

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD
COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
7:30 PM
DECEMBER 9, 2020

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. Minutes submitted for approval:
 - November 11, 2020 Regular Session
6. Public Comment on Agenda Items
7. Resolutions
 - No. 2020-10-05 – Resolution Adopting Remote Public Meeting Procedures During a Declared Emergency (Tabled from 10/14/2020)
 - No. 2020-12-01 – Resolution of the Township of Springfield Making Certain Further Adjustments in the Tax Collector’s Records and Accounts (Block 601, Lot 3.04, 1349 Jacksonville Smithville Rd)
 - No. 2020-12-02 – Resolution Authorizing Transfers Between Budget Appropriations
 - No. 2020-12-03 – Resolution of the Township Council of Springfield Awarding Tow Contracts for 2021-2023
8. Monthly Reports Submitted for Approval
9. Bills Submitted for Approval
10. Unfinished Business
 - Food Truck Ordinance
11. Correspondence
12. Solicitor’s Report
13. Manager’s Report
14. Public Comment*
15. Executive Session
 - No. 2020-12-04 – Resolution Providing for a Meeting Not Open to the Public in Accordance with the Provisions of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 (Contracts:2021 Professional services)
16. Township Officials’ Business
 - Future borrowing for Capital Projects
17. Adjournment

**TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 9, 2020**

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 were 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 6, 2020:

- 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. Frank to approve the November 11, 2020 regular session as amended. All in favor. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Dunker needed a resolution of support for the Revolutionary War Reenactment event being held on December 19, 2020.

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

Frank made a motion seconded by Mr. Sobotka to send a resolution of support to the County in support of the Revolutionary War March which will be Resolution Non. 2002-12-05. All were in favor. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2020-12-05

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING REVOLUTIONARY WAR MARCH AT PETTICOAT BRIDGE

WHEREAS, Eric Orange, Burlington County Historian and the Revolutionary War Alliance are planning a Revolutionary War March at Petticoat Bridge on December 19, 2020 from 9 AM to 10 AM; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this event is to bring awareness of the importance of the battle at Petticoat Bridge in anticipation of the 250 anniversary of the American Revolution in 2025; and

WHEREAS, the planned route for the march is from Petticoat Bridge, South on Petticoat Bridge Road, West on Jacksonville-Jobstown Road to Copany Meeting House then West to Jacksonville Park for a short presentation; and

WHEREAS, the Springfield Township Historical Society is supporting and participating in the event; and

WHEREAS, Springfield Township Council wishes to promote and support this event and feels it will be a benefit to Springfield Township residents and bring awareness of Springfield Township's role in the Revolutionary War; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Springfield, County of Burlington and State of New Jersey, that it supports the Revolutionary War March at Petticoat Bridge; and

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Springfield Township Police Department will offer assistance on the route of the march to ensure both vehicle and pedestrian safety.

RESOLUTIONS

Motion made by Mr. Sobotka and seconded by Mr. Frank to approve Resolution No. 2020-10-05. All were in favor. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2020-10-05

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING REMOTE PUBLIC MEETING PROCEDURES DURING A DECLARED EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the Division of Local Government Services recently released emergency regulations establishing standard protocols for remote public meetings held by a local public body during a Governor-declared emergency; and

WHEREAS, Local Finance Notice 2020-21 was released on September 24, 2020, to accompany and further explain the new regulations promulgated by the Division of Local Government Services; and

WHEREAS, these regulations include provisions concerning notice, public comment, and minimum requirements for remote meeting technologies, to ensure continuity of government operations and transparency in conducting public business when an emergency requires a governing body to meet remotely; and

WHEREAS, the regulations further require a local public body to adopt by resolution standard procedures and requirements for public comment period during a remote public meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council desires to establish and adopt said procedures attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Council of the Township of Springfield, County of Burlington and State of New Jersey, hereby adopts Remote Public Meeting Procedures during a Declared State of Emergency attached hereto as Exhibit A.

Springfield Township Remote Public Meeting Procedures during a Declared State of Emergency

Meetings

Public meetings of Springfield Township are currently conducted through electronic means only. In-person public meetings remain the default during a declared emergency. Room capacity restrictions pursuant to Federal and/or State guidelines shall be followed for in-person meetings. A hybrid public meeting model may be employed as necessary. Zoom® or similar electronic meeting systems (hereinafter “Zoom”) shall be the electronic communication platform used as the public’s remote access option for public meetings, to facilitate the public’s participation in Springfield Township’s local government business without physical attendance during a declared state of emergency requiring physical distancing limitations. The decision on which platform to use shall consider, among other things, the security of the system, the technology requirements for potential participants, ease of use and price considerations.

Notice of Meetings

Supplemental meeting notices, which include clear and concise instructions for accessing the meetings remotely, means for making public comment and where relevant documents, if any, can be found, are advertised on the township website, www.springfieldtownshipnj.org, mailed to each person who has requested copies of the regular meeting schedule, posted on the official bulletin board of the municipal building, and posted on the main door of the municipal building– viewable from the outside.

Technology & Procedural Matters

Remote Meeting Platform

When Zoom is available, the access phone number and computer link for the specified meeting will be available, at a minimum, one week prior to the public meeting or at the time notice is provided to the official newspaper for a Special or Emergency Meeting. Members of the public attending the meeting remotely may make public comment via Zoom during the meeting. Comments sent via chat on Zoom will not be accepted and will not be made part of the record/minutes.

Public Comments Submitted Prior to Meeting

The public may submit questions or comments via e-mail to clerk@springfieldtownshipnj.org no later than 4pm on the day of the scheduled Council meeting. The public may also submit public comments in written letter form to the municipal building located at 2159 Jacksonville Jobstown Road, Jobstown, NJ 08041, which must be received no later than 4pm the day of the scheduled Council meeting.

Previously submitted public comments shall be considered as part of the correspondence section of the meeting agenda.

Public Comments & Conduct from Remote Participants

The procedures and requirements for making public comment, along with an explanation of the audio muting function of the Zoom platform being used, will be announced by the Township Clerk at the beginning of the remote public meeting. The Township Council may have a dialogue with all commenters to the extent permitted by Zoom technology. All participants must keep their microphones muted until directed otherwise. The Clerk will also engage the Zoom Meeting mute function until such time for public comments. Prior to any in-person members of the public engaging in public comment, each remote participant will be unmuted in turn and asked to state his/her name and home address before making comment. The Clerk will manage the order of the remote participants’ comments.

If a member of the public becomes disruptive during a remote public meeting, including during any period for public comment, the Clerk shall mute or continue muting the disruptive member of the public and warn that continued disruption may result in their being prevented from speaking during the remote public meeting or removed from the remote public meeting. Disruptive conduct includes, but is not limited to, sustained inappropriate behaviors such as, but not necessarily limited to, shouting, interruption, and use of profanity. Time permitting, the disruptive individual shall be allowed to speak after all other members of the public have been given the opportunity to speak. Should the person remain disruptive, the individual may be muted or kept on mute for the remainder of the remote public meeting, or removed from the remote public meeting.

Presentations or Documents

All documents made available to the public in hard copy format will be available prior to the meeting for download. Documents will be available at www.springfieldtownshipnj.org in addition to the Meeting Agenda and Remote Meeting Instructions.

Motion made by Mr. Sobotka and seconded by Mr. Frank to approve Resolution No. 2020-12-01 as amended. Mr. Frank asked that the name be changed to read first name then last name and no abbreviation of road names. All were in favor. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2020-12-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD MAKING CERTAIN FURTHER ADJUSTMENTS IN THE TAX COLLECTOR'S RECORDS AND ACCOUNTS

WHEREAS, GREGORY & LYNSEY OBRIEN has requested a refund of an overpayment made on the 4TH quarter of the 2020 taxes on Block 601 Lot 3.04 AT 1349 Jacksonville-Smithville Rd; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector's office respectfully requests for the Township Council to approve a refund of \$2,263.69 to GREGORY & LYNSEY OBRIEN , 1349 JACKSONVILLE-SMITHVILLE ROAD, BORDENTOWN, NJ 08505.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Springfield Township Council that the Treasurer is hereby authorized to issue a check for \$2,263.69 to GREGORY & LYNSEY OBRIEN and that a certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Tax Collector.

Motion made by Mr. Sobotka and seconded by Mr. Frank to approve Resolution No. 2020-12-02. Mr. Frank asked about money going to and from Construction salaries and wages and Ms. Clayton explained that it is going to Construction O&E not salaries and that has already been corrected. Mr. Frank asked about the transfer into salaries and Mr. Keller explained that this year there are 27 instead of 26 pay which is not budgeted for because it happens only every 7 years so it is difficult to budget that way. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 2020-12-02
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TRANSFERS BETWEEN BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS**

WHEREAS, transfers are permitted between budget appropriations during the last two months of the fiscal year;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Springfield, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, that transfers between 2020 budget appropriations be made as follows:

| Account Description | From | To |
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| Construction-Salaries & Wages | \$ 9,000.00 | |
| OEM-Other Expenses | \$ 5,000.00 | |
| Animal Control-Other Expenses | \$ 1,900.00 | |
| Gasoline | \$11,000.00 | |
| Trash Disposal | \$15,000.00 | |
| Defined Contribution Retirement Plan | \$ 1,600.00 | |
| Recycling Carts/Bkts | \$ 4,000.00 | |
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| Council-Salaries & Wages | | \$ 1,000.00 |
| Clerk-Salaries & Wages | | \$ 3,000.00 |
| Planning-Salaries & Wages | | \$ 400.00 |
| Zoning-Salaries & Wages | | \$ 300.00 |

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| Construction-O&E | | \$ 2,800.00 |
| Group Insurance | | \$ 5,000.00 |
| Police-Salaries & Wages | | \$35,000.00 |

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| TOTALS | \$47,500.00 | \$47,500.00 |
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Motion made by Mr. Sobotka and seconded by Mr. Hlubik to approve Resolution No. 2020-12-03. All were in favor. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2020-12-03

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF TOWING CONTRACTS
IN THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD**

WHEREAS, there is a need for the Township of Springfield to have a list of towers to be utilized in the Township of Springfield; and

WHEREAS, the Springfield Township Police Department has reviewed and submitted the names of the applicants that were deemed eligible and ineligible; and

WHEREAS, the listed eligible applicants will be called on a rotating basis.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Council of the Township of Springfield, County of Burlington and State of New Jersey that:

The Springfield Township Council hereby awards contract with below listed applicants effective January 1, 2021:

1. Bill's Towing
2. Flynn's Towing
3. Haines Towing
4. Johnson's Towing
5. Mark Allen's Towing

The Springfield Township Council hereby finds the following applicants ineligible for the reasons stated below:

1. Risoldis Towing for the late submission of their application and for the failure to provide Certified New Jersey Driver Abstracts, criminal history checks, vehicle registration, and vehicle insurance policies.
2. USA Towing for the failure to provide updated criminal history checks.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute an agreement for said towing services for the 2021 calendar year.

**CLERK REPORT OF LICENSES
November 2020**

Dog Licenses Issued 2
 Licenses assessed late fee 0
 Total Licenses Issued Year to Date -270
 Kennel licenses sold this month 0
 Replacement dog licenses sold this month - 0
 Service Dog 0
 Police Dog

 Total amount collected \$24.00

**TREASURER'S REPORT - CURRENT ACCOUNT
November 2020**

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| Year to Date Revenue | \$12,782,577.87 |
| Year to Date Expd. | \$3,670,180.18 |
| Available Revenue | \$9,112,397.69 |

**TAX COLLECTOR
NOVEMBER, 2020**

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| | <u>TAXES</u> | |
| 2020 | TAX PAYMENTS | \$ 1,027,330.37 |
| PRIOR | TAX PAYMENTS | \$ - |
| FUTURE | TAX PAYMENTS | \$ 11,338.89 |
| | INTEREST ON TAXES | \$ 5,467.84 |
| | TOTAL TAXES | <u>\$ 1,044,137.10</u> |

LIENS

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| MUNICIPAL LIEN | REDEMPTIONS | |
| MUNICIPAL LIEN | RECORDING FEES COLL | |
| MUNICIPAL LIEN | LIEN SEARCH FEES COLL | |
| | TOTAL LIENS | <u>\$ -</u> |

MISC.

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| 200' LIST FEES | \$ 20.00 |
| DUPLICATE TAX BILL FEES | \$ 20.00 |
| TAX SEARCH | |
| MISC | |
| TAX SALE COSTS - PRIOR TO SALE | |
| RETURN (NSF) CHECK FEES | |
| TOTAL MISC. PAYMENTS | <u>\$ 40.00</u> |

RETURN ITEMS

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| RETURNED CHECKS | \$ 1,694.48 |
| TOTAL | <u>\$ 1,694.48</u> |

TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE MONTH:

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| \$ 1,042,482.62 |
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RETURN ITEMS

RETURNED CHECKS \$ 1,300.00
TOTAL \$ 1,300.00

TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE MONTH:

\$ 1,587,548.26

CONSTRUCTION OFFICIAL'S REPORT

November 2020

Permit Fees \$8,057.00
CCO Fees 400.00
Total \$8,457.00

**MUNICIPAL COURT
OCTOBER 2020**

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| Monthly fines, Title 39 Split, Contempt of Court, Court Costs, Criminal Fines | \$2,839.16 |
| POAA Monies Public Defender | -- |
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**ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT
November 2020**

Violations – 2
Court Summons 2

**POLICE REPORT
NOVEMBER 2020**

The Springfield Township Police Department responded to a total of 432 complaints. They are sorted in the following manner:

307 General Police Complaints
1 Domestic Incidents
8 Criminal Investigations
30 Motor Vehicle Accidents

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| 25 | Medical Emergencies |
| 14 | Activated Alarms |
| 11 | Abandoned 911 Calls |
| 3 | Assists to Outside Departments |
| 1 | Assists to Our Departments |
| 30 | Motor Vehicles Stops |
| 2 | Arrest |
| 0 | Warrant |
| 0 | DWI |
| 2 | Criminal |

Tickets Issued: 10 Mileage 7554

ENDEAVOR EMERGENCY SQUAD
OCTOBER 2020

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| Total Calls for the Month | 16 |
| Average Response Time | 12.22 |
| Total Transports | |

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

Mr. Sobotka asked about the shortage in Court revenue and how that will affect the budget and Mr. Keller responded that we won't know the impact until we do budget and whatever is collected in 2020 would be what we are allowed to anticipate next year. It was discussed that Court since April has been slow because of COVID-19 and everyone is asking for payment plans this year. Mr. Morris also mentioned with the legalization of marijuana and the potential passage of legislation next year has also had an impact on Court revenue. It was also mentioned that COVID-19 also had an impact on tickets written during the highest numbers of COVID-19 cases in the spring and we are seeing that trend again with numbers of COVID-19 cases climbing.

All were in favor. Motion carried.

BILL LIST

| VENDOR | CHECK NO. | AMOUNT PAID |
|-----------------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| CURRENT | | |
| Act Engineers, Inc. | 13928 | \$160.00 |
| Allied 100 LLC | 13929 | \$46.95 |
| Burlington Cleaners | 13930 | \$83.70 |
| Burlington County Treasurer | 13931 | \$3,927.09 |
| Burlington County Treasurer | 13932 | \$20,252.62 |
| Casa Payroll Service | 13933 | \$375.00 |
| Patricia A Clayton | 13934 | \$15.98 |
| Comcast | 13935 | \$187.29 |
| Courier Times, Inc. | 13936 | \$242.62 |

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| Direct Energy Business | 13937 | \$10.99 |
| Eastern Armored Services, Inc. | 13938 | \$62.96 |
| Eurofins QC Inc. | 13939 | \$135.00 |
| Exotic Lanadscape Design & Cons. | 13940 | \$6,765.36 |
| Garden State Removal Company | 13941 | \$7,261.66 |
| Heritage Business Systems Inc. | 13942 | \$150.00 |
| Herman's Trucking | 13943 | \$168.00 |
| Hurley's Auto Repair | 13944 | \$977.93 |
| JCP&L | 13945 | \$1,460.66 |
| Juliustown Volunteer Fire Co. | 13946 | \$25,831.00 |
| J. Paul Keller | 13947 | \$779.01 |
| Kyle McManus Associates LLC | 13948 | \$863.00 |
| Mount Holly Township | 13949 | \$5,000.00 |
| National Time Systems, Inc. | 13950 | \$129.50 |
| Networks Plus | 13951 | \$772.00 |
| New Jersey American Water Co. | 13952 | \$270.87 |
| NJSHBP | 13953 | \$27,033.52 |
| Northern Burlington Cnty Reg School | 13954 | \$305,106.42 |
| Parker McCay, PA | 13955 | \$5,090.00 |
| Phoenix Advisors LLC | 13956 | \$1,050.00 |
| Pitney Bowes Postage by Phone | 13957 | \$201.00 |
| Martin Poinsett | 13958 | \$100.00 |
| PSE&G | 13959 | \$2,779.83 |
| Raymond Coleman Heinold, LLP | 13960 | \$900.00 |
| R.R. Donnelley | 13961 | \$31.50 |
| R W Tire Corp. | 13962 | \$130.00 |
| Sirak Auto Supply, Inc. | 13963 | \$26.92 |
| Sprague Operating Resource LLC | 13964 | \$1,191.23 |
| Springfield Township Board of Ed | 13965 | \$275,280.00 |
| Staples Business Advantage | 13966 | \$445.15 |
| Stevenson Supply Co., Inc. | 13967 | \$235.43 |
| Treasurer, State of New Jersey | 13968 | \$580.00 |
| Verizon Wireless | 13969 | \$622.05 |
| Vital Communications Inc. | 13970 | \$210.00 |
| W.B. Mason Co., Inc. | 13971 | \$448.85 |
| Xtel Communications, Inc. | 13972 | \$831.55 |
| Gregory and Lynsey Obrien | 13973 | \$2,263.69 |

DEVELOPERS ESCROW

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| ACT Engineers | 7529 | \$640.00 |
| Environmental Resolutions, Inc. | 7530 | \$1,413.00 |
| Kyle McManus Assoc LLC | 7531 | \$781.00 |
| Parker McCay, P.A. | 7532 | \$80.00 |
| Rayond Coleman Heinold LLP | 7533 | \$120.00 |

COAH ACCOUNT

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| Kyle McManus Associates, LLC | 7243 | \$2,904.50 |
| Parker McCay, P.A. | 7244 | \$507.00 |

CAPITAL FUND ACCOUNT

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| Earle Asphalt Company | 7274 | \$361,795.68 |
| Environmental Resolutions Inc. | 7275 | \$12,495.63 |
| Home DepotCredit Services | 7276 | \$2,696.77 |
| John M. Trout | 7277 | \$7,583.23 |

OPEN SPACE

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| Exotic Landscape Design & Cons | 7193 | \$2,789.64 |
| Mr. Bob Portable Toilets | 7194 | \$145.00 |

DOG ACCOUNT

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| New Jersey Dept of Health | 7255 | \$8.40 |
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TOTAL \$1,094,446.18

Ms. Clayton asked Council to add a payment payable to JM Trout Contractors for \$9,083.23 for improvements in the building. Mr. Sobotka made a motion seconded by Mr. Frank to pay the bills with the addition of \$9,083.23 payable to JM Trout Contractors. Mr. Keller explained to Council the improvements that are being made to the building which would allow the building to open during COVID-19 and also provide extra security in the building. All were in favor. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Food Truck Ordinance-Council agreed to introduce in this Ordinance in January. Mr. McDaniel asked for the section stating that a "food truck should not operate within 300 feet of a restaurant" to be amended to add "without the consent of the owner". He feels that the restaurant owner should have the right to decide if they want a food truck to be allowed to park at their establishment.

Mr. McDaniel asked about the no stopping or standing signs for Jacksonville and Ms. Clayton responded they were ordered.

CORRESPONDENCE

#1& 3 Correspondence from the Department of Transportation. Mr. McDaniel state that the Township received a grant for Petticoat Bridge Road but not for the Mt. Pleasant Rd project.

#2 was corresponded from another municipality regarding affordable housing and Mr. Sobotka thinks the resolution covers the issues Springfield has been expressing. Mr. Morris expressed that he does not feel that Springfield should prepare a resolution stating they have an issue with producing affordable housing and Mr. Frank does not like the tone of this resolution either. Mr. Sobotka stated he feels someone needs to bring changes to affordable housing and Mr. Frank responded this does not seem the best way and he feels the way we are handling it with trying to show that certain lands such as lands with prime soils should not be used in the calculation of a town's obligation. Mr. Morris stated that does not feel adopting a similar resolution is a good idea and he would suggest working on the strategy that Council has been discussing.

Motion made by Mr. Frank and seconded by Mr. Sobotka to file the correspondence. All in favor. Motion carried.

SOLICITOR REPORT

Mr. Morris stated he provided a privileged memo for Council for discussion at a later date.

Motion made by Mr. Sobotka and seconded by Mr. Frank to accept the Solicitor's report. All were in favor. Motion carried.

MANAGER REPORT

Mr. Keller had nothing to report.

Mr. McDaniel stated the County used the Township's property at the corner of Monmouth and Jacksonville-Jobstown Road and they did not completely clean up the area. Mr. Keller will look into this and resolve with the County.

Motion made by Mr. Frank and seconded by Mr. Sobotka to accept the Manager's report. All were in favor. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Bucs, Paddock Dr. offered congratulations to Council Member Elect Mr. Eaton.

Mr. Bucs asked about the reenactment event discussed earlier and Mr. Dunker explained the event was not advertised by would include twenty reenactors. He that the event would begin at Petticoat Bridge with some staging then a march up Jacksonville Road then by the Meeting House and on to the park in Jacksonville with staging there. After the reenactors would drive to Mt. Holly where there will be activities at various places in Mt. Holly. Mr. Dunker added that this event is low key and is meant to bring some attention to the 250 anniversary which will come up in 2025.

Mr. Bucs stated that there was talk of work being done at municipal building to allow for the building to open and have in person meetings. Ms. Clayton responded not for public meetings at this time just to be able to safely open building for normal business.

Mr. Bucs asked if Springfield received notice for the vacancy on the Northern Burlington School Board and if so what form the notice was. Ms. Clayton responded that she recalls receiving something regarding the vacancy which was posted on the website.

Mr. Bucs asked about amount of revenue received for marijuana violations. Mr. Keller stated that at the end of the year the Township looks at Municipal Court revenue for budgeting purposes but not as to specific violations jut the revenue overall. Mr. McDaniel shared there is a deficit overall for the Court revenue at this time but that may go up with December's numbers.

Mr. Crocker, JCP&L introduced himself and advised Council he is available to answer any questions for the company. Mr. McDaniel explained Mr. Crocker took over for Ms. Sessa who retired. Mr. Crocker has shared emails with Mr. McDaniel about various items. One issue was double poles and the issue seems to be that comcast still has to remove their lines then all three poles can be removed. He stated the low wire low across the road issue has been taken care of today. The third issue was looked at by the foreman and that as well appears to be Comcast wires and he asked if the Township could get in touch with Comcast. Mr. McDaniel

explained that the low hanging wires are all on Georgetown-Juliustown Road. Mr. Sobotka thanked Mr. Crocker for the work done on Applegate Rd to prevent power from going out on a consistent basis.

Mr. Eaton wanted to thank Council Member Hlubik for his service over the years and added that he will have big shoes to fill.

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

Mr. Frank made a motion seconded by Mr. Sobotka to move Township official's business up now so public can participate without waiting for executive.

TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS BUSINESS

Mr. Frank stated there seems to be a septic system on Folwell Station Road discharging into the road and Mr. Keller responded he will look at it and address it.

Mr. Sobotka stated the annual tree lighting is this Friday at 7 pm and there are various fund raisers that will be going on and people can check the Springfield School foundation website for information.

Mr. McDaniel went over some critical roads that need attention now and Mr. Keller stated you would need another million dollars of borrowing and we should have the ability to borrow next year at a reasonable rate. Mr. Keller stated we can prepare an ordinance to introduction in the beginning of the year to get a jump on the projects in the springtime/summertime. Mr. Frank asked what are we looking at as to the impact on the tax levy for borrowing one million dollars and Mr. Keller stated we will also be retiring debt but he believes that with the amount we are retiring every year it should be a wash. Mr. Keller can have this looked at and give a report to Council later. Mr. Frank thinks we should introduce in January and get a report on the most immediate roads in need of repair. Mr. Keller stated the worst roads are Petticoat Bridget and Mt. Pleasant and Mr. Frank asked what is the order after those two roads. Mr. Frank feels in the last 4-5 years we have picked off the worst roads. Mr. Sobotka is in favor of getting that Bond Ordinance introduced and getting the engineer to report on the roads that are an immediate need. The drainage issue on Warner Rd. was discussed and that there is not too much that can be done and we just have to keep the water off the surface of the roadway.

Mr. Hlubik congratulated Mr. Frank and Mr. Eaton on their election victory. He added that it has been a pleasure to work with the other members of council and support personnel and he wishes Mr. Eaton and Council the best. Mr. Sobotka thanked Mr. Hlubik for his time on Council. Mr. Hlubik thanked Mr. Eaton and Mr. Sobotka for their kind words.

Mr. Frank made a motion seconded by Mr. Sobotka approve Resolution No. 2020-12-04. All were in favor. Motion carried. Mr. McDaniel advised the public that formal action may be taken after executive session, public were placed back in waiting room and Council entered into executive session at 8:46 PM.

RESOLUTION 2020-12-04

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR A MEETING NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE NEW JERSEY OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 allows for a Public Body to go into closed session during a

Public Meeting, and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of Springfield Township has deemed it necessary to go into closed session to discuss certain matters which are exempted from the Public; and

WHEREAS, the regular meeting of this Governing Body will reconvene;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of Springfield Township will go into closed session for the following reason(s) as outlined in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12:

_____ Any matter which, by express provision of Federal Law, State Statute or Rule of Court shall be rendered confidential or excluded from discussion in public (Provision relied upon: _____);

_____ Any matter in which the release of information would impair a right to receive funds from the federal government;

_____ Any matter the disclosure of which constitutes an unwarranted invasion of individual privacy;

_____ Any collective bargaining agreement, or the terms and conditions of which are proposed for inclusion in any collective bargaining agreement, including the negotiation of terms and conditions with employees or representatives of employees of the public body (Specify contract: _____);

_____ Any matter involving the purpose, lease or acquisition of real property with public funds, the setting of bank rates or investment of public funds where it could adversely affect the public interest if discussion of such matters were disclosed;

_____ Any tactics and techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public provided that their disclosure could impair such protection;

_____ Any investigations of violations or possible violations of the law;

Any pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiation in which the public body is or may become a party. Any matters falling within the attorney-client privilege, to the extent that confidentiality is required in order for the attorney to exercise his ethical duties as a lawyer (If pending or anticipated litigation, the matter is:) (If _____ contract negotiation the nature of the contract and interested party is: 2021 Professional Contracts)

Under certain circumstances, if public disclosure of the matter would have a potentially negative impact on the Township's position in the litigation or negotiation, this information may be withheld until such time that the matter is concluded or the circumstances no longer present a potential impact);

_____ Any matter involving the employment, appointment, termination of employment, terms and conditions of employment, evaluation of the performance, promotion or disciplining of any specific prospective public officer or employee or current public officer or employee employed or appointed by the public body, unless all individual employees or appointees whose rights could be adversely affected request in writing that such matter or matters be discussed at a public meeting (Subject to the balancing of the public's interest and the employee's privacy rights under *South Jersey Publishing*, 124 N.J. 478, the employee(s) and nature of discussion is:);

_____ Any deliberation of a public body occurring after a public hearing that may result in the imposition of a specific civil penalty upon the responding party or the suspension or loss of a license or permit belonging to the responding party as a result of an act of omission for which the responding party bears responsibility;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Council hereby declares that its discussion of the aforementioned subject(s) may be made public at a time when the Township Attorney

advises the Township Council that the disclosure of the discussion will not detrimentally affect any right, interest or duty of the Township or any other entity with respect to said discussion. That time is currently estimated as the time of said matter. (Estimated date: upon authorization by the Township Solicitor) or upon the occurrence of Litigation resolved);

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Council, for the aforementioned reasons, hereby declares that the public is excluded from the portion of the meeting during which the above discussion shall take place and hereby directs the Township Clerk to take the appropriate action to effectuate the terms of this resolution.

Council returned to public session at 9:12 PM and there was no one from the public present.

Mr. Sobotka a motion seconded by Mr. Hlubik to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 9:13 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Clayton
Township Clerk