

SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP
WORKSESSION MEETING AGENDA
APRIL 7, 2016
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. Engineer's Report
6. Cross River Fiber
7. Review of Department Reports
8. Review of Bills
9. Review Correspondence
10. Township Officials' Business
 - Approval of Raffle License – Central Jersey Tractor Pullers' Assoc.
11. Public Comment
12. Adjournment

TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 7, 2016

The meeting of the Springfield Township Council was called to order by Mayor McDaniel with Council Members David Frank, John Hlubik, Anthony Marinello and Peter Sobotka present. 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 10, 2016:

- 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.

TOWNSHIP OFFICIAL'S BUSINESS

Mr. Sobotka said Recreation will be doing stream testing again this year at Specca's Farm. Mr. Hlubik made a motion seconded by Mr. Sobotka to approve the event. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. Sobotka made a motion seconded by Mr. Hlubik to approve the Raffle License for the Central Jersey Tractor Pullers' Association. All were in favor. Motion carried.

REVIEW OF CORRESPONDENCE

Council reviewed the proclamation for the Springfield EMS and suggested also including the Juliustown Emergency Squad which existed prior to Springfield EMS.

REVIEW OF DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Mr. McDaniel stated he was happy to see the report from Endeavor Squad. Mr. Sobotka asked if the response time could be included in the future. Council commented that zero calls were answered by mutual aid. Chief Trout stated that they have no problems and the service has been excellent so far.

Mr. Sobotka stated the tax collection rate is about the same as last year at this time.

Mr. McDaniel stated that he understands the Zoning Board granted a variance for a resident to park his commercial vehicles at his property. Mr. Sobotka added that the approval was conditioned on the trucks being kept in the garage.

Hold for next week.

REVIEW OF BILLS

Council agreed to hold the bills until next week.

TOWNSHIP OFFICIAL'S BUSINESS

Mr. McDaniel asked if anything was done yet as to the parking issue on Main St. Chief Trout responded it was being looked into now and Mr. Keller added that he has contacted the County to see if we need County approval since it is a County road. It was discussed that they could possibly put up the temporary no parking signs now but not the barriers and Mr. Keller added he would contact the Solicitor.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Guzzi stated that they are trying to get Arawak back out to finish the punch list for last year's work and the Township is still holding about \$100,000 and Arawak has said they would be back out next week.

Mr. Guzzi stated that this year's road program will include the Arney's Mt. Birmingham, the DOT grant for Cols-Jobs Rd and the realignment. Mr. Guzzi stated that he met with the County Engineer on Monday and made changes to that portion of the bid specs in accordance with that meeting on page C9. He stated that in general it would cut through the two lots the Township acquired and it curves in between the utility poles. An easement for utilities will need to be

provided if the Township moves forward with vacating part of Columbus-Jobstown Rd. Mr. Guzzi said the right of way is adequate enough for the bike path. Mr. Guzzi said he is waiting to hear back from the County on the process for getting County approval and if they require an access permit which would need to go before the County Planning Board that would really slow the process down. If everyone is happy with the alignment it will be sent to County Engineer, Soil Conservation and the DOT for approval and then advertise next month with award in June and project to be completed by the end of the summer. Mr. Sobotka would like the homes will be notified that Columbus-Jobstown Rd will be closed to local traffic only. Mr. Sobotka asked if the road would not be widened from municipal building to the realignment and Mr. Guzzi responded that this project would not include any work on Jacksonville-Jobstown Rd. Council discussed the direction of the bike path and Mr. Guzzi recommended holding off on the bike path for now.

Mr. McDaniel asked about the demolition that will need to be done on the two properties and Mr. Guzzi responded that it would be in the bid as part of the project not as an alternate. Mr. Guzzi added that before the Township demolishes anything they will need to make sure there are no tanks. Mr. Sobotka asked if holding off on the bike path would increase the cost of that project and Mr. Guzzi responded that it would not because the grading would be done so the bike path would just be a paving project. Mr. Sobotka asked why we are increasing the width of this bike path to 10 ft. and it was discussed that standards have changed since we completed the last bike path.

Mr. McDaniel asked about the time frame with the County approval and Mr. Guzzi responded that the County has been slow to respond and he added that it took a month to get a meeting with the County Engineer.

Mr. Sobotka asked what was decided about the easement and Mr. Guzzi responded that the roadway would be removed in that area and a swale would be there as well. Mr. Guzzi stated we can put a curve ahead sign there.

Mr. McDaniel asked about the trees and bushes and Mr. Guzzi responded that we were only clearing what is needed for this project and the rest should be left for the developer.

Mr. McDaniel asked about the well and septic and Mr. Guzzi stated they would abandon the septic systems and we could do either with the well. It was discussed that the one septic may be usable and it was discussed that they would leave the septic and let the developer decide.

Mr. Keller asked about curbing and Mr. Guzzi responded that it would be just at the intersection.

Mr. Sobotka made a motion seconded by Mr. Hlubik to approve the Engineer's report.

Mr. Marinello asked about the annex and Mr. Guzzi stated that a report has been submitted to replace that portion of the roof and truces and the estimate was approximately \$300,000. He added that a portion of the wall was pushed out when it collapsed. Mr. Keller stated that the MEL is involved and is going to send out an Engineer to review and we also submitted to FEMA for reimbursement as part of the snow storm. Mr. McDaniel asked if we could demo the building and put up a new building just for storage. Mr. Guzzi stated that there are other options and it can be discussed once we see how much money we get.

Mr. McDaniel asked about Arneys Mt. Birmingham Rd and Mr. Guzzi responded it was a full reconstruction on that portion of the road and there will be curbing for drainage purposes. Mr. Marinello asked about the driveways and Mr. Guzzi stated that the project calls for paving into

the driveways for the drainage. Mr. Marinello stated that currently the driveways are built up so the water does not run up the driveway and Mr. Guzzi responded that there will be a little of a hump at the driveway entryways to steer the water into the road. Mr. McDaniel asked about storm drains and Mr. Guzzi responded there is not really anywhere to go with storm drains. Mr. Guzzi added they can look at doubling up the inlets there because it ties into the County system. Mr. Marinello was thinking about a cross drain at the intersection and Mr. Guzzi stated that the answer is to catch the water before it gets to that intersection.

All in favor. Motion carried.

CROSS RIVER FIBER

Mr. Brody represents Cross River Fiber which is a utility that is regulated by the BPU. Mr. Brody stated that Cross River is in the process of building out a fiber telecommunication facility and the users are hospitals and medical centers mostly. They lease the fiber to the clients and the clients put the service on the fiber and maintain it themselves. They pay the utility companies for the use of the poles that are already there and that is why the approval is needed. This is a non-exclusive franchise so other telecoms can be approaching the Township as well. Mr. McDaniel asked if there is any benefit to the Township and Mr. Brody stated with the broadband being there it is a way to attract businesses and it does not cost the Township anything.

Mr. Marinello asked how a business connects to the broadband and Mr. Brody stated a regular business would not normally have the servers and equipment needed to light the fiber and manage it like the hospitals, radiology offices, etc. would. Mr. Marinello asked about governments and Mr. Brody stated that if the need was there schools and government entities could tie into it. Mr. Marinello asked if notification is sent out to businesses and Mr. Brody stated they do not notice the businesses. Mr. Marinello asked if the school could connect and Mr. Brody believes that they could. Mr. Marinello asked if they are just asking to drive through the township and connect to the poles that are already there and Mr. Brody responded that is correct.

Mr. McDaniel asked what is actually being connected and the area and Mr. Brody responded that hospital systems and medical facilities are using it to connect to each other as well as to data centers. Mr. McDaniel asked if we know what the process is with the BPU and Mr. Keller stated that it is a formality and even if the Township says no the BPU can still grant it.

Mr. Sobotka asked if it is only on utility poles or underground as well and Mr. Brody responded that it would be on poles. Mr. McDaniel asked what if a storm knocks a line down and Mr. Brody responded that they have to repair the line within 24 hours. He added that there is some elasticity and sometimes the pole can come down and the line stays in place. Mr. Brody also stated that on road projects like the one discussed earlier if it needed to be moved it would be the company's responsibility to move it at their own cost.

Mr. Sobotka made a motion seconded by Mr. Hlubik to approve Resolution No. 2016-04-01. All were in favor. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2016-04-01

RESOLUTION APPROVING RIGHT-OF WAY USE TO CROSS RIVER FIBER

WHEREAS, Cross River Fiber LLC ("Cross River Fiber"), seeks to place its telecommunication facilities aerially on existing utility poles or in an underground conduit in the Public Rights-of Way within the Township of Springfield for the purposes of owning,

constructing, installing, operating, repairing and maintaining a telecommunications system;
and

WHEREAS, Cross River Fiber was approved by the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities to provide local exchange and interexchange telecommunications services throughout the State;
and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 48:3-19 requires Cross River Fiber to obtain the consent of the Township of Springfield for the joint use of any existing utility poles; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 54:30A-124(a) provides that a municipality may not impose any fees, taxes, levies or assessments in the nature of a local franchise, right of way, or gross receipts fee, tax, levy or assessment against telecommunications companies but that a municipality may impose reasonable fees for actual services made by any municipal, regional or county governmental agency; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Township of Springfield and its citizens to grant consent to Cross River Fiber; and

WHEREAS, the consent granted is for the non-exclusive use of the Public Rights-of-Ways for the purpose of owning, constructing, installing, operating, repairing and maintaining a telecommunications system subject to the terms and conditions of the attached Use Agreement with Cross River Fiber.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED Township Council of the Township of Springfield that the Township of Springfield is hereby authorized to grant Cross River Fiber a non-exclusive use of the Public Rights-of-Ways for the purpose of owning, constructing, installing, operating repairing and maintaining a telecommunications system; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate this Resolution.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Hearing no comments, 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 8:47 PM. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Clayton
Township Clerk