

**BOROUGH OF SPRING LAKE
MAYOR AND BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 27, 2020**

Mayor Naughton called the Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Spring Lake to order at 7:00 P.M. with a moment of silent prayer. She then proceeded with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Mayor Naughton announced that the meeting is being held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act via in person meeting.

PRESENT: Mr. Drasheff, Mr. Judge, Mr. Frost, Mr. Sagui, Ms. Whalley, Mayor Naughton
ABSENT: Mr. Erbe

ALSO PRESENT: W. Bryan Dempsey, Borough Administrator/Deputy Clerk
Joseph Colao, Esq., Borough Attorney
Peter Avakian, Borough Engineer
Matt Mariano, Engineer, Avakian's Office

Proclamations, Presentations, & Special Guests: None

Workshop Discussions: None

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Judge offered a motion to approve the minutes of October 13, 2020 seconded by Mr. Drasheff.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mr. Drasheff, Mr. Judge, Mr. Frost, Mr. Sagui, Ms. Whalley

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Erbe

ABSTAIN: None

Public Comments: None

Council Comments & Staff Reports:

Mayor Naughton recognized the passing of long-term employee, Madeline Maclver, who was a greeter and office worker at the South End Pavilion for the past twenty-two years. Her family had a small service with a drive by past the South End Pavilion with flags.

Mayor Naughton reported that the paddle boarding witches raised almost \$8,000 for the Community House. She continued that after much discussion the Business Improvement District (BID) is recommending discouraging large groups and trick-or-treating in the downtown area this year.

Mayor Naughton reported that the American Legion will be having their Veterans Day Ceremony this year but are looking to have small in person ceremony, along with a streamed event online, masks and social distancing will be encouraged at the in-person ceremony.

Mayor Naughton announced that the Mayor & Council decided to not have a Christmas tree lighting this year. After much discussion they decided that they cannot safely hold this event this year but are exploring other options.

Mr. Drasheff asked Mr. Dempsey about the demolition of the old water superintendent's house with Ms. Kirk. Mr. Dempsey explained that they are currently in the process of pricing out removal of

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asbestos and demolition, he hopes the building will be down by the next meeting. Mr. Drasheff added that they will have to landscape the area.

Mr. Judge reported that the demolition work at the South End Pavilion is just about complete and pile driving is going according to plan. He continued that the pool is protected and passed along a message from Joe Griffin, thanking Department of Public Works (DPW) staff for helping out. Mayor Naughton thanked Joe Griffin for doing a great job.

Mr. Sagui would like to schedule a water/sewer meeting and asked if DPW could maintain a twice a month recycling pick up each month throughout the winter.

Ms. Whalley reported the Woman's Club dog parade worked out well.

Ms. Whalley thanked Mayor Naughton for her support of the Witches on the lake.

She continued that in terms of the holidays, they are exploring options to decorate downtown earlier and extend the holiday season to avoid crowds.

Ms. Whalley continued that lights will be back on the bridges. The BID asked if they can extend use of parking spaces for outdoor dining through December.

Borough Engineer's Report:

Mr. Avakian reported they will be having a roads and water/sewer committee meeting before the next meeting and will report to Council. Currently they are waiting on Fernandez to mobilize on Passaic Avenue between Third and Fifth Avenues, they have been slow because of the weather, but expects to see them begin after Halloween.

Mr. Avakian reported that Woszczak will be beginning York Avenue this week with water/storm drain work before paving. Mr. Sagui asked about standing water in the area of Warren and Ocean Avenues, he asked if when they install handicapped ramps, it makes sense to install drains on each side. Mr. Avakian explained that the County controls Ocean Avenue and partway down each street, but he will check with the County about the drainage. Mr. Frost reported they have similar drainage issues on Third Avenue and South Boulevard. Ms. Whalley asked if the streets and road committee will be looking at the next Department of Transportation project. Mr. Avakian indicated they will while also reviewing the Rutgers roads report.

Borough Attorney's Report:

Mr. Colao has one matter for executive session.

Borough Administrator's Report:

Mr. Dempsey reported that the sand on the beach will start to be removed from the boardwalk area. They have received permission from Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and US Fish and Wildlife to begin earlier than usual. Mr. Dempsey is unsure if they will be able to build berms but they may put up snow fence instead. Mayor Naughton is concerned with the amount of sand under the boardwalk. Mr. Dempsey explained they will remove it but the DEP doesn't want berms. Mr. Avakian explained that they have updated the beachfront survey but they will not allow berms

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because they do not allow the beach level cannot be above the Army Corp profile. Mayor Naughton added that every year it is difficult and costly to remove sand from under the boardwalk. Mr. Dempsey explained that Belmar uses snow fencing which seems to work in some areas. He suggests seeing how the snow fencing works this year. Mr. Frost said it is a big project to remove the snow fence in the spring but if it prevents sand from building up under the boardwalk it is worth a try. Mr. Dempsey reported that the roof of the water plant is at the end of its useful life. They have looked into a study of the overall water plant facility but in the meantime, every time it rains, water gushes into the building. They are going to move forward with replacing the roof at \$44,000. Mr. Drasheff asked if in the long run, would it be cheaper to abandon the water utility and purchase water in bulk. Mr. Dempsey isn't sure if they have the capacity to supply that much water, noting that in the summer months would cause a problem and would have to run well. Mr. Drasheff asked if North American has enough capacity to supply the town and asked if they should explore other options. Mr. Dempsey continued that they are onto their third year of the tax assessment pilot program. They will be starting within the next two weeks. They will be doing outside inspections and the interior can be done virtually. One more year and the town will be at one hundred percent valuation.

Mayor Naughton added that DPW has begun leaf pickup and encourages everyone to not put anything other than leaves out for pickup in piles. When the machine sucks up items other than leaves, it breaks the machine.

Business Items Under Consideration: None

Ordinances for Introduction: None

Ordinances for Adoption: None

Consent Agenda:

Mr. Judge offered the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Mr. Drasheff.

R-20-141-RESOLUTION – APPOINTMENT OF PART-TIME DISPATCHERS

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Spring Lake, that the following be and hereby appointed as a Part-time Dispatcher at an hourly rate of \$15.00:

- Nicholas Endaz
- Ian Ambrose
- Gabrielle Freeman

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mr. Drasheff, Mr. Judge, Mr. Frost, Mr. Sagui, Ms. Whalley

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Erbe

ABSTAIN: None

Resolutions:

Mr. Judge offered the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Mr. Drasheff.

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R-20-142-RESOLUTION – APPROVAL OF BILLS – OCTOBER 27, 2020

WHEREAS, the Borough of Spring Lake received certain claims against it by way of vouchers received during the period ending October 27, 2020, and

WHEREAS, the Borough Finance Committee has reviewed said claims.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Spring Lake, County of Monmouth, that the following claims be certified by the Chief Financial Officer for approval and payment.

	<u>SUMMARY</u>
CURRENT FUND (1)	647,307.91
WATER/SEWER OPERATING (9)	124,706.95
DOG TRUST FUND (13)	1,330.00
ESCROW TRUST (15)	2,500.00
RECREATION TRUST (25)	5,605.74
BEACH OPERATING (81)	3,592.71
POOL OPERATING (91)	4,773.51
TOTAL	\$789,816.82

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mr. Drasheff, Mr. Judge, Mr. Frost, Mr. Sagui, Ms. Whalley

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Erbe

ABSTAIN: None

Public Comments: None

Executive Session:

Mr. Judge offered the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Mr. Drasheff.

R-20-143-RESOLUTION – PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 10:4-13 – EXECUTIVE SESSION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Spring Lake that pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-13, the Mayor and Council shall adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing: Potential Investigation in regards to Protection to Public Property.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon conclusion of said matter(s) this discussion will be disclosed by the Borough Clerk via Executive Session Minutes upon written authorization from the Borough Attorney.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mr. Drasheff, Mr. Judge, Mr. Frost, Mr. Sagui, Ms. Whalley

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Erbe

ABSTAIN: None

TIME OF ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION: 7:35 PM

MEETING IS RECONVENED AT: 9:02 PM

Adjournment:

Mr. Judge offered a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Drasheff.

ROLL CALL:

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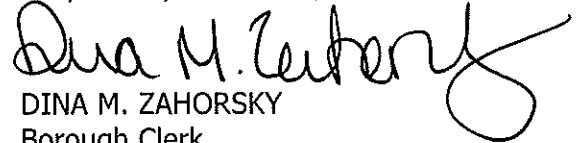
NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Erbe

ABSTAIN: None

Time of Adjournment: 9:03 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



DINA M. ZAHORSKY
Borough Clerk

Approved at a meeting held on: November 10, 2020

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