – None

MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilwoman Degnan-Spang – Mrs. Degnan-Spang reminded that hydrant flushing will begin on April 13th and go through April 24th. If you experience discolored water, please run the cold water in the tub until it runs clear. Also, the bathrooms at the parks will not be open until mid-April due to weather and freezing concerns. Brush pick up will continue in April including any residual storm brush pick up.

Councilman Lonsdale – No report

Councilwoman King – Mrs. King mentioned the three ordinances on the agenda this evening and explained the topics.

Councilman Casagrande – Mr. Casagrande reviewed the resolutions on the agenda regarding budget appropriations. Mr. Casagrande stated the budget should be ready to introduce by the second meeting in April and will do the budget workshop meeting as well. Mrs. King and Mr. Casagrande attended the first 100th Anniversary Committee meeting and there will be an event May 2-3, 2026 at the Community Center and historical artifacts will be displayed.

Councilman Capristo- Mr. Capristo reminded that the Town-wide Garage Sale will be April 25, 2026.

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, Mrs. Degnan-Spang, Mr. Capristo, Mrs. King, Mr. Lonsdale

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Graetz

Don Eilenberger, 1213 Pond Road, asked when the four-way stop on Ocean Road will be. Mayor Campion informed that Ocean Road will be the next project to be addressed.

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

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

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Graetz

SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

REPORTS, NOTICES & CORRESPONDENCE

- Spring Lake Heights Police Monthly Report – February 2026
- Spring Lake First Aid Squad Monthly Report – February 2026
- Spring Lake Heights Zoning Violation Monthly Report – February 2026
- Spring Lake Heights 2025 Annual Tax Collector Report
- Wall Township Public Notice Ordinance 1-2026 public hearing March 10, 2026 Re: Keeping of animals on parcels 2 acres or more

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS

- Ordinance No. 2026-04, An ordinance amending Chapter 22 Article III Section 302, 502.1, 505, 507, 512.5, and 531

On a motion by Mr. Lonsdale, 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, April 20, 2026 after the Land Use Board has reviewed.

- Ordinance No. 2026-05, An ordinance regulating outdoor dining

On a motion by Mrs. King, seconded by Mrs. Degnan-Spang, 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, April 6, 2026.

- Ordinance No. 2026-06, An ordinance regulating conducting of special events

On a motion by Mrs. King, seconded by Mr. Casagrande, 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, April 6, 2026.

CONSENT AGENDA Resolutions R2026-64 to R2026-65

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.

- R2026-64, Approving use of the Cornelius V. Kelly Community Center – St Catharine School
- R2026-65, Approving a 1day outdoor dining & music permit – St. Stephen’s Green Publick House 3/28/2026

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

- **R2026-66**, Appointing a probationary patrolman in the police department – Madison Noon

On a motion by Mrs. King, seconded by Mr. Lonsdale, Resolution No. R2026-66 was approved by the following vote:

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

- **R2026-67**, Appointing a probationary patrolman in the police department – Luke McGill

On a motion by Mrs. King, seconded by Mrs. Degnan-Spang, Resolution No. R2026-67 was approved by the following vote:

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

- **R2026-68**, Award a contract to Musco Lighting LLC for installation of lights at Bicentennial Park-Pickleball Courts

On a motion by Mr. Casagrande, seconded by Mr. Lonsdale, Resolution No. R2026-68 was approved by the following vote:

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

- **R2026-69**, Awarding a contract to Dynamic Traffic LLC

On a motion by Mrs. King, seconded by Mr. Casagrande, Resolution No. R2026-69 was approved by the following vote:

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

- **R2026-70**, Award a contract to H2M Cell Tower upgrade

On a motion by Mr. Casagrande, seconded by Mrs. Degnan-Spang, Resolution No. R2026-70 was approved by the following vote:

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

- **R2026-71**, Approving LEAP Implementation Grant and conditionally approving entry into shared service agreement pursuant to same

On a motion by Mrs. King, seconded by Mr. Capristo, Resolution No. R2026-71 was approved by the following vote:

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

- **R2026-72**, Opposing the NJDEP Real Rules in their current form

Mr. May explained that the requirements will be 4 feet above the FEMA flood levels and how homes in the new flood zones will be permitted to have basements or crawl spaces. Mayor Campion thanked Manasquan Borough for leading this effort and addressing the problem. The resolution was drafted by Manasquan. Mr. Casagrande requested the resolution be circulated to surrounding towns.

On a motion by Mr. Degnan-Spang, seconded by Mr. Lonsdale, Resolution No. R2026-72 was approved by the following vote:

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

- **R2026-73**, Authorizing the transfer of 2025 municipal budget appropriations

On a motion by Mr. Casagrande, seconded by Mr. Lonsdale, Resolution No. R2026-73 was approved by the following vote:

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

- **R2026-74**, Authorizing additional temporary budget appropriations pending adoption of 2026 municipal budget

On a motion by Mr. Casagrande, seconded by Mrs. Degnan-Spang, Resolution No. R2026-74 was approved by the following vote:

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

- **R2026-75**, Approving the payment of the itemized claims as set forth on the March 12, 2026 bills list

On a motion by Mr. Casagrande, seconded by Mr. Capristo, Resolution No. R2026-75 was approved by the following vote:

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

- **R2026-76**, Approving an Affordable Housing Spending Plan

On a motion by Mrs. King, seconded by Mr. Lonsdale, Resolution No. R2026-76 was approved by the following vote:

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

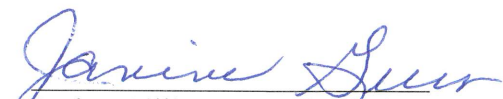
- **R2026-77**, a resolution Endorsing Housing Element and Fair Share Plan

On a motion by Mr. Casagrande, seconded by Mr. Lonsdale, Resolution No. R2026-77 was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Mr. Casagrande, Mrs. Degnan-Spang, Mr. Capristo, 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 8:40 p.m.


Janine Gillis, Borough Clerk

Approved: April 6, 2026