

SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP
WORKSESSION MEETING AGENDA
MAY 7, 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. Proclamation – Zachery Snyder
6. Review of Department Reports
7. Review of Bills
8. Review Correspondence
9. Township Officials’ Business
 - County Road Program
10. Public Comment
11. Adjournment

**TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 7, 2015**

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

Mayor McDaniel led the salute to the Flag.

PROCLAMATION – ZACHERY SNYDER

Mr. Sobotka made a motion seconded by Mr. Hlubik to approve the proclamation. All were in favor. Motion carried.

REVIEW OF DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Mr. Sobotka stated that he has noticed increased speeds on Route 537 and he would like to see the police department do some speed monitoring on that road.

Mr. Sobotka made a motion seconded by Mr. Hlubik to hold the reports until next meeting. Mr. McDaniel asked if we found out any more information about the food handler licenses and Ms. Clayton advised Council that the County Health Department would still do inspections on food establishments within the Township whether the Township has a license or not. Council agreed to have Solicitor prepare an amendment this Ordinance so that a food handler license would no longer be required.

All were in favor. Motion carried.

REVIEW OF BILLS

Mr. Sobotka made a motion seconded by Mr. Hlubik to hold the bills until next meeting. All were in favor. Motion carried.

REVIEW OF CORRESPONDENCE

#1 – Correspondence from the NJ DEP regarding the Burlington County Landfill. Mr. Sobotka said that this is good news if they can keep the landfill open for another five years.

#2 – Correspondence from the NJ DOT regarding the 2015 Municipal Aid Program. Mr. McDaniel stated that the Township received a grant for Columbus-Jobstown Rd. but not for Neck Rd. Mr. Sobotka asked if we could do Neck Rd. through the County Road program.

#3 – Correspondence from Burlington County regarding the Emergency Asphalt shared service program. Mr. Keller stated it is strictly a milling and overlay program and there is no stripping involved. Council discussed Neck Rd. and Mr. McDaniel stated that we could try again next year for the State grant. Mr. Sobotka responded that there are some drainage issues but we have already applied four times to the NJDOT grant program for Neck Rd. and have been turned down each time. Mr. McDaniel said we have talked about Mt. Pleasant Rd. and Arneys Mt. Birmingham Rd. Mr. Keller expressed concern about whether the pricing the County is offering is the best price and also who will watch the contractor to make sure the work is done correctly because the County does not offer engineering or project management. Mr. Guzzi stated this program is usually cutting out a portion of the road and putting down a base and then asphalt. He added that if it is a smaller patch the price would be higher. Mr. Keller explained that the Township would deal directly with the contractor and they would give an estimate and the Township would pay the contractor directly. Mr. Marinello asked how it compares to the current bid prices and Mr. Guzzi stated that he could get those prices for a comparison. He added that he does not know how this contract takes into account the asphalt index and you would still need to check and make sure the measurements are okay. Mr. Guzzi stated that the bidder who was awarded the County contract is not a paving contractor but a general contractor as far as he knows. Mr. Keller stated that the contractor is currently in Burlington County and if we can make a decision now we can get the work done sooner rather than later. Mr. Keller asked who is going to watch the contractor to make sure the work is done properly. Mr. Guzzi added that he will email the comparison prices tomorrow.

TOWNSHIP OFFICIAL'S BUSINESS

Mr. Guzzi stated that on Jobstown-Juliustown Rd. the contractor should be out this month to repair the one section of the road and finish up some punch list items. Mr. Sobotka asked

what caused the problem and Mr. Guzzi responded they believe it was just a bad batch of asphalt. Mr. McDaniel asked if this was common and Mr. Guzzi responded that the severity of this problem is not typical.

Mr. Guzzi stated that the hold up with the current road project is determining the right of way in certain sections and also working with the County to get approval in areas where there is a County right of way. Mr. Guzzi added that as soon as those issues are cleared up he will have a bid package ready for Council review.

Mr. Guzzi stated that on Columbus-Jobstown Rd. he agrees that Island Rd. to Jacksonville-Jobstown Rd. is the worst area and if we are going to go up to Jacksonville-Jobstown Rd. we would need to figure out what is going on with realigning that intersection. Mr. Keller stated the estimate is over \$300,000 and the grant is only for \$196,000, so Council needs to decide if they only want to do only the portion of the road the grant covers and Council agreed to do only what the grant covers.

Mr. Sobotka made a motion seconded by Mr. Hlubik to accept the Engineer's report. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. Sobotka stated that the Recreation Committee is requesting approval to do a biological stream study May 17th at 1:30. Mr. Hlubik made a motion seconded by Mr. Marinello to approve this request. All in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. Sobotka stated that the County is holding a Memorial Day Service on Saturday, May 30th. Mr. Marinello asked if there is a reason we are not doing a Ceremony this year and Mr. Sobotka responded that he decided not to do the event this year. Mr. Marinello feels it is a worthwhile event and he will try and organize the event if Mr. Sobotka could supply him with the contacts information for parties who have participated in the past. Mr. McDaniel has always been supportive of the event but has not had much involvement with the organizing of the event. Mr. Marinello feels it is an event that the people in town look forward to and Mr. Sobotka has done a great job over the years so he is willing to take it over so the event can carry on. Mr. Marinello asked if Mr. McDaniel could check with the General to see if he would be able to make it.

Mr. Hlubik asked to discuss the plan to close Island Rd. in order for the County to construct their bike path. He added that he talked to the people working on the bridge on Island Rd. and they said that once it was repaired it would be able to be driven on. Chief Trout said Island Rd. has been opened to traffic already. Mr. Hlubik thinks that we should write a letter to the Freeholder Board to express that the Township is in opposition of closing the road. Mr. Keller stated that he thinks the County would need municipal consent since Island Road goes into two different municipalities.

Mr. Sobotka left the meeting at 8:22 P.M.

Mr. McDaniel was thinking about contacting the Governor's office because the County is saying they can't get DEP approval to build a bicycle path over that area so that is why they want to close that road. Mr. McDaniel stated that there is a precedent on Cedar Lane Ext. where they closed the road where a County bridge exists. Mr. Keller again stated that he does not feel that the County has the jurisdiction to do that and Mr. McDaniel suggested checking with Mr. Guest.

Mr. Hlubik asked about the incident with the Emergency Squad and Chief Trout responded that the Prosecutor's office is still investigating the situation and Mr. Keller stated that the Township will be taking over paying any bills that need to be paid. Mr. McDaniel stated that the

Township may want to do an audit and Mr. Keller responded that the Auditor recommended waiting until the County is done with their investigation because an audit may not be necessary. Mr. Hlubik asked whether the Township has any liability since the EMS is an independent organization and Mr. Keller responded that the Township does not. Mr. Marinello stated that the question would be whether the Township continues to support the organization since they do offer a service in the Township. Mr. Marinello stated that if we do an audit it would be of all the agencies the Township gives money to. Mr. McDaniel stated that even the organizational structure has problems because three of the four officers are related to the Chief of the EMS. Mr. Marinello asked if the Council could take administrative control and appoint people to those positions to prevent the current problems that exist with the structure of the organization. Mr. Keller thinks the Township has a perfect opportunity to do away with the organization and do a shared service since we are already giving them \$35,000 a year and Mr. McDaniel added that we are also buying an ambulance for them every once in a while too. Mr. Hlubik stated that you don't want to tarnish the whole group because of one individual and Mr. Marinello responded that he has lost confidence in the organizations ability to monitor the money. Mr. Marinello stated that he did it in the town he used to live in and it takes a great effort to fund raise and run the squad and this squad only has six active members and there is too much work for that small group of people.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Hearing no one 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 8:44 PM. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Clayton
Township Clerk