

SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP
WORKSESSION MEETING AGENDA
APRIL 4, 2013
7:30 PM

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. Proclamation –Eagle Scout Jack Sturzynski
6. Review of Department Reports
7. Review of Bills
8. Review Correspondence
9. Township Officials’ Business
10. Public Comment
 - Approval of Raffle License –Springfield Home and School Assoc.
11. Adjournment

**TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 4, 2013**

The meeting of the Springfield Township Council was called to order by Mayor McDaniel with Council Members David Frank and Peter Sobotka present. Absent were John Hlubik and Anthony Marinello. Also, present was Township Manager Mr. 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 announced that another member of the community will be made an Eagle Scout. Motion made by Mr. Sobotka seconded by Mr. Frank to adopt the Proclamation honoring Jack Sturzynski.

REVIEW OF DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Mr. Frank asked about the trucks being parked at Jacksonville Deli and Mr. Keller stated that one of the trucks has been moved and the other truck the Zoning Officer gave a few extra days to find somewhere else to park.

REVIEW OF BILLS

Mr. Sobotka asked about the Haar Electric bill and he stated that he was out at the park at Juliustown and there is a wire down there. Mr. Keller stated that Haar Electric will be going out to address that again and they will be seeing if they can put the wire underground since it seems to be an ongoing problem.

REVIEW OF CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from Mr. Guest, Esq. re: COAH Spending Plan - Mr. Sobotka asked what happens if we do not receive a response from COAH by the deadline Mr. Guest gave in his letter. Mr. McDaniel stated that he would be inclined to spend the money and if COAH denies it after the fact he feels confident the Township would win if it has to be challenged. He added the Township would be providing affordable housing which is what the Court has ruled each Township to do.

#5 Crown Tower Lease- Mr. Keller stated that we are doing an analysis to see what would be the better option. Mr. Keller stated the CFO is looking at it now. He added that this agreement would just be betting on the technology. Mr. Keller stated that they are also asking for an extension of term in the alternative.

TOWNSHIP OFFICIAL'S BUSINESS

Mr. Sobotka made a motion seconded by Mr. McDaniel to approve the Raffle license. All were in favor, except Mr. Frank who abstained. Motion carried.

Mr. Sobotka stated he went out to the Juliustown Park and someone is not doing their job. There is tape around the play area which consists of hazardous conditions where kids could get hurt playing on the stuff that is being left in this area. Mr. Sobotka felt this area was left in an unsafe condition. Mr. Frank asked how long it was left like that and Mr. Sobotka stated that he has been aware of the problem for at least two weeks. Mr. McDaniel asked what needs to be done to finish the project and Mr. Keller stated that they are still waiting for equipment and the final grading needs to be done.

Mr. Sobotka was looking at a site comparing medium household incomes and grants. The medium income for Springfield is \$83,000 and the neighboring town of Pemberton has a medium income of \$57,000 and that is why Springfield Township can't get many grants that are based on household income.

Mr. Sobotka stated that he has a letter from the Red Cross thanking the Township.

Mr. Sobotka stated that there is a Mayor's advisory regarding mandatory direct depository and asked if this would save the Township money if we required employees to have mandatory direct deposit of paychecks. Mr. Keller stated that there would not be any real savings by requiring employees to do direct deposit.

Mr. Sobotka stated that there is a Mayor's advisory regarding pending legislation requiring Townships to provide early voting and he does not know how Springfield will handle what the Bill if passed. Mr. McDaniel stated that he does not feel that the Governor will sign this Bill.

Mr. Sobotka asked if anyone went to the training by JCP&L regarding the safe handling of down wires and Chief Trout stated that it was sent out to all Fire Companies. Mr. Sobotka asked that all the Police Officers take a look at the DVD provided as part of the training.

Mr. Sobotka provided a paragraph regarding the water testing the recreation committee would like to do by the Specca Farm. Mr. Frank's concern would be for proper water safety and Mr. Sobotka responded that there would be plenty of adult supervision and he will make sure that they have other safety precautions in place.

Mr. Sobotka stated that Pride in Springfield Day is on April 13th at 8:30.

Mr. McDaniel stated that Northern Burlington has their annual spring show the same day in the afternoon

Mr. Sobotka stated the recreation department is also sponsoring a trip to the Trenton Thunder.

Mr. Sobotka stated that they will have the mandatory training for parents who want to coach.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

Mr. Sobotka made a motion seconded by Mr. Frank to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Clayton
Township Clerk