

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD
COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
8:00 PM
MARCH 13, 2013

1. Meeting called to order by the Mayor
2. Reading of the Sunshine Notice
3. Salute to the Flag
4. Roll Call: Mr. Frank, Mr. Hlubik, Mr. Marinello, Mr. McDaniel, Mr. Sobotka
5. Minutes submitted for approval:
 - February 7, 2013 – Work and Executive Sessions
 - February 13, 2013 – Regular and Executive Sessions
6. Recognition
 - Ethan Snyder – Eagle Scout
7. Public Comment on Agenda Items*
8. Ordinances for Public Hearing:
 - No. 2013-01 – Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a CAP Bank
9. Resolutions
 - No. 2013-03-04 – Resolution Refunding Overpayment of Property Taxes
 - No. 2013-03-05 – Resolution Adopting a Wellness Policy and Appointing a Wellness Coordinator
 - No. 2013-03-06 – Resolution of the Springfield Township Council Providing for the Appointment of Professional Staff and Authorizing Agreements for Certain Professional Services
 - No. 2013-03-07 - Resolution Amending Resolution No. 2013-02-02 Authorizing a Special Emergency Appropriation
 - No. 2013-03-08 – Resolution Introducing the Municipal Budget of the Township of Springfield, County of Burlington for the Fiscal Year 2013
 - No. 2013-03-09 – Resolution Conducting Annual Budget Examination
10. Monthly Reports Submitted for Approval
11. Bills Submitted for Approval
12. Correspondence
13. Solicitor's Report
14. Manager's Report
15. Township Officials' Business
16. Public Comment*
17. Executive Session
 - No. 2013-03-10 – Resolution Providing for a Meeting Not Open to the Public in Accordance with the Provisions of the New Jersey Open Public Meeting Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 (Potential Litigation)

18. Adjournment

**TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 13, 2013**

The meeting of the Springfield Township Council was called to order by Mayor McDaniel with Council Members David Frank, John Hlubik, Anthony Marinello and Peter Sobotka present. Also present were Solicitor Brian Guest and Township Manager Keller.

The Sunshine Notice was read:

"Public notice of this meeting pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act has been given by the Springfield Township Council in the following manner on January 3, 2013:

- a. Posting written notice on the official bulletin board at the Municipal Building, Jobstown, NJ
- b. Transmitting written notice to the Register News and the Burlington County Times
- c. Filing written notice with the Clerk of Springfield Township
- d. Mailing written notice to each person who has requested copies of the regular meeting schedule and who has prepaid any charges fixed for such services."

Mayor McDaniel led the salute to the Flag.

Mr. Sobotka made a motion seconded by Mr. Hlubik to approve the minutes of the February 7, 2013 work and executive sessions. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. Sobotka made a motion seconded by Mr. Hlubik to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2013 regular and executive sessions. All were in favor, except Mr. Frank who abstained. Motion carried.

Mr. Sobotka requested a moment of silence for Sandy Miller and Pat Harrington who recently passed on.

Mr. McDaniel acknowledged Ethan Snyder who just received his Eagle Scout. Mr. Ethan Snyder stated that his project was to build a trail, boardwalk and bridge at the Joint Base. Mr. Snyder introduced the guests that came out tonight with him. Council congratulated Ethan on his honor.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Neil Snyder, Jacksonville requested that when the company does the revaluation they actually check to see if properties that are farmland assessed are actually qualified.

Mrs. Lovenduski, Jacksonville asked when the revaluation will hit the assessment and Council responded that it would affect the assessments in 2014.

Mrs. Lovenduski asked how the revaluation would affect the tax rates. Mr. Frank stated that the levy can only go up 2 percent per year. Mr. Frank added that the town will need to raise the same amount of money to operate the Township and if all the values decrease the tax rate would go up to adjust. Mr. Frank explained that we are going through this process because over the past couple of years the tax assessor has received numerous appeals and he can not defend the values so people that are appealing their assessments are having them lowered and this affects the whole Township. He explained that this will level the assessments for everyone in the Township not just those appealing.

Hearing no further comments, Mr. Sobotka made a motion seconded by Mr. Frank to close public comment on agenda items. All were in favor. Motion carried.

ORDINANCES FOR PUBLIC HEARING

Mr. Sobotka made a motion seconded by Mr. Hlubik to open the public hearing on Ordinance 2013-01. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Hearing no one for public comment, the public hearing was closed on a motion by Mr. Frank and second by Mr. Sobotka. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. Sobotka made a motion seconded by Mr. Frank to adopt Ordinance 2013-01. Roll Call – Mr. Frank-Yes; Mr. Hlubik – Yes; Mr. Marinello – Yes; Mr. Sobotka - Yes and Mayor McDaniel – Yes. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE 2013-01

ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)

WHEREAS, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S. 40A:4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget to 2.0% unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and,

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and members of Township Council of the Township of Springfield in the County of Burlington finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2013 budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and members of Township Council hereby determines that a 1.5% increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$37,257.31 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and members of Township Council hereby determines that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to the final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and members of Township Council of the Township of Springfield, in the County of Burlington, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY 2013 budget year, the final appropriations of the Township of Springfield shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14, be increased by 3.5%, amounting to \$86,933.73, and that the CY 2013 municipal budget for the Township of Springfield be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that any that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

RESOLUTIONS

Mr. Sobotka made a motion seconded by Mr. Hlubik to approve Resolution No. 2013-03-04. All were in favor. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2013-03-04

**A RESOLUTION REFUNDING
OVERPAYMENT OF PROPERTY TAXES**

WHEREAS, Resolution 2013-01-14 canceled taxes on Block 602 Lot 6.02 for a totally disabled veteran; and

WHEREAS, Quicken Loans has submitted the tax payment for the 4th quarter 2012 taxes in the amount of \$1,613.61 and 1st quarter 2013 taxes in the amount of \$1,613.61; and

WHEREAS, there is now an overpayment of taxes on Block 602 Lot 6.02 in the amount of \$3,491.65; and

WHEREAS, Quicken Loans has authorized the Tax Collector to refund the overpayment directly to the property owner.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Springfield, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey that the overpayment of taxes be refunded to Ronnie L & Brenda L Eagle in the amount of \$3,491.65.

Mr. Sobotka made a motion seconded by Mr. Frank to approve Resolution No. 2013-03-05. All were in favor. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2013-03-05

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A WELLNESS POLICY AND
APPOINTING A WELLNESS COORDINATOR**

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of Springfield Township hereinafter referred to as "MUNICIPALITY", is a member of the Burlington County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund, hereinafter referred to as "BURLCO JIF"; and

WHEREAS, research indicates that a healthier workforce can result in a shorter recovery time, a faster return to work, less absenteeism and increased productivity; and

WHEREAS, the BURLCO JIF has hired a Wellness Director to promote the development of workplace wellness programs in each member municipality; and

WHEREAS, Springfield Township has developed a Wellness Policy Program consistent with the program developed by the BURLCO JIF; and

WHEREAS, the Township will appoint a Wellness Coordinator to work with the BURCO JIF to carry out the municipality's commitment to promote health and wellness within the workplace.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Governing Body of Springfield Township does hereby adopt the Wellness Policy attached hereto and appoints Paul Keller, Township Manager, as its Wellness Coordinator.

Mr. Sobotka made a motion seconded by Mr. Frank to approve Resolution No. 2013-03-06. All were in favor, except Peter who was opposed. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2013-03-06

**A RESOLUTION OF THE SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL STAFF AND AUTHORIZING
AGREEMENTS FOR CERTAIN PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**

WHEREAS, it is necessary that the Township of Springfield make certain professional staff appointments in order to provide for the effective operation of Township government; and

WHEREAS, the services to be performed are regulated by law and the persons to be appointed are practicing recognized professionals;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Springfield, assembled in Public Session the 13TH day of March, 2013, that the following are hereby appointed to the positions designated and for terms effective January 1, 2013 and ending December 31, 2013, unless otherwise specified, or when their successors have been duly appointed:

Township Engineer	Dante Guzzi, P.E. Dante Guzzi Engineering Associates
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that each of said appointees shall be compensated in accordance with Professional Service Agreements to be approved by Township Council; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the Professional Services Agreement as it relates to this appointment.

Mr. Sobotka made a motion seconded by Mr. Frank to approve Resolution No. 2013-03-07. Mr. Frank stated that he has asked Mr. Keller to look at an Ordinance requiring people that are granted subdivisions to cover the cost of the updates to the tax map. Roll Call: Mr. Frank – yes; Mr. Hlubik – yes; Mr. Marinello – yes; Mr. Sobotka – yes; Mr. McDaniel - yes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2013-03-07

**RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2013-02-02 FOR A SPECIAL EMERGENCY
APPROPRIATION – NJS4A:4-53**

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 2013-02-02 was adopted at a meeting of the Governing Body on February 13, 2013 for an Emergency Appropriation to meet certain extraordinary expenses incurred, or to be incurred, for the preparation and execution of a complete program of revaluation of real property for the use of the local assessor; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 2013-02-02 did not provide for the cost associated with the preparation of the tax maps that are required to be approved by the State prior to conducting a revaluation of real property; and

WHEREAS, it has been found necessary to make an Emergency Appropriation to meet certain extraordinary expenses incurred, or to be incurred, for the preparation of tax maps and the preparation and execution of a complete program of revaluation of real property for the use of the local assessor and,

WHEREAS, NJS40A:4-53 provides that it shall be lawful to make such appropriation, which appropriation and/or the "special emergency notes" issued to finance the same shall be provided for in succeeding annual budgets by the inclusion of an appropriation of at least one-fifth of the amount authorized pursuant to this act.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, (by not less than two-thirds of all governing body members affirmatively concurring) that in accordance with the provisions of NJS40A:4-55:

1. That Resolution 2013-02-02 is hereby amended to include the additional cost of \$10,000 for the preparation of tax maps to be included in the emergency appropriation
2. An emergency appropriation is hereby made for the preparation of tax maps and the preparation and execution of a complete program of revaluation of real property for the use of the local assessor in the amended total amount of \$139,500.
3. That the emergency appropriation shall be provided for in the budgets of the next succeeding years by the inclusion of not less than \$27,900.
4. That the "emergency note", not in excess of the amount appropriated pursuant to law, be authorized.
5. That such note shall be executed by Chief Financial Officer, Dianne Kelly.
6. That said note shall be dated when executed, may be renewed from time to time provided that such note and any renewals shall mature and be paid in the amount of not less than one-fifth of the total amount appropriated by this resolution in each year after the authorization.
7. Those two (2) certified copies of this resolution will be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services; however, no approval is required from the Division.

Mr. Sobotka made a motion seconded by Mr. Frank to approve Resolution No. 2013-03-08. All were in favor. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2013-03-08

**A RESOLUTION INTRODUCING THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2013**

BE IT RESOLVED that the following statements of revenues and appropriations shall constitute the Municipal Budget for the year 2013;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said Budget be published in the Burlington County Times in the issue of March 20, 2013.

The Governing Body of the Township of Springfield does hereby approve the attached as the Budget for the year 2013:

Mr. Sobotka made a motion seconded by Mr. Frank to approve Resolution No. 2013-03-09. All were in favor. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2013-03-09

RESOLUTION CONDUCTING ANNUAL BUDGET EXAMINATION

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A.40A.4-78b has authorized the Local Finance Board to adopt rules that permit municipalities in sound fiscal condition to assume the responsibility, normally granted to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, of conducting the annual budget examination, and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C.5:30-7 was adopted by the Local Finance Board on February 11, 1997, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C.5:30-7.2 through 7.5 the Township of Springfield has been declared eligible to participate in the program by the Division of Local Government Services, and the Chief Financial Officer has determined that the local government meets the necessary conditions to participate in the program for the 2012 budget year;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of the Township of Springfield that in accordance with N.J.A.C.5:30-7.6a & b and based upon the Chief Financial Officer's certification the governing body has found the budget has met the following requirements:

1. That with reference to the following items, the amounts have been calculated pursuant to law and appropriated as such in the budget:
 - a. Payment of interest and debt redemption charges
 - b. Deferred charges and statutory expenditures
 - c. Cash deficit of preceding year
 - d. Reserve for uncollected taxes
 - e. Other reserves and non-disbursement items
 - f. Any inclusions of amounts required for school purposes

2. That the provisions relating to limitation on increases of appropriations pursuant to N.J.S.A.40A:4-45.2 and appropriations for exceptions to limits on appropriations found at N.J.S.A.40A:4-45.3 et seq. are fully met (Complies with the "CAP" law.)
3. That the budget is in such form, arrangement, and content as required by the Local Budget Law and N.J.A.C.5:30-4 and 5:30-5.
4. That pursuant to the Local Budget Law:
 - a. All estimates of revenue are reasonable, accurate and correctly stated.
 - b. Items of appropriation are properly set forth.
 - c. In itemization, form, arrangement, and content the budget will permit the exercise of the comptroller function within the municipality.
5. The budget and associated amendments have been introduced and publicly advertised in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Local Budget Law, except that failure to meet the deadlines of N.J.S.A.40A:4-5 shall not prevent such certification.
6. That all other applicable statutory requirements have been fulfilled.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services upon adoption.

MONTHLY DEPARTMENTAL REPORT

CLERK REPORT OF LICENSES February 2013

Dog Licenses Issued – 55
 Licenses assessed late fee 46
 Total Licenses Issued Year to Date - 386
 0 Kennel licenses sold this month
 Replacement dog licenses sold this month - 0

Total amount collected - \$493.00

TREASURER'S REPORT – CURRENT ACCOUNT February 2013

Year to Date Revenue	\$2,535,953.32
Year to Date Expended	224,741.00
Total Available Revenue	\$2,210,832.84

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT FEBRUARY 2013

2013 TAX PAYMENTS	\$ 1,695,687.30
PRIOR YEAR TAX PAYMENTS	\$ 2,541.81
FUTURE TAX PAYMENTS	
INTEREST ON TAXES	\$ 858.64
TOTAL TAX PAYMENTS	\$ 1,699,087.75
MUNICIPAL LIEN REDEMPTION	\$ 5,490.59
200' LIST FEES	\$ 50.00
DUPLICATE TAX BILL FEES	\$ 15.00
TOTAL MISC. PAYMENTS	\$ 65.00
OVERPAYMENT TO TREASURER IN JAN	\$ 44,018.18
TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE MONTH:	\$1,660,625.16

CONSTRUCTION OFFICIAL'S REPORT
FEBRUARY 2013

Building Permits & Application Fees	\$7347.00
Development Fees	3035.25
CO/CCO Fees	.00
Re-inspection-CCO	25.00
Plan Review	-0-
Violations	-0-
Total	\$10497.25

POLICE REPORT
FEBRUARY 2013

The Springfield Township Police Department responded to a total of **359** complaints. They are broken down in the following manner:

- 287 General Police Complaints
 - 0 Domestic Incidents
 - 8 Criminal Investigations
 - 19 MVAs
 - 20 Medical Emergencies
 - 19 Activated Alarms
 - 2 Abandoned 911 Calls
 - 4 Assists to Outside Departments
 - 3 Assists to Our Department
- 131 Motor Vehicle Stops
 - 8 Arrests
 - 4 Warrants
 - 2 DWI
 - 2 Criminal

Tickets Issued: 91
Mileage: 9344

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT
February 2013

5 - Violations
1 - Court Appearance
1 - Sites Visits

MANAGER'S REPORT
February 2013

Meetings-3
Miscellaneous Contacts - 14
Completed the DCA Local Finance Board Questionnaire

MUNICIPAL COURT
February 2013

Monthly fines, Title 39 Split, Contempt of Court, Court Costs, Criminal Fines	\$11,596.37
Public Defender Fees	120.00
Parking Offenses Act	2.00

Mr. Sobotka made a motion seconded by Mr. Frank to file the reports. Mr. Sobotka mentioned the tax collection rate is up slightly from last year. All were in favor. Motion carried.

BILL LIST

VENDOR	CHECK NO.	AMOUNT PAID
CURRENT		
Able Cleaning Service	9096	\$325.00
Auto Shine Car Wash	9097	\$30.00
Burlington County Treasurer	9098	\$6,747.15
Casa Payroll Services	9099	\$180.50
Central Jersey Waste & Rec. Inc	9100	\$6,958.33
Certified Speedometer Service	9101	\$105.00
Command Co. Inc.	9102	\$36,652.00
Comcast	9103	\$102.00
Courier Post	9104	\$45.76
Dante Guzzi Engineering	9105	\$5,349.35
Denis C. Germano, Esq.	9106	\$1,252.00
Dunbar Armored, Inc.	9107	\$248.94
East River Energy, Inc.	9108	\$2,972.57

H. Eggleston & Son, LLC	9109	\$11,498.55
Ford Motor Credit Co.	9110	\$4,607.45
Gann Law Books	9111	\$114.00
Hess Corporation	9112	\$383.67
Holman & Frenia PC	9113	\$7,000.00
Hurley's Auto Repair	9114	\$1,457.98
International Salt Co. LLC Inc.	9115	\$9,954.64
Jacksonville Fire Co.	9116	\$6,250.00
JCP&L	9117	\$1,507.75
Burl.Co. Munic.J.I.F.	9118	\$36,944.00
J Paul Keller	9119	\$943.45
Mansfield Township	9120	\$9,583.33
Matthew Bender & Co., Inc.	9121	\$132.00
Municipal Clerks Assoc of NJ	9122	\$100.00
Mr. Bob Portable Toilets	9123	\$815.72
New Jersey American Water Co.	9124	\$242.44
Nextel Communications	9125	\$649.59
NJSHBP	9126	\$21,883.50
Northern Burl Cnty Reg School	9127	\$421,423.26
NRG Business Solutions	9128	\$69.27
Office Furniture Outlet	9129	\$617.95
Occupational Training Center	9130	\$162.83
Parker McCay, P.A.	9131	\$4,487.38
Springfield Townshp Payroll Acct.	9132	\$168,046.00
Pitney Bowes	9133	\$135.00
Pitney Bowes Postage by Phone	9134	\$300.00
Martin Poinsett	9135	\$100.00
Premier Technology Solutions	9136	\$1,151.50
PSE&G	9137	\$4,261.49
QC Laboratories	9138	\$73.00
Ron's Termite & Pest Control	9139	\$70.00
RW Tire Corp.	9140	\$405.32
Sirak Auto Supply Inc	9141	\$12.02
Springfield Township Board of Ed	9142	\$277,308.00
Staples Advantage	9143	\$86.88
Verizon Wireless	9144	\$320.10
Vital Communications Inc.	9145	\$204.00
W.B. Mason Co., Inc.	9146	\$219.90
Xtel Communications, Inc.	9147	\$573.44
Ronnie L and Brenda L. Eagle	9148	\$3,491.65

**CAPITAL FUND
ACCOUNT**

Dante Guzzi Engineering	7103	\$235.53
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DEVELOPERS ESCROW

Dante Guzzi Engineering	7207	\$97.00
Denis C. Germano, Esq.	7208	\$203.00

RECREATION

Crown Awards	7105	\$170.00
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DOG TRUST

Burlington Cty Treas- Animal	7107	\$30.00
New Jersey Dept of Health	7108	\$99.00

COAH ACCOUNT

Clark Caton Hintz, P.C.	7103	\$26.00
Parker McCay, P.A.	7104	\$385.00

OPEN SPACE TRUST

Command Co., Inc.	7104	\$28,861.00
Dante Guzzi Engineering	7105	\$165.42

TOTAL		\$1,088,827.61
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Mr. Sobotka made a motion seconded by Mr. Frank to pay the bills, except the attorneys. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. Sobotka made a motion seconded by Mr. Hlubik to pay the attorneys. All were in favor, except Mr. Frank who abstained. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Sobotka made a motion seconded by Mr. Frank to file the correspondence. All were in favor. Motion carried.

SOLICITOR REPORT

Mr. Guest stated that he has a few things for Executive Session only.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Keller stated that the Township had its hearing at the Local Finance Board to waive the down payment on the Bond Ordinance and the Board wanted the Township to raise \$75,000 but agreed to \$40,000. He added the Bond Ordinance has been amended accordingly if Council would like to introduce tonight. Mr. Keller stated the Township did not go with the

Bridge Commission for pool bonding because the Township would still need to come up with a down payment and the only saving might be a small savings on the interest rate and the earliest for the funding would be available is September. Mr. Frank asked about the savings on professional costs and Mr. Keller responded that those savings would probably not be significant since we already did some work for this Bond Ordinance. Mr. McDaniel pointed out that the interest rates may go up by September so there may be no savings if the Township waited to do the pool bonding.

Mr. Sobotka made a motion seconded by Mr. Frank to amend Ordinance 2013-02. Roll call: Mr. Frank – yes, Mr. Hlubik – yes, Mr. Marinello – yes, Mr. Sobotka – yes, Mr. McDaniel – yes.

Mr. Frank made a motion seconded by Mr. Sobotka to accept the Manager’s report. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

TOWNSHIP OFFICIAL’S BUSINESS

Mr. Sobotka stated that the Recreation Committee would be sponsoring a Blood drive on Saturday, March 23rd.

Mr. Sobotka stated that Pride in Springfield Day would be held on April 13th this year.

Mr. Sobotka stated that Recreation Committee will be having a Trenton Thunder baseball trip on April 15th.

Mr. Frank stated that there was correspondence in the Mayor’s advisory regarding the vegetation management by utility companies. They is a pilot program being offered and any Township interested should contact League of Municipalities. Council agreed to express interest.

Mr. Marinello stated that last week they discussed children at play signs for Island Rd. and he drove around the Township and noticed a number of similar signs around the Township. He would like to renew his request to put those signs up where the residents requested on Island Rd. and also around the park to slow traffic down. Mr. Sobotka made a motion seconded by Mr. Marinello to approve Mr. Marinello’s recommendation for the signs to be placed in that area. Mr. McDaniel asked how many signs and Mr. Sobotka stated six all together and one sign would need to be fixed. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. Frank made a motion seconded by Mr. Sobotka to approve the Military affair raffle. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. Sobotka made a motion seconded by Mr. Marinello to approve tractor pull raffle. All were in favor except Mr. Frank and Mr. Hlubik who abstained. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Sobotka made a motion seconded by Mr. Frank to open public comment. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Mrs. Lovenduski asked if roads would be getting done this year and Mr. Frank responded that they probably would be doing some roadwork this year.

Mrs. Lovenduski asked about the Ordinance regarding the CAP and Mr. Keller stated the overall increase does not exceed the 2 percent CAP set by the State.

Mrs. Lovenduski asked if the Township has looked at solar for the Township buildings and Mr. Keller stated that we did do a study at one point but it was not viable. Mr. Keller added that we have someone looking at the utilities now to see if we could enter a program where the Township would benefit from solar but we have not received a report back. Mr. Frank stated that we are part of a cooperative purchasing for utilities. Mr. McDaniel added that he has been fighting the State on taking the energy receipt tax money.

Mrs. Lovenduski asked about the status of affordable housing and Mr. Guest stated that everyone is waiting on the State Supreme Court to rule on the third round rules and everything is at a stand still. Mr. Frank added that regardless of what happens the Township will still have an obligation under the Mt. Laurel Doctrine.

Mr. Bryan, Smithville Rd. thinks we need some larger signs for the eight ton weight limit on his road. The problem is astronomical and speed is also a factor. He also suggested speed bumps if the road is repaved. Mr. Bryan stated that he was just in Florida and if you go one mile over the speed limit you get a ticket and that is how it should be here. Mr. Bryan stated that the Ordinance was done for the weight limit but no one does anything about it. Mr. Frank responded that he knows the Chief has put men on that street and they have done a speed study there. Mr. Bryan indicated that he spoke to a Freeholder directly and they assured him the Sheriff's Dept. would assist the Township with enforcement if the Township requested it.

Mr. Lawrence, 377 Juliustown Rd. stated that the signs are not going to do any good because people don't care.

Hearing no further comments, Mr. Frank made a motion seconded by Mr. Sobotka to close public comment. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. Sobotka stated that the recreation committee will be doing stream testing around the Specca farm on May 5th and he would like the Township's approval so it is sanctioned under the JIF. Mr. McDaniel asked whose property they would be on and Mr. Sobotka responded that it would be David and Lisa Specca's property. Mr. Frank stated that we should get a data sheet on what is being done and where the Council can address it next month.

Mr. Sobotka made a motion seconded by Mr. Frank to approve Resolution No. 2013-03-10 for the purpose of discussing potential litigation. All were in favor. Motion carried. Council entered into executive session at 8: 58 PM. Mayor McDaniel stated that Council would invite the public back in when they returned to public session.

RESOLUTION 2013-03-10

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR A MEETING NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE NEW JERSEY OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12

WHEREAS, The Township Council of the Township of Springfield is subject to certain requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq., and

WHEREAS, The Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 provides that an Executive Session, not open to the public, may be held for certain specific purposes when authorized by a Resolution, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Township Council of the Township of Springfield to discuss in a session not open to the public certain matters relating to the item or items authorized by N.J.S.A. 10:4-12: (Potential Litigation).

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Springfield, assembled in public session on March 13, 2013 will go into an Executive Session closed to the public for the discussion of matters relating to the specific item designated above.

It is anticipated that the deliberations conducted in closed session may be disclosed to the public upon the determination of the Township Council that the public interest will no longer be served by such confidentiality.

Council returned to public session at 9:44 PM and the public was invited back in.

Mr. Sobotka made a motion seconded by Mr. Frank to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 PM. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Clayton
Township Clerk