

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD
COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
7:30 PM
MAY 9, 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:
April 11, 2018 Regular Session

6. Public Comment on Agenda Items
7. Resolution
No. 2018-05-01 – Resolution Authorizing the Release of Executive Meeting Minutes dated March 8, 2017, April 12, 2017, January 10, 2018, February 14, 2018 and February 28, 2018
8. Monthly Reports Submitted for Approval
9. Bills Submitted for Approval
10. Unfinished Business
11. Correspondence
12. Solicitor's Report
13. Manager's Report
14. Township Officials' Business
 - Approval of Raffle Licenses for Springfield Home and School Assoc.
 - Approval of Raffle License for Central Jersey Tractor Pullers Assoc.
15. Public Comment*
16. Adjournment

**TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 9, 2018**

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. Absent was David Frank. Also present were Township Manager Paul Keller and 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."

Mayor McDaniel led the salute to the Flag.

Mr. Sobotka made a motion seconded by Mr. Hlubik to approve the April 11, 2018 regular minutes. All were in favor except Mr. Marinello who abstained. Motion carried.

Mr. Sobotka made a motion seconded by Mr. Hlubik to add Endeavor Squad presentation to the agenda. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Chief Ekelburg stated that Endeavor answered 415 calls and about 61 percent of the calls were transports. He added the average response time was 10.05 minutes and they only received mutual aid for 8 calls out of 415. Chief Ekelburg stated that America Squad handled 231 calls for Springfield with 51.5 percent of those ending in transports and the average response time was 10.13 minutes. He added that America Squad only received mutual aid on four of the calls. Went over goals that were accomplished in 2017 for Endeavor and America Squad. Chief Ekelburg also went over the community events that the EMS attended in Springfield as well as the calls and care administered at the 2017 Farm Fair. Chief Ekelburg advised Council of the staff training for the year and strategic goals for both squad for 2018. Chief Ekelburg stated that Endeavor obtained Accreditation and he went over what that means and added that it is the gold standard for EMS. Chief Ekelburg discussed the billing process and stated that the bill is sent out to the primary and secondary insurance company if there is one. He added that there are three bills sent to the individual but if not paid they never send anyone to a collection agency. He stated the collection rate is about 33 percent.

Mr. Sobotka asked about the Beef and Beer scheduled for May 18th and Chief Ekelburg responded that this event will raise money to purchase equipment for the ambulances. Mr. McDaniel asked about the collection rate from Medicare and Medicaid and Chief Ekelburg responded that they have a set amount around \$75-100 per call. Chief Ekelburg added that insurance companies are different. Mr. Marinello asked if anyone ever pays a refusal fee and Chief Ekelburg responded that some insurance companies will pay that. Mr. Marinello asked about the EMS insurance coverage and Chief Ekelburg responded that they are not eligible for a JIF and they are considered a high risk field. He added that they have tried a lot of options to get into a JIF. Mr. Keller asked about pooling with other EMS agencies and Chief Ekelburg responded that they are now researching this option as well. Mr. Marinello stated that Council really appreciates the service that the EMS has provided. Mr. Marinello asked about the money that Springfield Township pays and Mr. Keller responded that we currently have a contract. Mr. Joe Conrey from Endeavor responded that the budget is 1.7 million a year and 10 percent comes from municipalities and 70 percent from insurance and 20 percent from fundraising. He added that if funding falls short the municipalities will be the first to know. Chief Ekelburg stated that the contract they have with Springfield is a good one and they appreciate working with the Township and residents of Springfield.

Tom Stevenson, Jacksonville asked if the EMS has any auxiliaries or volunteers and Chief responded that they do. Mr. Stevenson stated that he is a volunteer for the fire department in Jacksonville and he stated that EMS is very proactive and amazing. He also wanted to acknowledge Riley and Jesus for a call to his mother's residence.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

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

RESOLUTIONS

Motion made by Mr. Sobotka and seconded by Mr. Hlubik to approve Resolution No. 2018-05-01. Mr. Morris explained that these executive session minutes were already adopted but when

a request is made to release the documents the Solicitor should review them to make sure that there is nothing in the minutes that is pending or still need confidentiality. All were in favor. Motion carried.

MONTHLY DEPARTMENTAL REPORT

CLERK REPORT OF LICENSES

April 2018

Dog Licenses Issued 10
Licenses assessed late fee 5
Total Licenses Issued Year to Date -313
Kennel licenses sold this month 0
Replacement dog licenses sold this month - 0
Service Dog 0
Police Dog

Total amount collected \$183.00

TREASURER'S REPORT – CURRENT ACCOUNT

April 2018

Year to Date Revenue	\$ 4,417,552.02
<i>Year to Date Expended</i>	<i>\$ 1,472,460.47</i>

POLICE REPORT

APRIL 2018

The Springfield Township Police Department responded to a total of 567 complaints. They are sorted in the following manner:

443 General Police Complaints
3 Domestic Incidents
 2 Criminal Investigations
23 MVAs
 17 Medical Emergencies
17 Activated Alarms
3 Abandoned 911 Calls
3 Assists to Outside Departments
3 Assists to Our Department
105 Motor Vehicle Stops
 11 Arrests
 6 Warrants
 0 DWI

Tickets Issued:67

Mileage 8866

**TAX COLLECTOR
APRIL 2018**

TAXES

2018	TAX PAYMENTS	\$	1,525,972.19	
PRIOR	TAX PAYMENTS	\$	250.11	-
FUTURE	TAX PAYMENTS	\$	-	
	INTEREST ON TAXES	\$	751.75	
	TOTAL TAXES	\$	1,526,974.05	

LIENS

MUNICIPAL LIEN	REDEMPTIONS	\$	12,861.37	
MUNICIPAL LIEN	RECORDING FEES COLL	\$	8.00	
MUNICIPAL LIEN	LIEN SEARCH FEES COLL	\$	12.00	
	TOTAL LIENS	\$	12,881.37	

MISC.

200' LIST FEES	80.00
DUPLICATE TAX BILL FEES	15.00
TAX SEARCH	100.00
MISC	
TAX SALE COSTS - PRIOR TO SALE	
RETURN (NSF) CHECK FEES	\$
TOTAL MISC. PAYMENTS	\$ 195.00

RETURN ITEMS

RETURNED CHECKS	\$	2,936.63	
TOTAL	\$	2,936.63	-

TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE MONTH:

\$ 1,537,113.79



**AMERICA EMERGENCY SQUAD
APRIL 2018**

**Total Calls Dispatched 11
Average Response Time 8.84
Total Transports 7**

**ENDEAVOR EMERGENCY SQUAD, INC.
APRIL 2018**

Total Calls Dispatched 12
Average Response time 8.62
Total Transports 11

**ENDEAVOR EMERGENCY SQUAD, Inc.
March 2018**

Total Calls Dispatched 12
Average Response Time 9.45
Total Transports 7

**MUNICIPAL COURT
March 2018**

Monthly fines, Title 39 Split, Contempt of Court, Court Costs, Criminal Fines	\$9,130.70

**CONSTRUCTION OFFICIAL'S REPORT
MARCH 2018**

Permit Fees \$10,333.00
CCO Fees 850.00
Re Inspection Fees 00

TOTAL \$11,183.00
CONSTRUCTION OFFICIAL'S REPORT
APRIL 2018

Permit Fees	\$4,751.00
CCO Fees	800.00
Re-Inspection Fees	50.00
TOTAL	\$5,601.00

ZONING REPORT
March 2018

2 Violations
6 Zoning Applications

Motion made by Mr. Sobotka and seconded by Mr. Hlubik to file the reports.

Mr. Marinello asked about fleet management and Mr. Keller responded that that police are getting whatever vehicles they need and he believes they are getting two new ones this year.

Mr. Sobotka mentioned that the tax collection rate is up.

All were in favor. Motion carried.

BILL LIST

VENDOR	CHECK NO.	AMOUNT PAID
CURRENT		
Action Uniforms LLC	12343	\$1,540.00
America Emergency Squad	12344	\$7,825.00
Association of Muni Assessors	12345	\$150.00
Batteries Plus #498	12346	\$550.00
Burlington Cleaners	12347	\$125.75
Burlington County Treasurer	12348	\$427,897.11
Burlington County Treasurer	12349	\$8,910.32
Casa Payroll Services	12350	\$208.00
Comcast	12351	\$144.85
Constellation Newenergy Inc.	12352	\$258.84
Courier Times, Inc.	12353	\$227.44
Denis C. Germano, Esq.	12354	\$225.00
Eastern Amored Services	12355	\$201.76
H Eggleston & Son, LLC	12356	\$12,824.99
EJA Capacity Ins.	12357	\$940.00
Ford Motor Credit Company	12358	\$16,100.25
Galls/Quartermaster	12359	\$1,044.82
Garden State Removal Company	12360	\$7,149.91

GFOA of New Jersey	12361	\$90.00
Heritage Business Systems Inc.	12362	\$75.00
Herman's Trucking	12363	\$700.00
Hurley's Auto Repair	12364	\$817.18
Jacksonville Fire Company	12365	\$6,250.00
JCP&L	12366	\$1,446.73
J. Paul Keller	12367	\$612.32
Mansfield Township	12368	\$9,583.33
Mr. Bob Portabale Toilets	12369	\$1,431.98
National Time Systems Inc.	12370	\$58.60
Networks Plus	12371	\$513.00
New Jersey American Water Co	12372	\$255.90
New Jersey Camera&One Hr Photo	12373	\$365.00
NJSHBP	12374	\$32,201.38
Northern Burl Cnty Reg School	12375	\$366,640.00
Parker McCay, PA	12376	\$1,536.00
Pedroni Fuel Company	12377	\$1,825.83
Pitney Bowes	12378	\$150.00
Martin Poinsett	12379	\$100.00
Protective Services Group Inc.	12380	\$444.75
PSE&G	12381	\$4,284.31
R & R Radar, Inc.	12382	\$275.00
Sir Speedy	12383	\$70.75
Springfield Township Board of Ed	12384	\$283,736.00
State Toxicology Laboratory	12385	\$45.00
State of New Jersey-Treasury	12386	\$657.33
Staples Business Advantage	12387	\$46.69
Stokleys Inc.	12388	\$91.00
Tabernacle Townshlip	12389	\$200.00
Verizon Wireless	12390	\$573.10
Vital Communications, Inc.	12391	\$105.00
W.B. Mason Co., Inc.	12392	\$299.94
Xtel Communications, Inc.	12393	\$452.06

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Parker McCay, P.A.	7213	\$1,076.84
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CAPITAL FUND ACCOUNT

DEVELOPERS ESCROW

Denis C. Germano, Esq.	7401	\$1,252.50
Parker McCay, P.A.	7402	\$1,360.00

RECREATION

Columbus Agway	7205	\$115.40
BSN Sports LLC	7206	\$4,002.75
Shawn Fitzpatrick	7207	\$73.22

DOG ACCOUNT

New Jersey Dept. of Health	7212	\$24.00
OPEN SPACE TRUST		
Andrews Fence LLC	7153	\$11,400.00
H Eggleston & Son, LLC	7154	\$1,085.00
POLICE EXTRA DUTY		
Mansfield Township	7107	\$337.50
TOTAL		\$1,222,984.43

Mr. Keller asked that the bill list be amended to include the bill for the fence at the baseball field in Veteran’s park for approximately \$12,000 because it has been over two months since the work was completed and the contractor should be paid if he has not already. Mr. Sobotka made a motion seconded by Mr. Marinello to pay the bills as amended pursuant to the Manager’s recommendation. All were in favor. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. This correspondence advises the Council of what the Northern Burlington Regional School Districts splits are for each Township. Mr. Sobotka asked if anyone understands the chart provided and Mr. McDaniel responded it gives a breakdown of the percentages paid by each municipality. There was discussion of the disparity in the percentage between Springfield and North Hanover and how there is no contribution for military base students so even though they have more students from North Hanover there is no funding formula to include military kids. Mr. McDaniel stated there is an article in the Burlington County Times today about this issue.
4. Correspondence from the Historical Society stating they would like a community wide yard sale May 19th at the Jacksonville Community Center. Mr. Sobotka made a motion seconded by Mr. Marinello to approve the yard sale. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mr. Sobotka and seconded by Mr. Marinello to approve the raffle licenses for Springfield Township Home and School Association and for the Central Jersey Tractor Pullers Association. All were in favor. Motion

SOLICITOR REPORT

Mr. Morris had nothing to report.

MANAGER’S REPORT

Mr. Keller reported that the Annual Stormwater Management report was filed.

Mr. Keller stated that the Neck Road construction has been postponed until July so that school will be out when the project begins.

Mr. Keller reported that the Township will receive bids by the end of May for the Springfield Township Road Program which will include Juliustown-Georgetown Road, Gilbert Road, Oxmead Road, and Smithville Rd. Mr. Keller stated that Folwell Station will be a separate bid because it is a grant. Mr. Keller also stated that for the tree removal on Folwell Station Road they will be closing the road for about 3 days to expedite the project and the cost will be about \$9,000.

Mr. Marinello asked if Mr. Keller has addressed the notification process during storms and Mr. Keller responded that it has been addressed. Mr. Marinello asked about what can be done about communication with the utility companies and Mr. Keller responded this is an ongoing problem. Mr. McDaniel stated that these complaints exist all over the state. Mr. Marinello thinks the Township should keep raising the concerns. Mr. Sobotka stated that Ms. Sessa has responded to this numerous times and has advised Council that they concentrate on more populated areas first so it will probably not change.

Mr. Sobotka made a motion seconded by Mr. Marinello to approve the Manager's report.

TOWNSHIP OFFICIAL'S BUSINESS

Mr. Sobotka stated that Burlington County will be having their annual senior expo to May 10th at the Masonic Village.

Mr. Sobotka attended the tour of the recycling center and discussed with one of the members from the Freeholder's Board about the ban of the plastic bags and they advised him that this needs to be done at the municipal level. He provided an Ordinance from another New Jersey Township and added that he would like Council to consider such an Ordinance.

Mr. Sobotka went to an environmental meeting in Bordentown and would like to see a town wide yard sale.

Mr. Sobotka stated that the recreation committee is requesting a scoreboard at the baseball field in Veteran's Park where the new fencing has been installed and the cost would be about three to four thousand for just the scoreboard not including installation. Mr. Sobotka stated that there is \$17,000 set aside for use in that park and Mr. McDaniel asked about the cost of the electric installation. Council would like total cost and Mr. Sobotka reiterated that the recreation committee believes they can get contributions to pay the cost of the scoreboard and installation cost would be in addition to the three to four thousand. Mr. Sobotka is asking for permission to place the scoreboard in right field and Mr. McDaniel feels placement in right field would not be best because this is where the sun comes in so he would put it in left field even if the cost for electric service will be little more. Council agreed that they are okay with scoreboard in left field as long as the money can be worked out.

Mr. Sobotka asked about the grass cutting schedule and Mr. Keller responded that it is done as needed unless there is a special need or event. Mr. Sobotka stated that there are complaints about the grass around the dugout and Mr. Keller responded the grass was just done today.

Mr. Sobotka stated that at Juliustown Park the Recreation Committee is interested in placing a shed to be able to store supplies to care for the fields. Mr. Sobotka stated that he has a very active group of parents who want to promote baseball and he provided a price of about \$2,000 for the shed. Mr. Keller responded that they would need at least two quotes. Mr. Sobotka stated that he spoke to Mr. Eggleston and he felt a stone base should be fine and it would go past the field toward the bleacher.

Mr. Sobotka stated that the Recreation Committee has an online sale of shirts on their website. He added that this group of parents are very ambitious.

Mr. Sobotka stated there was a hearing about the warehouse being proposed in Mansfield. Mr. McDaniel stated that there was a traffic expert and the witness stated the trucks would be going through Jacksonville to get to the facility which is a concern to Springfield residents. Mr. McDaniel stated the Board continued the matter until next month. Mr. Sobotka would like the Council to send a letter to Mansfield that the Township opposes the trucks coming into the Township and the trucks should be directed to 295 instead. Mr. Hlubik stated that they are Count Road that the trucks would be travelling on and Mr. Marinello added that we would not have jurisdiction over weight limits on County roads. Mr. McDaniel stated that when they got the preliminary approvals nine years ago it was approved that the applicant would build a bridge to access 295 now they want to amend the plan to not have to build the bridge and have the truck traffic travel on Jacksonville-Hedding Road. Mr. Marinello asked if a Council Member could attend and represent the Council to voice the opposition. Mr. Marinello asked what legal ramifications Springfield would have if approved and Mr. Morris responded very little other than putting Springfield Township's objections on the record. Mr. Marinello stated we can send them a letter but our Council should also attend the meeting and voice the opposition. Mr. Marinello asked what the process would be if the amendments are approved and Mr. Morris responded that Springfield would not win on an appeal on a traffic issue. Mr. Morris stated that if the potential path is all County roads the Township would have no authority. Mr. McDaniel stated that you will still have traffic because it is anticipated that there will be about 700 employees whether the trucks are required to travel 295 or not. Mr. Sobotka made a motion seconded by Mr. Marinello to send a letter to Mansfield in opposition. Mr. Marinello and Mr. Sobotka voted in favor, Mr. McDaniel and Mr. Hlubik voted against. Motion did not carry.

Mr. Marinello stated that the Springfield Township Memorial Ceremony will be at 10 am on Memorial Day.

Mr. Sobotka also stated that the Recreation Committee is also doing a fundraiser at the Trenton Thunder.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Tom Stevenson, Jacksonville-Hedding Road would like to commend the Council Members who attended the meeting in Mansfield. Mr. Stevenson added that he is not happy that the Council is caving and allowing this project to go through because it affects the safety and property values of Township residents. Mr. Stevenson stated that the Township has the ability to go back over how the Township handled the County Resource Recovery Complex. The Township has an Ordinance to keep the traffic out of Springfield for the County Resource Recovery Complex and the County put up signs to direct traffic to 295 and the Township's police officers can issue tickets for trucks coming through the Township. Mr. Stevenson added that Florence has been impacted by traffic because of the Amazon center built there. Mr. Stevenson suggested that Council goes to NB Cares and talk to their attorney to get some guidance on sending an objection that will mean something and it has to go to the Freeholders as well as Mansfield because it will go to the County Planning Board for approval as well. Mr. Stevenson stated that every member of his family has had an accident on Hedding Road and also there was a fatality from a truck going off the road there too.

Benjamin Gabrysiak stated that Allied works to recycle plastic bags as discussed earlier by Mr. Sobotka and he would be willing to work with the Township to come up with a program and have a drop off at Allied for these types of bags. Mr. Marinello asked about TVs and Mr.

Gabrysiak responded that there is a \$40 cost for TVs and that is just a pass on cost because that is the cost for Allied to get rid of them. Other electronics are treated different.

Tim Walker, Jobstown would like to see a ban of plastic bags and he thinks that is a great idea. Mr. Sobotka stated that Long Beach Township has an Ordinance that went into effect on May 1st. Mr. Walker asked what problem it would cause if you banned plastic bags. Mr. Marinello asked how that would be enforced since at the Market there are many different vendors that bring their own bags and how would you enforce it without hiring more officers to enforce that. Mr. Sobotka asked how we handled the counterfeit problem out there and Mr. Marinello responded that we don't have officers at the Market to enforce that. Mr. Marinello feels it will cost the Township money because we would have to send more officers there to enforce that or we would have to pull officers off the street which would leave the rest of the Township without police coverage. Mr. Walker suggested putting in the Ordinance that the Market post signs and notify the vendors that rent spots that they cannot use bags.

Mr. Bucs, Jobstown is a big supporter of free enterprise and less Government regulation and he would encourage the Township to use laws already on the books and encourage businesses to address this issue. Mr. Bucs stated that as to the issue of the Mansfield warehouse maybe the Township can look at this issue as an enforcement issue that may generate revenue.

Mr. Walker, Jobstown stated that if the Ordinance is adopted you don't have to send more police but the Ordinance alone may cut down the usage even if by 10 percent that is progress. Mr. Walker feels that as to the Mansfield issue there are things we can do and Council should use their weight to object to this. Mr. Walker added the developers are going to make a lot of money so they should be forced to build the bridge as previously approved. Mr. Walkers feels this issue is worth fighting for.

Mr. Marinello asked if it is possible to contact the NB Cares attorney to come up with a strategy to fight the warehouse in Mansfield.

Mario Reeds, New Egypt suggested using inmates to do cleanup of garbage around the roadways and Mr. Marinello responded the County does it occasionally on their roads. Mr. Marinello stated that there is still a responsibility of the business generating the trash. Mr. Marinello stated it is very hard to catch someone littering.

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

Mr. McDaniel stated that with the Mansfield warehouse situation he is just as concerned but the question is how to deal with it. Mr. McDaniel stated that he is working on getting results in his own way.

Mr. Sobotka made a motion seconded by Mr. Hlubik to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 9:29 PM. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Clayton
Township Clerk