

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD
COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
7:30 PM
MARCH 14, 2018

1. Meeting called to order by the Mayor McDaniel
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. Minutes submitted for approval:
6. Public Comment on Agenda Items
7. Ordinances for Public Hearing:
 - No. 2018-02 – Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a Cap Bank (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)
8. Resolutions
 - No. 2018-03-01 – Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Certification Regarding Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decisions
 - No. 2018-03-02 – Resolution Introducing the Municipal Budget of the Township of Springfield, County of Burlington for the Fiscal Year 2018
 - No. 2018-03-03 – Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Developer’s Escrow Agreement
9. Monthly Reports Submitted for Approval
10. Bills Submitted for Approval
11. Unfinished Business
 - Route 206 and Wrightstown-Georgetown Rd. Proposed Convenience Store with Fuel Sales
12. Correspondence
13. Solicitor’s Report
14. Manager’s Report
15. Township Officials’ Business
 - Approval of a Raffle License – Mercer County Italian American Festival Assoc.
16. Public Comment*
17. Adjournment

**TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 14, 2018**

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

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 4, 2018:

- a. Posting written notice on the official bulletin board at the Municipal Building, Jobstown, NJ
- b. Transmitting written notice to the Burlington County Times and the Trenton 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.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Hearing no comments, Mr. Frank made a motion seconded by Mr. Hlubik to close public comment on agenda items. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. Frank made a motion seconded by Mr. Hlubik to add Mr. Klimkowski, Chief of the Jacksonville Fire Co. to the agenda. Mr. Klimkowski stated that the ambulance that the Township gave to the Fire Company as a loaner needs work and before the fire company invests the money they would like to see if the Township would sign the ambulance over to the fire company. Mr. Frank made a motion seconded by Mr. Sobotka to sell the ambulance to the Jacksonville Fire Co. for a dollar on the condition that the fire company does not hold excess surplus vehicles.

ORDINANCES FOR PUBLIC HEARING

Motion made by Mr. Frank and seconded by Mr. Hlubik to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2018-02. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Hearing no comments, motion made by Mr. Frank and seconded by Mr. Sobotka to close the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2018-02. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mr. Frank and seconded by Mr. Hlubik to adopt Ordinance No. 2018-02.

Roll Call: Mr. Frank – yes; Mr. Hlubik – yes; Mr. Marinello and Mr. Sobotka – yes.

ORDINANCE 2018-02

CALENDAR YEAR 2018

**ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS
AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK
(N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)**

WHEREAS, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S. 40A:4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget to 2.5% unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year’s final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and,

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and members of Township Council of the Township of Springfield in the County of Burlington finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2018 budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year’s final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and members of Township Council hereby determines that a 1.0% increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$26,386.65 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and members of Township Council hereby determines that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to the final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and members of Township Council of the Township of Springfield, in the County of Burlington, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY 2018 budget year, the final appropriations of the Township of Springfield shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14, be increased by 3.5%, amounting to \$92,353.28, and that the CY 2018 municipal budget for the Township of Springfield be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that any that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

RESOLUTIONS

Motion made by Mr. Frank and seconded by Mr. Sobotka to approve Resolution No. 2018-03-01. Mr. Morris stated that this is a State regulation that the Township must comply with. All were in Favor. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2018-03-01

AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CERTIFICATION REGARDING CONSIDERATION OF ARREST AND CONVICTION RECORDS IN EMPLOYMENT DECISIONS.

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5 as amended by P.L. 2017, c.183 requires the governing body of each municipality to certify that their local unit’s hiring practices comply with the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission’s “Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decisions Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964,” as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e et seq., (April 25, 2012) before submitting its approved annual budget to the Division of Local Government Services in the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Township Council have familiarized themselves with the contents of the above-referenced enforcement guidance and with their local unit’s hiring practices as they pertain to the consideration of an individual’s criminal history, as evidenced by the group affidavit form of the Township Council attached hereto;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Council of the Township of Springfield, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey hereby states that it has complied with N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5, as amended by P.L. 2017, c.183, by certifying that the local unit’s hiring practices comply with the above-referenced enforcement guidance and hereby directs the Clerk to cause to be maintained and available for inspection a certified copy of this resolution and the required affidavit to show evidence of said compliance.

Motion made by Mr. Frank and seconded by Mr. Sobotka to approve Resolution No. 2018-03-02. Roll Call: Mr. Frank – yes; Mr. Hlubik – yes; Mr. Marinello - yes; Mr. Sobotka – no. Motion Carried.

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD
COUNTY OF BURLINGTON
RESOLUTION 2018-03-02

A RESOLUTION INTRODUCING THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2018

BE IT RESOLVED that the following statements of revenues and appropriations shall constitute the Municipal Budget for the year 2018;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said Budget be published in the Burlington County Times in the issue of March 21, 2018.

The Governing Body of the Township of Springfield does hereby approve the attached as the Budget for the year 2018:

Motion made by Mr. Frank and seconded by Mr. Hlubik to approve Resolution No. 2018-03-03. Mr. Frank asked why we did not do a resolution to this affect with the developer for the other site. Mr. Frank made a motion seconded by Mr. Sobotka to amend the resolution to add both redevelopment companies. Mr. Sobotka asked if the time frame would be the same for the other site and Mr. Morris responded they both want to proceed quickly. All were in Favor. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2018-03-03

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A DEVELOPER’S
ESCROW AGREEMENT**

WHEREAS, the Springfield 206 Developers LLC wishes to commercially develop property located on the Township of Springfield Tax Map as Block 902, Lots 1-4; and

WHEREAS, the Developer has requested that the Township authorize certain Township officials to review and analyze this potential development; and

WHEREAS, the Developer has agreed to deposit monies in an escrow account to cover the costs of these professionals; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Springfield, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, that the attached Developer’s Escrow Agreement between the Township of Springfield and Springfield 206 Developers LLC be and the same is hereby approved, and the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute the attached Agreement;

MONTHLY DEPARTMENTAL REPORT

CLERK REPORT OF LICENSES

February 2018

Dog Licenses Issued 39
Licenses assessed late fee 32
Total Licenses Issued Year to Date -292
Kennel licenses sold this month 0
Replacement dog licenses sold this month - 0
Service Dog 0
Police Dog

Total amount collected \$568.00

**CONSTRUCTION OFFICIAL'S REPORT
February 2018**

Permit Fees	\$48,224.00
CCO Fees	1,150.00
Re-Inspection	50.00
Total	\$49,424.00

**TREASURER'S REPORT – CURRENT ACCOUNT
February 2018**

Year to Date Revenue	\$ 2,647,665.91
Year to Date Expended	\$ 616,537.37

**POLICE REPORT
FEBRUARY, 2018**

The Springfield Township Police Department responded to a total of **488** complaints. They are sorted in the following manner:

- 416 General Police Complaints
 - 0 Domestic Incidents
 - 3 Criminal Investigations
 - 22 MVAs
 - 19 Medical Emergencies
 - 23 Activated Alarms
 - 2 Abandoned 911 Calls
 - 3 Assists to Outside Departments
 - 2 Assists to Our Department
 - 76 Motor Vehicle Stops
 - 4 Arrests
 - 4 Warrants
 - 0 DWI
 - 0 Criminal

Tickets Issued: 63

Mileage 8720

Zoning Report

February 2018

Violations 3

**TAX COLLECTOR
JANUARY**

	<u>FEBRUARY</u>	<u>2018</u>
	<u>TAXES</u>	
2018	TAX PAYMENTS	\$ 1,730,935.11
PRIOR	TAX PAYMENTS	\$ 53,385.65
FUTURE	TAX PAYMENTS	\$ -
	INTEREST ON TAXES	\$ 5,151.50
	TOTAL TAXES	<u>\$ 1,789,472.26</u>
	<u>LIENS</u>	
MUNICIPAL LIEN	REDEMPTIONS	\$ 35,851.87
MUNICIPAL LIEN	RECORDING FEES COLL	\$ 8.00
MUNICIPAL LIEN	LIEN SEARCH FEES COLL	\$ 12.00
	TOTAL LIENS	<u>\$ 35,871.87</u>
	<u>MISC.</u>	
	200' LIST FEES	\$ -
	DUPLICATE TAX BILL FEES	\$ 100.00
	6% YEP	\$ 702.76
	6% YEP AT TAX SALE	\$ 694.63
	TAX SALE COSTS - PRIOR TO SALE	\$ 100.00
	TAX SALE COSTS - AFTER SALE	\$ 633.20
	RETURN (NSF) CHECK FEES	
	TOTAL MISC. PAYMENTS	<u>\$ 2,230.59</u>
	<u>RETURN ITEMS</u>	
	RETURNED CHECKS	\$ 1,200.79
	TOTAL	<u>\$ 1,200.79</u>

TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE MONTH:

\$ 1,826,373.93

**AMERICA EMERGENCY SQUAD, INC.
January 2018**

Total Calls Dispatched	8
Average Response time	9.61
Total Transports	3

**AMERICA EMERGENCY SQUAD, Inc.
February 2018**

Total Calls Dispatched	17
Average Response Time	11.44
Total Transports	12

**MUNICIPAL COURT
February 2018**

Monthly fines, Title 39 Split, Contempt of Court, Court Costs, Criminal Fines	\$8,845.15

Motion made by Mr. Frank and seconded by Mr. Hlubik to file the reports. All were in favor.
Motion carried.

BILL LIST

VENDOR	CHECK NO.	AMOUNT PAID
CURRENT		
Allegra	12241	\$199.00
Anderson Electric	12242	\$297.34
Bowman & Company LLC	12243	\$12,293.90
Burlington Cleaners	12244	\$352.45
County of Burlington	12245	\$150.00
Burlington Chevrolet	12246	\$72.00
Burlington County Treasurer	12247	\$7,382.19
Casa Payroll Services	12248	\$209.00
Comcast	12249	\$144.85
Constellation Newenergy Inc	12250	\$259.37
Continental Fire & Safety, Inc	12251	\$35.00
Courier Times, Inc.	12252	\$844.04
Denis C. Germano	12253	\$225.00

Eastern Armored Services, Inc.	12254	\$201.76
H. Eggleston & Son, LLC	12255	\$10,042.36
EMS Education	12256	\$100.00
Expel Exterminating Experts Inc.	12257	\$50.00
Garden State Removal Company	12258	\$7,149.91
General Chemical and Supply	12259	\$256.75
Heritage Business Systems Inc.	12260	\$150.00
Hurley's Auto Repair	12261	\$521.56
JCP&L	12262	\$1,486.59
Kelly Winthrop LLC	12263	\$35.00
National Time Systems, Inc.	12264	\$58.00
Networks Plus	12265	\$513.33
New Jersey American Water Co.	12266	\$258.94
NJ Motor Vehicle Services	12267	\$25.00
NJ State Assoc Chiefs of Police	12268	\$275.00
NJSHBP	12269	\$32,201.38
NJ League of Municipalities	12270	\$25.00
Northern Burl Cty Reg School	12271	\$366,643.00
Parker McCay, P.A.	12272	\$3,554.95
Pedroni Fuel Company	12273	\$1,243.67
Pitney Bowes Postage by Phone	12274	\$503.50
Martin Poinsett	12275	\$100.00
Protective Services Group Inc.	12276	\$186.00
PSE&G	12277	\$4,362.47
QC Laboratories	12278	\$135.33
Servicemaster Building Service	12279	\$295.00
Sirak Auto Supply, Inc.	12280	\$10.49
Springfield Township Board of Ed	12281	\$283,736.00
Staples Advantage	12282	\$390.28
Thomson Reuters-West	12283	\$945.00
Verizon Wireless	12284	\$574.20
Vital Communications Inc.	12285	\$542.48
W.B. Mason Co., Inc.	12286	\$6.59
Xtel Communications, Inc.	12287	\$406.61
Michael Vespasiano, Atty Trust	12288	\$2,978.76
J. Paul Keller	12289	\$570.05
EJA/Capacity Insurance	12290	\$5,423.00
DEVELOPERS ESCROW		
Clarke Caton Hintz, PC	7394	\$41.25
Dante Guzzi Engineering	7395	\$728.60
Denis C. Germano, Esq.	7396	\$232.50
RECREATION		
All About Appearance	7199	\$1,651.50
Main Street Awards	7200	\$210.00

N.B.I.A.A.	7201	\$1,543.57
DOG TRUST		
New Jersey Dept of Health	7209	\$73.80
COAH ACCOUNT		
Parker McCay, P.A.	7120	\$150.00
TOTAL		\$753,053.32

Mr. Frank made a motion seconded by Mr. Sobotka to pay the bills except the Attorneys. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. Sobotka made a motion seconded by Mr. Hlubik to pay the Attorneys. All were in favor, except Mr. Frank who abstained. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mr. Frank provided copies of the tax maps of both locations for redevelopment with the properties highlighted that should be considered in the redevelopment area. Mr. Frank explained which properties he included and the reason why. Council discussed adding block 2107 lot 1.

Mr. Frank stated that on the other side of Monmouth Road he used as boundries the preserved farms. Mr. Frank discussed some of the properties and added that he excluded block 2304.01 lot 5 because they just pulled a building permit for that lot. Mr. Morris added that if lot 5 is being developed it would not qualify as an area in need of redevelopment. Mr. Frank stated he will update the list. Mr. Frank made a motion seconded by Mr. Sobotka to approve Resolution No. 2018-03-04 to authorize the Planning Board to study to see if these lots and blocks should be designated as areas in need of redevelopment without the use of condemnation. It was discussed that the Planner needs to analyze these properties and present his report to the Planning Board as soon as possible.

Mr. Frank stated that for the list he prepared for the Route 206 area he included every property that was not preserved farm from Monmouth Rd south to Pemberton and North to Jacksonville Jobstown Rd. Mr. Frank asked if Mr. Hlubik would need to recuse himself since he owns property adjoining the redevelopment area and Mr. Morris responded he does not believe so because Mr. Hlubik will not benefit from it. Mr. Sobotka asked how calling this a redevelopment area affects the current businesses and Mr. Frank stated that there are numerous factors that can be taken into consideration other than blight for example you can have obsolete buildings. Mr. Sobotka asked if any of the properties owners may object and Mr. Frank said there is no reason to object because we are just looking at it and it doesn't mean all properties will be included or developed. Mr. Frank stated some of the properties owners may welcome it to improve their property with some of the benefits of redevelopment. Mr. Frank added it is intended to enable people not to obstruct them. Mr. Frank made a motion seconded by Mr. Hlubik to approve resolution No. 2018-03-05 asking the Planning Board to look at these properties for a condemnation redevelopment area. All in favor. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2018-03-05

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD DIRECTING THE TOWNSHIP PLANNING BOARD TO CONDUCT A PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE WHETHER BLOCK 901.01, LOTS 2.01, 2.02, 2.03, 4, 5, 6, 8.01, 8.02, 9 THROUGH 16, 17.01, 17.02, 19, 20, 21.02 AND 21.03, BLOCK 902 LOTS 1 THROUGH 5, BLOCK 903 LOT 1.02, BLOCK 1001 LOTS 5, 6, 9, 10 & 11.02, BLOCK 1101, LOTS 1 & 2 AND BLOCK 1201, LOTS 1.01, 1.02, 1.03, 2.01, 2.02, 2.03, 3.02, 33.01 AND 33.02 IS AN AREA IN NEED OF REDEVELOPMENT AS DEFINED IN N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-6

WHEREAS, The Township Council seeks to undertake a redevelopment effort within the Township; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-6 authorizes the governing body of any municipality, by Resolution, to have its Planning Board conduct a preliminary investigation to determine whether any area of the municipality is a redevelopment area pursuant to the criteria contained in N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-6; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council considers it to be in the best interest of the Township to have the Township Planning Board conduct an investigation regarding Block 901.01, Lots 2.01, 2.02, 2.03, 4, 5, 6, 8.01, 8.02, 9 through 16, 17.01, 17.02, 19, 20, 21.02 and 21.03, Block 902, Lots 1 through 5, Block 903 Lot 1.02, Block 1001 Lots 5, 6, 9, 10 & 11.02, Block 1101, Lots 1 & 2 and Block 1201, Lots 1.01, 1.02, 1.03, 2.01, 2.02, 2.03, 3.02, 33.01 and 33.02, which parcels are currently in private ownership, as described and delineated on the official Tax Map of the Township of Springfield; and

WHEREAS, such preliminary investigation will be designed to evaluate such area to determine where designation of these properties as an “area in need of redevelopment” is in conformance with statutory criteria and the Township’s efforts toward redevelopment, pursuant to the Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, a redevelopment determination shall authorize (but not require) the municipality to use all of the powers provided by the Legislature for use in a redevelopment area, including the power of eminent domain; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Council of the Township of Springfield, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey hereby authorizes and directs the Springfield Township Planning Board to conduct a preliminary investigation to determine whether the aforementioned parcels are an area in need of redevelopment according to the criterion set forth in N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-5;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Planning Board is hereby directed to study the aforementioned parcels, to develop a map showing the boundaries of the proposed redevelopment area, to provide public notice and conduct public hearings pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-6 and to draft a report/Resolution containing its findings;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-6, the redevelopment area shall authorize the municipality to use all those powers designated by the Legislature for use in a redevelopment area including the power of eminent domain (“Condemnation Redevelopment Area”) with respect to the following properties:

Block 901.01, Lots 2.01, 2.02, 2.03, 4, 5, 6, 8.01, 8.02, 9 through 16, 17.01, 17.02, 19, 20, 21.02 and 21.03,
Block 902, Lots 1 through 5,
Block 903 Lot 1.02,
Block 1001 Lots 5, 6, 9, 10 & 11.02,
Block 1101, Lots 1 & 2 and
Block 1201, Lots 1.01, 1.02, 1.03, 2.01, 2.02, 2.03, 3.02, 33.01 and 33.02

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the results of such investigation shall be submitted to the Township Council for review and approval in accordance with the provisions of the New Jersey Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq.; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:27BBB-23, a true copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the State Commissioner of Community Affairs, who shall have ten (10) days from the receipt thereof to veto this Resolution. All notices of veto shall be filed in the Office of the Municipal Clerk.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Morris stated that there is a request from Mr. Stevenson for an assignment of the municipal tax lien for a property located next to his and for consolidation of a lot that neither the Township nor himself owns. Mr. Morris asked if council is willing to entertain the assignment of the lien only since the Township can not consolidate two lots that they do not own or that Mr. Stevenson only owns one. Mr. Frank made a motion seconded by Mr. Sobotka to approve resolution 2018-03-06 to assign the tax lien if Mr. Stevenson pays the redemption amount. All were in favor. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2018-03-06

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ASSIGNMENT OF A TAX SALE CERTIFICATE FOR BLOCK 503, LOT 2.09 ON THE SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP TAX MAP

WHEREAS, State law requires that the owner of properties in New Jersey pay annual property taxes on the land which they own to fund municipal, school and county government operations; and

WHEREAS, the Township Tax Collector is responsible for the collection of taxes for the municipality, the local school district, the regional school district and the county; and

WHEREAS, the Township is required to pay one hundred percent of the taxes assessed on properties to the local school, regional school and the county regardless of whether the property owner pays the taxes; and

WHEREAS, the Township annually conducts tax sales in an attempt to recapture property taxes where a property owner has neglected to pay property taxes; and

WHEREAS, during a tax sale the majority of the available liens are purchased by investors and those remaining are struck off to the municipality leaving the taxes unpaid; and

WHEREAS, after the requisite time, the municipality could exhaust efforts to foreclose on such tax sale certificates and resell the lands to return them to productive use; and

WHEREAS, in the alternative, N.J.S.A. 54:5-113 authorizes a municipality to assign a tax sale certificates when a party expresses interest in acquiring the lands; and

WHEREAS, if assigned, the Township's tax lien would be paid in full, including interest up to the date of the assignment; and

WHEREAS, the party purchasing the tax sale certificate would be entitled to pursue foreclosure action, or in the alternative, would be entitled to all redemption costs and penalties from the

property owner if the tax sale certificate was redeemed; and

WHEREAS, the owner of Block 503, Lot 2.08 has sought access to the property located at Block 503, Lot 2.09 in Springfield Township to take action upon said property in an effort to abate issues from Lot 2.09 which are allegedly impacting Lot 2.08; and

WHEREAS, the Township's assignment of a tax sale certificate does not give ownership or access interests to the new lien holder but merely gives that owner the ability to pursue foreclosure toward eventually ownership; and

WHEREAS, as of the date of the drafting of this Resolution, the lien on Block 503, Lot 2.09 was \$11,248.08 which value includes principal, the redemption penalty, interest, recording fees and other fees and said amount increases by approximately \$4.14 per day; and

WHEREAS, the Township has reviewed the request and is willing to assign the tax sale certificate to the adjacent owner at Block 503, Lot 2 upon the condition that the owner will pay the amount now do and owing including all interest up to the date of assignment;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Springfield, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:5-113, the tax sale certificate on Block 503, Lot 2.09 (15-00004) be and is hereby assigned to the property owner of Block 502, Lot 2.08 upon the payment of principal, subsequent taxes, the redemption penalty, interest, recording fees and other fees in the approximate amount of \$11,248.08, which amount shall continue to gain interest at an approximate rate of \$4.14 per day;
2. The Township Administrator, Township Assessor, Township Collector and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary in the fulfillment of this resolution; and
3. The assignment of this lien sale certificate be properly recorded by the new owner of the certificate; and
4. This assignment does not grant and ownership or access interest in the property in question; and
5. The new tax sale certificate holder shall be entitled to pursue foreclosure pursuant to law.

SOLICITOR REPORT

Mr. Morris had nothing to add to his written report.

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

MANAGER'S REPORT

None.

TOWNSHIP OFFICIAL'S BUSINESS

Mr. Frank made a motion seconded by Mr. Hlubik to approve the Raffle license for the Mercer County Italian American Festival Association. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. Marinello stated that the response from JCP&L to the recent storm damage was dismal at best and a lot of people in the Township were without power until Saturday. Mr. Marinello added that there were roads blocked, wires down and trees down and there were no answers from JCP&L. Mr. Marinello stated he believes there were still parts of NJ that JCP&L services that are still do not have power.

Mr. Marinello went to the Mayor's legislative meeting today and municipalities are going to be in trouble and they were discussing shared services and we have nothing left here to share. Mr. Frank stated that there is a lot of money to save with a county police department for smaller towns like Springfield and Mr. Marinello responded that you would not have police service with a County police department, it would only be response policing. Mr. Frank asked what non-response police service the Township would have and Mr. Marinello responded that the State police was instituted to service rural municipalities and we should just go to the State police if that were the case. Mr. Frank asked what would happen if the State mandated a County police force and Mr. Marinello responded that we would have to do it and they may assign one officer to service all of the Northern Burlington area.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Hearing no comments, Mr. Frank made a motion seconded by Mr. Sobotka 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 8:40 PM. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Clayton
Township Clerk