

The June 1, 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
Councilwoman Michele Degnan-Spang
Councilman William Graetz
Councilwoman Sara King
Councilman Dayton Lonsdale

Absent:

Councilman Leonard Capristo
Mayor Christopher Campion

Also attending:

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

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. 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 Mrs. King, seconded by Mrs. Degnan-Spang, the 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

APPROVE MINUTES - May 18, 2026

On a motion by Mr. Casagrande, seconded by Mrs. Degnan-Spang, the May 18, 2026, minutes were approved by the following vote:

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

PRESENTATIONS – Ceremony - Swearing in of Police Officers – Luke McGill & Madison Noon

Mr. Graetz welcomed Luke McGill and Madison Noon as newly hired police officers. Chief of Police, Ed Gunnell explained the interview process and how the department, as a whole, selected Luke and Madison to join the force. Judge Colin Quinn swore Madison Noon in as patrolwoman in the Spring Lake Heights Police Department. Judge Colin Quinn swore Luke McGill in as patrolman in the Spring Lake Heights Police Department. The members of the Spring Lake Heights Police Department stood for an organization photograph.

DISCUSSION ITEMS – None

MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilman Casagrande – Mr. Casagrande stated the budget process is moving forward and the Borough is scheduled to be in front of the Local Finance Board on June 10, 2026. The Public Hearing will be at the next council meeting.

Councilwoman King – Mrs. King provided information on a Monmouth County 250th Anniversary event at Swimming River Park on June 4, 2026. More information is available online for anyone interested.

Councilwoman Degnan-Spang – Mrs. Degnan-Spang welcomed Madison and Luke to Spring Lake Heights. She also thanked retired policemen Christopher Bennett and Travis Ventimiglia for their years of service to Spring Lake Heights and hope they enjoy their retirement. She also stated the elevated water tank project is moving forward.

Councilman Lonsdale – No report

Councilman Graetz – Mr. Graetz echoed the welcoming sentiments to Luke and Madison and bid farewell to Officer Bennett and Officer Ventimiglia. He reported and congratulated Spring Lake Heights three junior firefighters, Aiden Graetz, Colin Willms, and Kaliegh Jones for completing the Monmouth County Fire Academy Junior Fire Academy.

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

None presented

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

- **Ordinance No. 2026-09** An ordinance establishing parking restrictions upon Jersey Avenue

On a motion by Mrs. King, seconded by Mrs. Degnan-Spang, the public hearing for Ordinance 2026-09 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

John Hanlon, 801 Jersey Avenue, thanked the council for their service to the borough. He explained his view of how the ordinance negatively impacts his home and how it will push traffic down the street further. He stated the ordinance is not the solution to the problem, it just makes it someone else's problem. Mr. Hanlon would like a traffic analysis to be completed on the street for a better solution.

Councilman Graetz thanked Mr. Hanlon for expressing his concerns. He informed that there are a few locations in town where parking on both sides of the streets causes issues with emergency vehicles getting through and the Borough is looking into the situations.

Ed Gunnell, Police Chief, explained that the ordinance has an end date to allow for review of the situation and see if the problem is adequately addressed or if another solution is needed. Jersey Avenue was selected as a test street due to the constant complaints there. Chief Gunnell offered an open door and is open to any conversations.

John Hanlon, 801 Jersey Avenue, offered to send pictures to Chief Gunnell or Administrator Barrett of parking issues. He also would like to see more public input prior to implementation of items like this.

Councilwoman Degnan-Spang explained her experience living on Central Avenue and the issue of parking on that street as well. She stated her support for the ordinance to try to address the issue.

Further discussion was held among the council and Mr. Hanlon regarding the local businesses parking issues and how some action needs to be taken but will be analyzed.

Amy Graetz, 800 Ocean Road, expressed her concern with residents not parking in their own driveways and instead parking on the streets, this is a big part of the problem. She stated that parking on the streets in Spring Lake Heights should be prohibited due to all the issues overall. Mrs. Graetz believes the issues with the landscapers and construction vehicles is temporary and they move quickly providing their

services to the residents or anyone picking up food at Jose's. She feels it doesn't warrant this type of full restriction.

Councilwoman King stated that she wants the Borough to be more diligent with communication with residents.

On a motion by Mr. Casagrande, seconded Mrs. King, the public hearing 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

On a motion by Mr. Casagrande, seconded Mrs. Degnan-Spang, Ordinance 2026-09 was adopted by the following vote:

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

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Capristo

REPORTS, NOTICES & CORRESPONDENCE

- Spring Lake Heights Municipal Court Monthly Report – April 2026
- Spring Lake Heights Police Monthly Report – April 2026
- Spring Lake Heights Zoning Violation Monthly Report – April 2026

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS - None

CONSENT AGENDA Resolutions R2026-119 to R2026-123

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.

- **R2026-119**, Appointing a secretary to the Board of Health – Megan Kass
- **R2026-120**, Appointing members to the Board of Health – Moloughney, Brennan, Ciufu
- **R2026-121**, Conforming the appointment of a school crossing guard – Hourihan
- **R2026-122**, Approving the temporary closure of a portion of Sussex Ave.
- **R2026-123**, Approving fireworks display at the Spring Lake Golf Club

On a motion by Ms. King, seconded by Mrs. Degnan-Spang, 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

- **R2026-124**, Authorizing a renewal of the agreement with Wall Township for shared service – Municipal Court

On a motion by Mr. Casagrande, seconded by Mrs. King, Resolution No. R2026-124 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

- **R2026-125**, Approving the renewal of the designated Alcoholic Beverage Control licenses

On a motion by Mrs. King, seconded by Mrs. Degnan-Spang, Resolution No. R2026-125 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

- **R2026-126**, Authorizing the Tax Collector to process third quarter estimated tax bills due August 1, 2026

On a motion by Mr. Casagrande, seconded by Mrs. Degnan-Spang, Resolution No. R2026-126 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

• **R2026-127**, Approving the payment of the itemized claims as set forth on the May 28, 2026 bills list
On a motion by Mr. Casagrande, seconded by Mr. Lonsdale, Resolution No. R2026-127 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

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on a motion by Mrs. King, seconded by Mr. Casagrande, the meeting was adjourned without objection at 7:43 p.m.



Janine Gillis, Borough Clerk

Approved: June 15, 2026