

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD
COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
7:30 PM
DECEMBER 4, 2014

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
6. Engineer's Report
7. Monthly Reports Submitted for Approval
8. Bills Submitted for Approval
9. Correspondence
10. Township Officials' Business
 - Tow Contracts
 - County Park Grant
11. Public Comment*
12. Adjournment

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The meeting of the Springfield Township Council was called to order by Mayor McDaniel with Council Members David Frank, John Hlubik and Anthony Marinello present. Absent was Council Member Peter Sobotka. 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 6, 2014:

- 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. McDaniel stated that we lost Jack Bice two days ago and added that he has been a long time resident and the husband of our retired Court Clerk Ruth Ann.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Guzzi explained that he prepared a preliminary road construction estimate. He stated that there are five sections. Item #3 on sheet C3 which is Jobstown-Juliustown Rd they calculated for the whole remaining length so if Council only wanted to do to the worst remaining section in that area it would be about a third of the estimate provided. Also he stated that he put in

for the realignment of the intersection at Georgetown-Juliustown Rd. He added that the numbers are very preliminary and we would do a similar process as previously done on Jobstown-Juliustown Rd. using the millings as a sub-base.

Mr. Marinello asked about Arneys-Mt. Birmingham Rd and he stated that he does not know why that whole road needs to be paved because it was just done about 10 years ago but he does agree that the upper section needs work because it is all patched up but the lower section does not need any paving.

Mr. Frank stated that he is in agreement that we need to realign the intersection at that end of Jobstown-Juliustown Rd. but doesn't think we need to do all the way to the bridge because that area is in good shape.

Mr. Frank stated that we have a dilemma on Smithville Rd. whether we want to do both 1a and 1b or just the worst section.

Mr. Frank asked where we are in terms of the bond. Mr. Keller responded that we probably have about 2 million left. Mr. Keller added that he has been holding off on the generators because of the situation with the EMS and the possible road reconfiguration by the EMS building. Mr. Frank stated that we don't have to go through the road but can use the right of way when reconfiguring the road. Council discussed moving forward without running the gas line but it would be more costly. Mr. Frank stated that he is not sure where the County is with that intersection and he doesn't feel we should hold up with the generators. Mr. Keller asked if Council wanted to move forward with that expenditure for the EMS if we don't know if they are going to go defunct and Council discussed that possibility. Mr. Frank stated that we can move forward with generators for the three fire houses and just hold off on the EMS due to the uncertainty of the road work that may occur if the County decides to reconfigure that intersection. Mr. McDaniel asked if we have any feedback from the fire companies and Mr. Keller responded that they were happy with the idea. Council discussed tying the Community Center into the Jacksonville Fire House generator and the need for an agreement with them to do so. Council agreed to move forward with the three fire houses and deal with the EMS building after the County makes a decision about the intersection.

Council agreed to spend a million on the roads again this year. They agreed that Jobstown-Juliustown Rd. from Airport to White and the intersection at the other end should be done. Mr. Frank stated that we should do the upper point of Arneys Mt. Birmingham Rd. and Mr. Guzzi stated that he will get an estimate for that. Mr. Guzzi stated that drainage work would need to be done to stop the water from running on the road. Council discussed that there may not be any sub base in that area and there probably is water under that road. Mr. Guzzi stated that they will do core samples and build the drainage into the estimate. Mr. McDaniel stated that we might need catch basins added to keep the water from going down the hill. Mr. McDaniel resent the letters about Mt. Pleasant Rd. to Bruce Garganio yesterday and he also saw Freeholder Mary Ann O'Brien and discussed it with her. Mr. Frank would like to wait to see if the County would be willing to take Mt. Pleasant Rd. over before doing any work there and Smithville Rd. is a mess and has a lot of residents and gets a lot of traffic as well. He would agree to do the area in front of the houses or the part down in the wooded area but not the other end because it is still in okay shape. Mr. Marinello feels that you should start at one end and work your way to the other end and Mr. Guzzi responded that you would start with the worst area. Council discussed getting an estimate from Oxmead Rd. to the bend because that is in bad shape. Mr. McDaniel stated that we could spend more than a million in 2015 and have less the following year. Mr. Guzzi stated that you could also build in alternates and if the numbers are good you can do more. Mr. Keller stated that he will get the exact number that is available to spend.

Mr. Keller asked if truck parking at the Jacksonville Park is okay and Mr. Guzzi responded that we paved it to allow for heavier vehicles.

Mr. Marinello asked if the word stop was supposed to be painted where the new stop sign was installed on Folwell Station Rd. and Mr. Guzzi responded that he did not recall but he would take a look at the plan.

Mr. McDaniel asked about the path at Juliustown Park and Mr. Guzzi responded that they already looked at it today.

Mr. McDaniel asked about the hump in Veteran's park by the play area and he asked the purpose of that and Mr. Guzzi responded that it is designed that way to contain the material in the play area but also allows for access to the play area.

Mr. Marinello made a motion seconded by Mr. Frank to accept the Engineer's Report. All were in favor. Motion carried.

REVIEW OF DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Council discussed that the tax rate is looking good.

Mr. Frank asked if Inner City is behind on their taxes and if so can we hold the escrow money they are requesting to be refunded in the resolution for next week.

Mr. McDaniel stated that it looks like the houses for sale are moving again.

Council agreed to hold the reports until next week.

REVIEW OF BILLS

Council agreed to hold the bills until next week.

REVIEW OF CORRESPONDENCE

No additional correspondence but Council discussed that we would leave the November, 2015 regular meeting on for the 11th which is Veteran's Day.

TOWNSHIP OFFICIAL'S BUSINESS

Mr. Marinello stated that on the post at the bike path the caps are not fitting correctly in some spots and he added that it looks like they are the wrong caps. Also when they constructed the fencing they used the wrong fencing on the end sections. Mr. Keller stated there is still a drainage issue on the punch list that is still being worked on.

Mr. Hlubik asked if we got the appraisals back and Mr. Keller responded that we did get them. Mr. Frank stated that he thought we were going to do some soil testing to see what density could go on the property. Mr. Keller stated that one of the owners had an Engineer do soil sampling and everything is okay and maybe we can get that data to see if we need to do additional sampling. Mr. Keller stated that he would reach out to Mr. Stevenson and he will also contact Mr. Guest.

Mr. McDaniel stated that he visited with the second grade last week and he was hoping that Peter was here because he works with the recreation and they do the safety inspections. Mr. McDaniel stated that there are two baby swings in Veteran's park and they are shredded apart

and we should replace them. Mr. McDaniel stated that they also said the monkey bars don't spin correctly so we may have to take a look at that as well.

Mr. Marinello stated that review of the Tow applications is complete and we will discuss it next week in closed session with the Solicitor.

Mr. Keller stated we got \$75,000 from the County grant program and we need to decide what to do with it and Council decided to do some clearing in the next phase of the bike path. It was discussed whether we need to get the Engineer involved and Mr. Keller responded that you would need to have someone survey it to know where to clear. Mr. Keller stated that we have money left over to pay our share from the farmland preservation from the last grant and Mr. Frank stated that he would still like to see us do that.

Mr. Frank left the meeting at 8:50 PM

Council agreed to get a cost estimate from Mr. Richter to see what we can do and what the Engineering will cost us. Mr. Keller stated that the cost of doing \$75,000 is probably the same as the \$150,000 project because you still need to do surveying and go to bid.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Lawrence, Juliustown still finds it unnecessary to redo Jobstown-Juliustown Rd. at Juliustown-Georgetown Rd. The Township should not waste the money to do something that really doesn't need to be done. He stated that there was probably increased traffic there because of the Saylor's Pond Rd. closure and it is not likely to happen again. He added he feels there are other road projects that need to be done before that. Drivers need to be more careful. Mr. McDaniel stated from a public safety standpoint we know people are not always careful. Mr. Lawrence added that he never recalls there being an accident at that intersection and there are other areas in the Township where accidents are happening.

Hearing no one further for comment, Mr. Marinello made a motion seconded by Mr. Hlubik to close public comment. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. Marinello made a motion seconded by Mr. Hlubik to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Clayton
Township Clerk