

SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP  
WORKSESSION MEETING AGENDA  
OCTOBER 6, 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. Maria Sessa – JCPL tree trimming report
6. Review of Department Reports
7. Review of Bills
8. Review Correspondence
9. Township Officials’ Business
10. Public Comment
11. Adjournment

**TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING  
OCTOBER 6, 2016**

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. Council Member David Frank and Township Manager Paul Keller were absent.

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.

**JCP&L TREE TRIMMING REPORT**

Ms. Sessa stated that JCP&L completed the tree trimming out of the McGuire Substation and they were able to work with the residents of New Lisbon Rd to take care of that tree trimming.

Ms. Sessa stated that she met with the Police Chief and they now have a data base with all the polling places that are serviced by JCP&L. She added that in a big event these locations would be a priority. Ms. Sessa stated that they also have a list of residents who are on life support equipment and customers on well water. She stated that JCP&L restores the largest number of customers first as long as there are no issues at that substation. Mr. Marinello asked what happens if the repairs in Springfield are minor and could be done quickly but there is an area with a larger number of customers that will take longer to repair and Ms. Sessa responded that they do a review but even if they do the minor repair that does not always mean they will be able to get the service to that area.

Mr. Sobotka asked about the list of residents on life support and he wanted to know if that could be shared with our office and EMS and Ms. Sessa responded that the Chief as Emergency Management Coordinator already has that information.

Ms. Sessa stated they have had some issues while on properties to read the meters and she asked the Township to encourage the residents to sign up for alerts and they would be able to access information as to when employees will be in the neighborhood.

Ms. Sessa stated that they run tours of the distribution centers for officials so they can see first-hand how things work in an emergency.

Ms. Sessa mentioned that Mr. Frank had reached out about on pole that services a certain area and if the Township is looking at vacating the road a formal request would need to be made to the company then their engineering department would take a look at it.

Mr. McDaniel asked about JCP&L clearing the lines during a crisis so that local contractors can get the roads cleared. Ms. Sessa responded that they now have a road opening procedure after Hurricane Sandy that should speed that process along.

Mr. Marinello asked if Ms. Sessa knows if the current storm will impact this area and Ms. Sessa responded that at this time it does not appear that this area will be affected. Ms. Sessa added that if anything changes they will send out notice and they have Mayor's calls also to update Township officials.

## **ENGINEER'S REPORT**

Mr. Guzzi stated that the County has surprised them with some additional items that would significantly change the project and they have a meeting with the County scheduled for October 20<sup>th</sup>. He added that what the County is asking would require additional right of way from both the Township and Habitat for Humanity. He stated that one of the items was an acceleration and deceleration lane that was never discussed at any time or shown on the concept plan that the County gave to the Township. Mr. Marinello asked if the changes are not made does that mean we can't fix the road and Mr. Guzzi responded that we would need to get them to change their mind or abandon the project. Council discussed the lack of respect from the County Engineer's office.

Mr. McDaniel mentioned that the Township of Springfield is being recognized for their efforts in Affordable Housing on October 21<sup>st</sup> and the Burlington County Times is prepared to cover the event and he may have to decline the honor. Council discussed contacting the Freeholders and telling them that they are putting in jeopardy an affordable housing project. Council discussed

that the Township has made numerous requests about the speed limit in Jacksonville and they never respond or address that issue.

Mr. Guzzi stated that it would make this ultimately a four lane road. Mr. Guzzi added that this is more then what they did when the County realigned Smithville Road which is a very similar project.

Mr. McDaniel asked what would happen if the Township just built the road as originally designed and Mr. Guzzi responded that is a legal question.

Mr. Sobotka asked about the Engineering cost for this change and Mr. Guzzi responded about \$5,000 plus since the project was already bid out it would require a substantial change order. Mr. Guzzi also explained that the Township would need to obtain right of way from neighboring properties and if they do not agree to sell or give the right of way to the Township it would mean taking the property.

Mr. Sobotka asked about the right of way Ordinance we introduced and Mr. Guzzi recommended putting it on hold.

Mr. Marinello commented that it will be hard to trust the County when they realign the two county roads to a Township road, what kind of problems will there be then.

Mr. Guzzi stated that the contractor is coming out to replace the curbing on the Arney's Mount Rd. project but the inlet he would like to leave it where it is because the idea was that you would catch the debris in the first inlet and allow the water to get by that area.

Mr. Guzzi received the revised quote on the Juliustown Park project and he will send it over to Mr. Keller. Mr. Guzzi added that they will repave the front portion of the path and then spray the back path where the grass is coming through. He added that the gravel portion of the path would need to be maintained.

Mr. Guzzi stated that they should have the test results back for the railroad by next week.

Mr. McDaniel asked about the demolition and Mr. Guzzi responded that they are just waiting on a permit from the County to shut off PSE&G service to one of the structures.

Council discussed other options to the changes the County is requesting including making the road one way which may mean there is no need for an acceleration plan. Mr. McDaniel also suggested agreeing to the plan and do what we bid for now and agree to make the other improvements when the Township has the money. Mr. Guzzi responded that would not work because it would require other drainage work and site work.

Mr. McDaniel asked if there is an official document and Mr. Guzzi responded that they went to Engineering to keep it out of Planning Board review since there is no development going on at this time. Mr. Guzzi thinks the Planning staff might have gotten involved. Mr. Marinello would like to know who came up with the changes and is requiring this formally. Mr. Guzzi stated that we did make a change to the conceptual plan to reduce truck traffic by reducing the curbing radii.

## **REVIEW OF DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Mr. Sobotka commented that the money coming in from inspections is \$50,000 short from last year.

Council agreed to hold reports for next week.

**REVIEW OF BILLS**

Mr. Sobotka asked about the bill for uniforms and Ms. Clayton advised that two new part-time officers were hired to replace two that left. Council asked that a list of personnel be provided with the police monthly report.

Council agreed to hold the bills until next week.

**REVIEW OF CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Correspondence from the Planning Board regarding Farmland Preservation ATL.
2. Correspondence from Housing and Community Development regarding 2016 Outstanding Municipal Partner honor.
3. Letter from the County regarding Preliminary Approval for the farmland preservation of the Patel Farm at 182 George-Wrights Rd.
4. Memo regarding 2017 reorganization. It was discussed that Mr. Pettit did not wish to be reappointed so that will be an open position. Mr. Marinello stated that Ms. Melman is interested in being appointed again to Zoning Board.

Council discussed possibly changing the meeting dates.

**TOWNSHIP OFFICIAL'S BUSINESS**

Mr. Sobotka attended the Jacksonville Fire Co. open house on Saturday and the work on the generators has been started.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Hearing no comments, Mr. Sobotka made a motion seconded by Mr. Marinello to close public comment. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. Hlubik made a motion seconded by Mr. Sobotka to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Clayton  
Township Clerk