

SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP
WORKSESSION MEETING AGENDA
FEBRUARY 5, 2015
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. Springfield Township School presentation
6. Review of Department Reports
7. Review of Bills
8. Review Correspondence
9. Township Officials' Business
10. Public Comment
11. Adjournment

**TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 5, 2015**

The meeting of the Springfield Township Council was called to order by Deputy Mayor Marinello with Council Members John Hlubik and Peter Sobotka present. Absent were Mayor Denis McDaniel and David Frank. 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 7, 2015:

- 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."

Deputy Mayor Marinello led the salute to the Flag.

SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP SCHOOL PRESENTATION

Present from the School District were:

Edith Conroy, Superintendent

Christina Moskal, Business Administrator

Gregory Madia, Board of Education Vice President, Mr. Schmieder and Mr. Hale

Anthony Catana, Spiezle Architectural Group

Ms. Conroy explained that the School will hold a referendum on March 10th to provide for improvements to the school that are critical. She went on to introduce Mr. Catana from Spiezle Architectural Group

Mr. Catana provided a budget to Council. He stated that the School District is proposing critical facility repairs and this work has to be done whether the referendum passes or not. He added that if the referendum passes they will get 2 million in State funding but if not then the money from the State may not be there at a later date and the total cost of the project will fall to the taxpayers. He added that none of this work has been engineered yet and that will happen after the referendum. He stated that there is a second question about adding air conditioning. He indicated that the impact on the average homeowner is \$188 a year for question 1 and \$208 a year if both questions pass.

Mr. Sobotka asked the time frame for the work and if there will be a disruption to the school. Mr. Catana responded that the normal time frame for completion is 18 months. He added that some of the work could be done while school is in session but some would have to be held off until the following summer. Mr. Sobotka asked if the ground had been tested yet to see if it can hold the 15,000 gallon underground water storage tank and Mr. Catana responded that they have not done any testing yet. Mr. Marinello asked what the water tank would be used for and Mr. Catana responded for the fire suppression system.

Mr. Hlubik asked how soon the school district would get the 2.2 million from the state. Mr. Catana responded that it would be applied for and received in phases. Mr. Hlubik asked if the school would be paying ahead and if the State would then be reimbursing the School District and Mr. Catana responded that normally they have a quick turnover once the funds are applied for. Mr. Sobotka asked what would happen if the State doesn't give the money to the School District and Mr. Catana responded that it would then fall on the tax payers.

Mr. Marinello asked about the roof replacement for the 57 wing and Mr. Catana responded it is a complete tear off and it would not be flat anymore because the law requires now requires some pitching for all roofs.

Mr. Marinello asked about the back up generator system and Mr. Catana stated that this is not a large system but would allow for some security issues. Mr. Marinello asked if there were any plans to have the school used as a shelter during a disaster and Mr. Catana responded that the generator would not be large enough for that and there are usually other conditions that would need to be met.

Mr. Marinello asked if there has been any review of cuts in other areas of the budget to offset the cost for this project. Mr. Madia responded that they are looking at three different scenarios with the budget and they will be rolled out in public work sessions in April. He added they are going to be looking at all types of cuts for the upcoming budget.

Mr. Marinello asked what happens if the public says no and Mr. Catana responded that there are other funding mechanisms but the cost of the whole project would then get passed on to the taxpayers.

Mr. Marinello asked what the long term viability of the school is because it was mentioned a couple years ago about the school having to close if enrollment fell below 300 and Ms. Moskal responded that the school is viable and there are many schools that have less than 300 students and are still operating in the State. Mr. Marinello asked what the feedback is from the public and Ms. Moskal responded that the parents are very supportive. Mr. Marinello

suggested getting the word out to the public that if this doesn't pass the work still needs to get done and the total cost will get passed on to the public. Ms. Moskal stated that the school would like Council's support and she appreciates that Council recognizes that this project is much smaller than the previous projects that went to referendum.

Mr. Sobotka stated that he would suggest that they also get out to the public that this project was put together with the input from the community.

Mr. Hlubik asked if there are any informational meetings scheduled and Mr. Madia responded that they are in the process of scheduling open houses.

Mr. Sobotka expressed concern about the underground water tank and he hopes that it does not interfere with any of the fields and Mr. Catana responded that they will find another place for it if that becomes the case.

REVIEW OF DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Council agreed to hold the reports until next week.

REVIEW OF BILLS

Mr. Sobotka asked about the payment to Oswald and Mr. Keller responded that it was for the televising of the pipes and the report is in and there are recommendations in the report for doing some work. Mr. Sobotka asked if it could be covered by the Bond and Mr. Keller responded that currently it is not part of the project but may need to be added as an alternate.

Mr. Sobotka also asked about the Xtel bill and if we could get a better deal through Comcast.

Council agreed to hold the bills until next week.

REVIEW OF CORRESPONDENCE

1. Borough of Tinton Falls New Jersey – Resolution Honoring Law Enforcement Ofc.
2. BC Farm Fair – Dates of 2015-Council announced the dates.

TOWNSHIP OFFICIAL'S BUSINESS

Mr. Marinello asked about the bike trail repairs and Mr. Keller responded that the work was not done correctly and it will probably have to wait until the spring to be fixed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Bucs, Paddock Drive stated that there is a sizable sinkhole on Paddock Drive and the Township may want to do something sooner rather than later. Mr. Keller responded that it is part of the report discussed earlier and the Township will have to address it. He added that it can't really be patched.

Mr. Bucs asked about the pick up for Christmas trees and Mr. Keller responded that the contractor can not take any vegetation and the residents need to dispose of the Christmas trees by themselves. He added that residents can take clean trees to the landfills.

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

Mr. Sobotka made a motion seconded by Mr. Hlubik to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Clayton
Township Clerk