

SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP
WORKSESSION MEETING AGENDA
SEPTEMBER 3, 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. Resolutions
 - No. 2015-09-01 – Resolution Awarding a Contract for the 2015 Road Program
6. Review of Department Reports
7. Review of Bills
8. Review Correspondence
9. Township Officials' Business
10. Public Comment
11. Adjournment

**TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 3, 2015**

The meeting of the Springfield Township Council was called to order by Mayor McDaniel with Council Members John Hlubik, Anthony Marinello (arrived at 7:45 PM) and Peter Sobotka present. Member 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.

RESOLUTIONS

Motion made by Mr. Sobotka and seconded by Mr. Hlubik to approve Resolution No. 2015-09-01.

Mr. Sobotka asked if we could negotiate with the lowest bidder regarding the tree work and Mr. Guzzi responded that the law does not allow a municipality to do that. Mr. Guzzi recommended to the Manager to get other quotes and Mr. Keller stated that he has done that and we should be able to get a much lower price. Mr. Keller added that he is working on getting the price below the bid threshold.

Mr. Sobotka stated that he had talked to the Manager about a portion of Applegate Rd. and Mr. Keller responded that this area can probably be done as an extra and he will give Mr. Guzzi the details.

Mr. McDaniel asked if the intersection at Applegate Rd. and Mt. Pleasant will be cleaned up with this project and Mr. Guzzi responded that they can look at the possibility of removing the island that is at that intersection.

Mr. Sobotka asked if this would be completed by the end of the year and Mr. Guzzi responded that the goal would be to get it done this year and if awarded he would call contractor tomorrow. Mr. McDaniel asked if the tree work on Mt. Pleasant Rd. would need to be done before the paving and Mr. Guzzi responded that we would need to notify the contractor to do that portion last to allow time for the removal of the trees.

Mr. Marinello entered at 7:45 PM.

Mr. Marinello asked about the top portion of Arneys Mt. Birmingham Rd. and Mr. Guzzi responded that this was taken out of the final plan. Mr. Guzzi stated that the County came out with a shared service for an overlay and that Council was going to see if that road could be done as part of that shared service. Mr. Keller added that there were budget problems as well and there may not have been enough money unless we were able to get in on the County shared service opportunity. Mr. Marinello does not remember this road being taken out. Mr. Keller stated that before we went out to bid there was a discussion on which roads would be included and that was not part of that discussion. Mr. Keller added that Mt. Pleasant Rd. had to be added and wasn't part of the original program but because it had to be added there was not enough money to do Arneys Mt. Birmingham Rd. Mr. Keller stated we could ask for a price and do it as an alternate if we have enough money left. Mr. Guzzi responded that he would get a price from Arawak and the Township could then see if there is enough money to do this road as an add on to the project.

Mr. McDaniel said he is not totally convinced about alternate no. 1 and if it came down to alternate no. 1 and Arneys Mt. Birmingham Rd he would rather do Arneys Mt. Birmingham Rd. It was clarified that the motion on the current resolution is for the base bid and alternate 1 and alternate 2 is not part of the award. Mr. Sobotka asked if we don't award alternate 1 tonight can we award it later or if we award it can we take it out later. Mr. Guzzi responded that if you do not award alternate 1 tonight you would not be able to lock in that price and if you award it and then take it out later the contractor would still be entitled to a percentage of that portion of the project. Mr. McDaniel asked how we would add on Arneys Mt. Birmingham Rd. and Mr. Guzzi responded that it would be done as a change order. Mr. McDaniel asked if it is best to award alternate 1 and then if we want to do Arneys Mt. Birmingham Rd. instead it can be switched out for alternate 1 and Mr. Guzzi responded that you would probably be in a better situation. Mr. Keller asked if Council wanted to wait until next week and Mr. Guzzi said that we could do that and try to get some more information for next week. Mr. Guzzi added that he can do an estimate but would not be able to get an actual price from the contractor for next week's meeting.

There was discussion about whether that small portion of Jacksonville-Smithville Rd. was a County or Township right of way. Mr. Guzzi feels that it should be the County's road but they say they gave it to the Township but there is no back up to show who is responsible. Mr. Guzzi said the County would have had to take action to transfer it to the Township.

Mr. Sobotka made a motion seconded by Mr. Hlubik to rescind his motion to approve Resolution No. 2015-09-01. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. Marinello made a motion seconded by Mr. Sobotka to table the Resolution No. 2015-09-01 until next week. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. Sobotka asked if there is any way to get clarity on who owns that portion of Jacksonville-Smithville Rd. and Mr. Guzzi responded that we could do a title search but the County says they do not own it. Mr. Guzzi stated that he could look online to see when the County originally took ownership of that portion of road to get an idea of when it was paved. Mr. Guzzi added that asphalt prices are still dropping and we may have some extra money at the end of the project after the adjustment is made for the price of asphalt. Mr. Sobotka confirmed with the Engineer that it would not be tens of thousands of dollars for that adjustment and Mr. Guzzi agreed.

RESOLUTION 2015-09-01

RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR THE 2015 ROAD PROGRAM

Mr. McDaniel stated that there is a sink hole on Heritage by the storm drain and is it possible to throw stones in there and patch it and Mr. Guzzi responded that you could as an interim measure but it will sink again. Mr. McDaniel stated that the Township has these all over and they sit there with cones but don't seem to get repaired. Chief Trout stated that it is collapsed by the curb too and Mr. Guzzi responded that it sounds like a pipe and he could take a look at it.

Mr. Sobotka asked about Juliustown Park and Mr. Guzzi responded that some vehicles traverse down over the path and that is part of the problem. Mr. Guzzi added that the Manager has asked for some plans to pave the path and he just gave them to the Manager tonight and they could address the drainage there if it is paved.

REVIEW OF DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Mr. Sobotka asked about the B & B on Heritage Drive that was listed on the Zoning Officer's report and it was explained that the owner had it posted on the website Airbnb to rent rooms out and a violation was issued and the property has since been taken off that site. Mr. McDaniel stated that it was a concern in the neighborhood because there are different cars from out of state. Chief Trout stated that they have not had any problems at that address.

Council agreed to hold the reports until next week.

REVIEW OF BILLS

Mr. Sobotka asked about bill for Comcast for a trouble call and Chief Trout responded that there was a problem with one of the boxes and it has been corrected.

Council agreed to hold off on the bills until next week.

REVIEW OF CORRESPONDENCE

1. Letter from the NJ ABC regarding an application for a Winery License filed by Snow Angel Farms, LLC (262 Arneys Mt. Rd) – Chief Trout stated that this property is between Carty’s property and Birmingham Rd. on the left hand side. Council has not seen any vines there and Mr. Keller responded that they have not started the winery yet. He added that this is the first step and they may need some Site Plan approvals depending on what they are going to do with the buildings. Mr. Marinello asked if they have the land to have a winery on the property and do they qualify as a farm. Mr. Marinello stated that they are asking for the Township’s approval but we don’t know enough about it. It was discussed that the Township does not give approval, the state approves it and the Township can only make comment. Mr. Frank asked if we could get a copy of the application and Mr. Keller responded that he believes he may have a copy of the application and he definitely has an opinion from Mr. Guest regarding the matter. He added that Mr. Guest felt the property owners would be able to do it but would still be subject to Land Use Law. It was discussed that we should ask for an extension for comment.
2. Letter from the State DOT regarding Red Wing Airport- Council stated they have no problems with the airport.
3. Letter from Mr. Kaz, Superintendent of the Northern Burlington Regional School District – It was discussed that this was a late addition and Council would like to refer it to the recreation committee before action is taken.

TOWNSHIP OFFICIAL’S BUSINESS

Mr. McDaniel stated that he signed a contract with the bank for the house down the road that the Township would like to make affordable housing. Mr. Keller added that the environmental review is being done now. It was also discussed that there was a difference in valuation on the other property and Mr. Guest is working on that.

Mr. Sobotka stated that there was a fishing tournament in Ontario and a Springfield Township resident, Tom Vernacki, won the tournament.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Hearing no one 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 8:38 PM. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Clayton
Township Clerk