

SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP  
WORKSESSION MEETING AGENDA  
OCTOBER 3, 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. Jeff Richter-Columbus-Jobstown Bike Path
6. Review of Department Reports
7. Review of Bills
8. Review Correspondence
9. Township Officials' Business
10. Public Comment
11. Adjournment

**TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING  
OCTOBER 3, 2013**

The meeting of the Springfield Township Council was called to order by Mayor McDaniel with Council Members David Frank, and Peter Sobotka present. Council Members John Hlubik and Anthony Marinello were absent. 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 led the salute to the Flag.

## **COLUMBUS-JOBSTOWN RD BIKEPATH PRESENTATION**

Mr. Richter went over the details of the proposed bike path which incorporated the previous comments from Council. Council discussed a portion of the road which had a grading problem and confirmed with Mr. Richter that it would be addressed with this project. Mr. Richter stated that there would be some tree removal required down toward the Jacksonville-Jobstown Rd. intersection.

Mr. Richter stated that he could have everything ready for next month for bid and have a start date in the spring. Mr. Frank described the project that he is working on with the County to redo the intersection at 537 and he added that if the project proceeds that the end portion of the path will not be necessary because it will then go in a different direction. Mr. Richter stated that we can bid that portion as an alternate in the bid specs. Council discussed that if this portion is not done as part of this project then that would eliminate the need for a lot of the tree clearing.

Mr. Richter discussed how stormwater management could be addressed for the project. Council discussed that there is already stone along the railroad right of way and Mr. Richter stated that this is considered impervious areas so if that is correct then you may not have to do stormwater management. Mr. Sobotka asked why we are not using the same material as in Pemberton Township. Mr. Richter stated that this would also be considered impervious and Mr. Frank added that it requires maintenance. Mr. McDaniel asked what happens if we place salt on the pervious surfaces and Mr. Richter stated that it could deteriorate. Council stated that they would like to go with the impervious surface if we can address the stormwater management issue.

Council agreed the plan looked good and Mr. Richter stated that he would finalize the plans. Mr. Keller asked that Mr. Richter definitely look at the area with the drainage problem on Columbus-Jobstown Rd. by Island Rd. Mr. Sobotka asked if the residents on Columbus-Jobstown Rd. would be notified of this project and Mr. McDaniel responded that they would be notified as a courtesy when the project gets underway but the project is being done on Township owned land only.

## **REVIEW OF DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Council agreed to hold the reports until next meeting.

## **REVIEW OF BILLS**

Council agreed to hold the bills until next week.

## **REVIEW OF CORRESPONDENCE**

# 1 – Letter from the Dept. of Defense regarding new aircraft at the Joint Base– Mr. Sobotka stated that this correspondence is asking if the Township would like to comment and Mr. Frank stated that we should send correspondence welcoming them. Mr. Sobotka agreed and added that that the base has an impact on the economy. Mr. Sobotka made a motion seconded by Mr. Frank to send a letter that we support the aircraft and support the Guard and Mr. Frank asked that we also mention that it will have no further environmental impact. All were in favor. Motion carried.

# 2 – Correspondence from Burlington County Farmland Preservation regarding the ATL list – Mr. Frank stated that the list appears to be very thorough.

# 4 – Correspondence from the NJ DOT regarding No Passing on Rte. 206 – Mr. Frank asked if all of 206 in Springfield is no passing and Council discussed that they thought it was. Council asked that the Chief review this correspondence and make a recommendation as to whether the Township should support this. Mr. Frank stated that he would call to get some clarification.

# 5 – Correspondence from Crown Castle regarding the Cell Tower Lease – Mr. Keller stated that Council did refuse the easement request but another issue is that they want to amend the terms of the lease. Council discussed whether this would be a competitive bidding issue. Council asked if the Solicitor saw this and Mr. Keller stated that he had but he was under the impression that we were going to have a consultant review it but after review it did not seem beneficial to the Township.

# 6 – Letter from Dick Toone regarding the Car Show – Mr. Sobotka stated that this is a thank you letter from Mr. Toone for allowing the car show and Mr. Toone is also asking that they would like to do it again on the third Sunday in Sept. next year as well. Council agreed to put it on the calendar.

# 7 – Correspondence from Dan Guzzi regarding the 2014 Road project – Council discussed the estimate and Council discussed that we need to clarify what reimbursable expenses are. Mr. Keller stated that this is a good price for engineering. Council agreed to put a resolution on the agenda next week to authorize the Engineer to go out to bidding.

### **TOWNSHIP OFFICIAL'S BUSINESS**

Mr. Sobotka stated that on Sunday, Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> the Recreation Committee is doing another stream survey on Helis Farm. Mr. McDaniel asked if there were any written results from the last one done and Mr. Sobotka stated that this is being done to make people aware of the environment and they do share the results with the property owner.

Mr. Sobotka stated that on Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> the Recreation Committee is holding a 5k run at the Fairgrounds and they will need a certificate of insurance for this event. Mr. Keller stated that Mr. Lebak should contact the Clerk to have the certificate of insurance issued.

Mr. Sobotka stated that the Jacksonville Fire Co. will be holding the annual fire safety day on Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> from 10-1.

Mr. Sobotka stated that the Park is not seeded yet and the trash cans are full and he doesn't think they are being emptied.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ms. Phillips 1039 Oxmead Rd. is here about the Puglia Farm. She stated that she came back in December to address some issues they were having and it got better for a while. She stated that in April they began dumping dirt and trucking it in and out of the property and she added that on May 11<sup>th</sup> they began dumping dirt again. Ms. Phillips asked if you are allowed to bring dirt in from outside town and dump on your property. Mr. McDaniel stated that we have already had our Code Enforcement Official review this matter and he could not substantiate the complaints made by Ms. Phillips. Mr. McDaniel added that the Solicitor had said previously that if our official can't substantiate the complaints then the Township could not really do anything but the complainant can file their own charges if they can prove this.

Ms. Phillips stated that in July there were a lot of tires and they called the DEP because of concerns about mosquitos and the County investigated and found that there was water and she thought they treated for mosquitos but she was not sure. Ms. Phillips presented pictures from yesterday with two dump trucks, a service pod truck, a truck bottom and a pile of dirt and she called the zoning official in the morning and then everyone leaves with the stuff and by the time Mr. Dunn got there only one truck was left in the garage that Mr. Puglia told Mr. Dunn he was repairing the brakes. Mr. Dunn informed her that since they still have an open permit they are allowed to have one truck there and Ms. Phillips was curious about how long he was allowed to do construction work for. Mr. Frank stated that because of the Permit Extension Law *they* are allowed until at least next July. Mr. Frank stated that they would need pictures are of the dirt being loaded and unloaded on the property.

Mr. William Puglia 49 Chesterfield-Georgetown Rd. Mr. Puglia stated that in Jan 2012 he wrote a letter to the Township about this problem and the Township never answered the letter but Arthur Puglia called the next day and said he would change the practices addressed in Mr. William Puglia's letter. Mr. McDaniel stated for the sack of argument even if Council believes the claim if the Zoning Official can't prove anything the parties would need to take action on their own. Mr. Frank added that there needs to be evidence that there is something going on other then an agricultural use. Mr. Frank stated that Ms. Phillips and Mr. Puglia need pictures of dirt being loaded and then dumped at a later date or of trucks being stored there and not just temporarily on the property. Mr. Frank reiterated that Ms. Phillips and Mr. Puglia are not required to go through the Township but they can go to the Court themselves and file a Complaint and the Judge will determine at that time if there is probable cause. Mr. Frank stated that part of the problem is there is construction on the site which will require some of this equipment on the site. Ms. Phillips stated that the property owners are parking commercial trucks overnight. Mr. Frank stated that Ms. Phillips should take photos with date and time stamps of trucks pulling into the garage in the evening and then again in the morning of the same trucks leaving. Ms. Phillips stated that she wants Council to know what was going on. Mr. McDaniel stated that we have other issues such as littering and sign violators and it is hard to find the evidence and he added that some things are just hard to prove.

Ms. Philips stated that Arthur Puglia owns the property now and not Bryan Puglia. Mr. Frank asked if they have a deed transferring the property and Mr. Puglia presented a copy of the farmland assessment form and Council reviewed what was presented and one form had Arthur Puglia's name but was unsigned and the other form had Mr. Bryan Puglia. Mr. Puglia questioned the acreage on the assessment form but added that there is a large building on the property and Mr. McDaniel commented that on the form Mr. Puglia is indicating that the building is part of the farm.

Mr. Lawrence Juliustown stated that the 135 planes at the McGuire Airforce base are much quieter than the older ones. Mr. Lawrence stated that he is not sure how the National Guard impacts the area but there was talk of closing the base so whatever keeps them around is a good thing. Mr. Frank stated that he actually thinks it would be a better economic impact if it were a civilian cargo airfield. Mr. Lawrence stated that having a commercial airport would create additional noise.

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

Mr. McDaniel stated that Ms. Sessa from JCP&L will be here next week so if Council has any issues they want to address with her it can be done at that time. Mr. McDaniel stated that he suggested that they approach property owners to see if they would agree to allow JCP&L to take down trees that are a hazard.

Mr. McDaniel stated that he spoke to the Governor's representative about the grants submitted to the DOT.

Mr. Sobotka made a motion seconded by Mr. Frank to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8: 50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Clayton  
Township Clerk