

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD  
COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA  
7:30 PM  
MAY 11, 2022

1. Meeting called to order by the Mayor
2. Reading of the Sunshine Notice
3. Salute to the Flag
4. Roll Call: Mr. Eaton, Mr. Frank, Mr. Marinello, Mr. McDaniel, Mr. Sobotka
5. Minutes submitted for approval:
  - April 27, 2022 Work and Executive Sessions
6. 2022 Budget
  - a. No. 2022-05-01 – Resolution Authorizing 2022 Municipal Budget by Title Only
  - b. No. 2022-05-02 – Resolution Conducting Annual Budget Self-Examination
  - c. Public Hearing on the 2022 Budget
  - d. No. 2022-05-03 – Resolution to Adopt 2022 Municipal Budget
7. Public Comment on Agenda Items
8. Ordinances for First Reading
  - No. 2022-04 – Bond Ordinance Providing for Various Capital Improvements in and by the Township of Springfield, in the County of Burlington, New Jersey, Appropriating \$900,000 Therefor and Authorizing the Issuance of \$855,500 Bonds or Notes of the Township to Finance Part of the Cost Thereof
9. Ordinances for Public Hearing
  - No. 2022-03 – Ordinance Authorizing the Purchase of Block 301, Lot 4.01, Commonly Known as 1245 Old York Road
10. Resolutions
  - No. 2022-05-04 – Resolution of the Springfield Township Council Appointing a Risk Management Consultant to Burlington County Joint Insurance Fund
11. Monthly Reports Submitted for Approval
12. Bills Submitted for Approval
13. Unfinished Business
14. Correspondence
15. Solicitor’s Report
16. Manager’s Report
  - 2023 NJ DOT Grant Applications
17. Township Officials’ Business
18. Public Comment\*
19. Adjournment

**TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING  
MAY 11, 2022**

The meeting of the Springfield Township Council was called to order by Mayor Marinello with Council Members Mr. Eaton, Mr. Frank, Mr. McDaniel and Peter Sobotka present. Also present were Manager Paul Keller, CFO Yolaika Gonzalez 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 5, 2022:

- 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 Marinello led the salute to the Flag.

Mr. Sobotka made a motion seconded by Mr. Frank to approve the April 27, 2022 work and executive session minutes. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mr. Frank and seconded by Mr. Sobotka to approve Resolution No. 2022-05-01. Roll Call: Mr. Eaton – yes; Mr. Frank – yes; Mr. McDaniel – yes; Mr. Sobotka – yes and Mr. Marinello – yes. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-05-01**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING 2022 MUNICIPAL BUDGET  
TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S. 40A:4-8 provides that the budget be read by title only at the time of the public hearing if a resolution is passed by not less than a majority of the full governing body, providing that at least one week prior to the date of hearing a complete copy of the approved budget as advertised has been posted in the municipal building and copies have been made available by the Clerk to persons requiring them; and

**WHEREAS**, these two conditions have been met;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the budget shall be read by title only.

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Motion made by Mr. Frank and seconded by Mr. Sobotka to approve Resolution No. 2022-05-02. Mr. McDaniel stated we rely on the CFO’s certification and have never had a problem in the past. Roll Call: Mr. Eaton – yes; Mr. Frank – yes; Mr. McDaniel – yes; Mr. Sobotka – yes and Mr. Marinello – yes. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 2022-05-02**

**TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD  
COUNTY OF BURLINGTON**

**RESOLUTION CONDUCTING ANNUAL BUDGET SELF-EXAMINATION**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A.40A:4-78b has authorized the Local Finance Board to adopt rules that permit municipalities in sound fiscal condition to assume the responsibility, normally granted to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, of conducting the annual budget examination; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C.5:30-7 was adopted by the Local Finance Board of February 11, 1997; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C.5:30-7.2 through 7.5 the Township of Springfield has been declared eligible to participate in the program by the Division of Local Government Services, and the Chief Financial Officer has determined that the Township of Springfield meets the necessary conditions to participate in the program for the 2022 budget year;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Springfield that in accordance with N.J.A.C.5:30-7.6a & b and based upon the Chief Financial Officer's certification the governing body has found the budget has met the following requirements:

1. That with reference to the following items, the amounts have been calculated pursuant to law and appropriated as such in the budget:
  - a. Payment of interest and debt redemption charges
  - b. Deferred charges and statutory expenditures
  - c. Cash deficit of preceding year
  - d. Reserve for uncollected taxes
  - e. Other reserves and non-disbursement items
  - f. Any inclusions of amounts required for school purposes
2. That the provisions relating to limitation on increases of appropriations pursuant to N.J.S.A.40A:4-45.2 and appropriations for exceptions to limits on appropriations found at N.J.S.A.40A:4-45.3 et seq. are fully met (Complies with the "CAP" law.)
3. That the budget is in such form, arrangement, and content as required by the Local Budget Law and N.J.A.C.5:30-4 and 5:30-5.
4. That pursuant to the Local Budget Law:
  - a. All estimates of revenue are reasonable, accurate and correctly stated.
  - b. Items of appropriation are properly set forth.
  - c. In itemization, form, arrangement and content the budget will permit the exercise of the comptroller function within the municipality.
5. The budget and associated amendments have been introduced and publicly advertised in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Local Budget Law, except that failure to meet the deadlines of N.J.S.A.40A:4-5 shall not prevent such certification.
6. That all other applicable statutory requirements have been fulfilled.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services upon adoption.

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Motion made by Mr. Frank and seconded by Mr. Sobotka to open the public hearing on the 2022 budget. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. Pantano 7 Huntington Drive stated that he would like a budget presentation instead of just looking at a PDF that that the Township currently provides on the website because you can't search that document. Mr. Frank responded that unfortunately this is the format that the budget document is produced. Mr. Pantano would like to see a more user friendly PDF or document.

Hearing no one further for public comment on the 2022 budget Mr. Frank made a motion seconded by Mr. Sobotka to close the public hearing. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mr. Frank and seconded by Mr. Sobotka to approve Resolution No. 2022-05-03.

Roll Call: Mr. Eaton – yes; Mr. Frank – yes; Mr. McDaniel – yes; Mr. Sobotka – yes and Mr. Marinello – yes. Motion carried.

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD  
COUNTY OF BURLINGTON  
RESOLUTION 2022-05-03

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT 2022 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Springfield, County of Burlington, that the budget herein before set forth is hereby adopted and shall constitute an appropriation for the purposes stated of the sums therein set forth as appropriations, and authorization of the amount of \$2,825,215.20 for municipal purposes and \$77,675.00 for Open Space, Recreation, Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund Levy.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

Mr. Frank made a motion seconded by Mr. Sobotka to open public comment on agenda items. All were in favor. Motion carried

Mr. Roberson, 296 Main St. asked what kind of term is the Township looking for with the bond in terms of years and Mr. Keller responded that we don't know but usually begins with temporary financing to start then it is based on the useful life of the improvements

Mr. Roberson asked if an appraisal has been done on Old York Road yet and Mr. Frank responded no.

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.

**ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING**

Mr. Frank made a motion seconded by Mr. Sobotka to introduce Ordinance No. 2022-04 on first reading.

Mr. McDaniel stated that this authorizes the bonding but does not obligate the Township to spend the money. Mr. McDaniel advised public of the amount of the bond and the items included in the bond.

Roll Call: Mr. Eaton – yes; Mr. Frank – yes; Mr. McDaniel – yes; Mr. Sobotka - yes and Mr. Marinello – yes. Motion carried.

#### **ORDINANCE 2022-04**

**BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$900,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$855,500 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF.**

#### **ORDINANCES FOR PUBLIC HEARING**

Motion made by Mr. Frank and seconded by Mr. Sobotka to open the public hearing on Ordinance 2022-03. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. Pantano, 7 Huntington Drive, asked if there is any documentation on the plan. Mr. Morris responded that the Township is still going through the due diligence period for the property. Mr. Morris added that this Ordinance authorizes the purchase of the property but does not obligate the purchase if due diligence does not come back to support development. Mr. Morris additionally stated that the Township Council decided it would be better to have control of the property instead of allowing the developer to possibly develop the 220 units they were suggesting in builder's remedy suit. Mr. Frank added that if purchased the Township would just put affordable housing units instead of an inclusionary development which would mean many more houses with only a portion being affordable housing. Mr. Frank added council is constrained on commenting due to litigation.

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

Motion made by Mr. Frank and seconded by Mr. Sobotka to adopt Ordinance No. 2022-03 on final reading.

Mr. McDaniel stated that this authorizes the purchase but does not obligate the Township to purchase the property and he added that the purchase is contingent on due diligence.

Roll Call: Mr. Eaton – yes; Mr. Frank – yes; Mr. McDaniel - yes; Mr. Sobotka – yes and Mr. Marinello - yes. Motion carried.

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 2022-03**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF BLOCK 301, LOT 4.01, COMMONLY KNOWN AS 1245 OLD YORK ROAD**

**WHEREAS**, the property owner of Block 301, Lot 4.01, of Springfield Township's Tax Map, commonly known as 1245 Old York Road ("1245 Old York Road"), filed a builder's remedy suit against Springfield Township ("Township") seeking to construct 220 low and moderate income housing units; and

**WHEREAS**, after review of the property owner's proposal, the Township determined such a large development would be contrary to the traditional hamlet-style community with small, distinct clusters of homes; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township remains committed to fulfill its affordable housing obligations pursuant to the

Mount Laurel Doctrine, but intends to do so in a manner consistent with the traditional hamlet-style development, which integrates the Township's dominant agricultural uses, preserved farmlands, and overall rural lifestyle; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township has determined it can implement this rural, hamlet-style design to provide low and moderate income housing on the 1245 Old York Road property, especially since the Township has successfully completed small, centralized, and more appropriate development consistent with the community's configuration; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township seeks to acquire 1245 Old York Road to develop affordable housing, contingent upon the appropriate due diligence and planning and engineering analysis regarding the property.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED**, by the Township Council of the Township of Springfield, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to execute all documents necessary for the acquisition of Block 301, Lot 4.01, commonly known as 1245 Old York Road, upon approval by the Township Solicitor's Office; and

**BE IT FURTHER ENACTED**, upon execution of the Agreement of Sale, the Township Engineer, in coordination with the Deputy Mayor, is authorized to perform due diligence at 1245 Old York Road.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

Motion made by Mr. Frank and seconded by Mr. Sobotka to approve Resolution No. 2022-02-04. Mr. Keller stated that our current Risk Manager has been bought out but this resolution acknowledges that change but the terms of the contract remain the same otherwise. All in favor. Motion carried.

### **RESOLUTION 2022-05-04**

#### **A RESOLUTION OF THE SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP COUNCIL APPOINTING A RISK MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT TO BURLINGTON COUNTY MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND**

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of Springfield Township is a member of the **Burlington County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund**, a self insurance pooling fund, and;

WHEREAS, the Bylaws of said Fund allow each municipality to appoint a RISK MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT to perform various professional services as detailed in the Bylaws and;

WHEREAS, the JIF Bylaws indicate a fee not to exceed six percent (6%) of the municipal assessment which expenditure represents reasonable compensation for the services required and was included in the cost considered by the governing body and;

WHEREAS, NJSA 40A:11-5 (1) (m), specifically exempts the hiring of insurance consultants from competitive bidding as an extraordinary unspecifiable service; and

WHEREAS, the experience, knowledge of public insurance and risk management issues and judgmental nature required of a Risk Management Consultant's are clearly an extraordinary unspecifiable service which therefore render competitive bidding impractical;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the governing body of Springfield Township does hereby appoint Barclay Insurance Group/Steve Walsh as its Risk Management Consultant in accordance with 40A:11-5 and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the governing body is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Consultant's Agreement annexed hereto and to cause a notice of this decision to be published according to NJSA 40A:11-5 (1), (a), (i).

## **MONTHLY DEPARTMENTAL REPORT**

### **CLERK REPORT OF LICENSES April 2022**

Dog Licenses Issued 2

Licenses assessed late fee 1  
 Total Licenses Issued Year to Date -207  
 Kennel licenses sold this month 0  
 Replacement dog licenses sold this month - 0  
 Service Dog 0  
 Police Dog 0

Total amount collected \$30.00

**TREASURER'S REPORT – CURRENT ACCOUNT  
 April 2022**

Year to Date Revenue	\$ 4,838,897.93
Year to Date Expd.	\$ 1,473,770.99
Year to Date Net Income	\$ 3,365,126.94

**TAX COLLECTOR  
 APRIL 2022**

**TAXES**

<b>2022</b> TAX PAYMENTS	\$ 1,627,556.19
PRIOR TAX PAYMENTS	\$ 15,963.65
FUTURE TAX PAYMENTS	\$ -
INTEREST ON TAXES	\$ 2,719.25
<b>TOTAL TAXES</b>	<b>\$ 1,646,239.09</b>

**LIENS**

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

**MISC.**

200' LIST FEES	\$ 10.00
DUPLICATE TAX BILL FEES	\$ 5.00
TAX SEARCH	
MISC	
TAX SALE COSTS - PRIOR TO SALE	
RETURN (NSF) CHECK FEES	
<b>TOTAL MISC. PAYMENTS</b>	<b>\$ 15.00</b>

**RETURN ITEMS**

RETURNED CHECKS	\$ 2,841.92
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 2,841.92</b>

**TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE MONTH:**

<b>\$ 1,643,412.17</b>
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**CONSTRUCTION OFFICIAL'S REPORT**

**April 2022**

Permit Fees	\$8,429.00
CCO Fees	600.00
Re Inspection Fees	
<b>Total Fees</b>	<b>\$9,029.00</b>

**ZONING REPORT  
April 2022**

4 Violations

**BOARD OF HEALTH  
April 2022**

2 Septic Applications

**POLICE REPORT  
APRIL 2022**

The Springfield Township Police Department responded to a total of 473 complaints. They are sorted in the following manner:

333	General Police Complaints
6	Domestic Incidents
2	Criminal Investigations
7	Motor Vehicle Accidents
27	Medical Emergencies
10	Activated Alarms
7	Abandoned 911 Calls
2	Assists to Outside Departments
1	Assists to Our Departments
78	Motor Vehicles Stops
2	Arrest
1	Warrant
1	DWI

Tickets Issued: 50

Mileage 8574

**AMERICA EMERGENCY SQUAD  
April 2022**

Total Calls for the Month	20
Average Response Time	10.78
Total Transports	13



**MUNICIPAL COURT  
April 2022**

Monthly fines, Title 39 Split, Contempt of Court, Court Costs, Criminal Fines	<b>\$5,079.18</b>
POAA Monies Public Defender	\$2.00

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

Mr. Frank commented that zoning report is on the stale side.

Mr. McDaniel commented that there were two more new permits for roof mounted solar.

All were in favor. Motion carried.

**BILL LIST**

<b>VENDOR</b>	<b>CHECK NO.</b>	<b>AMOUNT PAID</b>
<b>CURRENT</b>		
Act Engineers, Inc.	14738	\$390.00
America Emergency Squad	14739	\$8,500.00
BRT Technologies LLC	14740	\$1,500.00
Burlington Cleaners	14741	\$102.15
Burlington County Treasurer	14742	\$432,739.25
Burlington County Treasurer	14743	\$10,752.73
Casa Payroll Services	14744	\$245.00
Patricia A. Clayton	14745	\$14.99
Comcast	14746	\$148.35
Connell Consulting LLC	14747	\$219.00
Courier Times, Inc.	14748	\$360.80
Direct Energy Business	14749	\$130.23
Eastern Armored Services, Inc.	14750	\$230.00
EJA Capacity Inc.	14751	\$4,687.00
Endeavor Emergency Squad	14752	\$8,500.00
Exotic Landscape Design & Cons	14753	\$1,335.00
Expel Exterminating Experts, Inc.	14754	\$50.00
Fedex Corporation	14755	\$8.49
FP Mailing Solutions	14756	\$135.00
Garden State Removal Co.	14757	\$10,417.80
Hurley's Auto Repair	14758	\$236.88
Jacksonville Fire Company	14759	\$6,250.00
JCP&L	14760	\$1,684.81
J Paul Keller	14761	\$892.08
Mansfield Township	14762	\$9,583.33
Mathew Bender & Co., Inc.	14763	\$109.89
Mount Holly Township	14764	\$2,500.00
National Time Systems, Inc.	14765	\$66.90

Networks Plus	14766	\$784.00
New Jersey American Water Co.	14767	\$327.47
NJSHBP	14768	\$33,570.73
Northern Burl Cnty Reg School	14769	\$313,219.00
Parker McCay, P.A.	14770	\$5,604.81
Martin Poinsett	14771	\$100.00
Protective Services Group Inc.	14772	\$120.75
PSE&G	14773	\$3,742.17
Raymond Coleman Heinold LLP	14774	\$544.00
Riggins Inc.	14775	\$2,339.21
Servicemaster Building Service	14776	\$295.00
Sirak Auto Supply Inc.	14777	\$92.60
Springfield Township Board of Ed	14778	\$278,034.00
Staples Business Advantage	14779	\$318.06
Springfield Twp Fire Compapny	14780	\$6,250.00
The Rodgers Group LLC	14781	\$611.66
Timepayment Corp.	14782	\$113.64
Verizon Wireless	14783	\$619.21
Xtel Communications	14784	\$445.40

#### **DEVELOPERS ESCROW**

ACT Engineers, Inc	7584	\$1,196.25
Environmental Resolutions, Inc.	7585	\$360.00
Raymond Coleman Heinold LLP	7586	\$1,058.00

#### **DOG TRUST**

New Jersey Animal Control LLC	7275	\$200.00
New Jersey Dept of Health	7276	\$2.40

#### **RECREATION**

BSN Sports LLC	7304	\$1,868.58
Todd Beamish	7305	\$150.00

#### **OPEN SPACE TRUST**

Exotic Landscape Design & Cons	7223	\$5,115.00
Mr. Bob Portable Toilets	7224	\$650.00

#### **CAPITAL**

Environmental Resolutions, Inc.	7306	\$7,657.50
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#### **COAH ACCOUNT**

CGP&H LLC	7269	\$250.00
Environmental Resolutions, Inc.	7270	\$2,845.00
LFB Land Planning	7271	\$9,570.00
Raymond Coleman Heinold LLP	7272	\$848.00

Renaud Deappolonio LLC

7273

\$517.00

**TOTAL**

\$1,181,209.12

Mr. Frank made a motion seconded by Mr. Sobotka to pay the bills.

Mr. McDaniel stated that he is in the process with the CFO to see if there is an alternative way to see fund balances.

All were in favor. Motion carried.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Mr. Sobotka stated that the meeting with DEP regarding water allocation that he mentioned last meeting is June 1, 2022 from 12-1 and he would like to have the Planner attend. Mr. Frank asked if there is an agenda and Mr. Sobotka responded he did not have one and added that the meeting will be online and he would like to send meeting link to the Planner. Mr. Frank stated that he would like to know the topic of the meeting and whether it is specific to Mansfield because he doesn't think we need to be paying our Planner to attend if it is specific to Mansfield. Mr. Sobotka responded that he will try and get more information.

Mr. Frank mentioned that the contractors look like they are busy on Petticoat Bridge Road with paving. Mr. Keller updated Council with the schedule for paving as it stands now for the road program.

Mr. McDaniel asked about the grant for Jobstown-Juliustown Rd. and Mr. Keller responded that he has asked the Engineer for a proposal on that road and on the bikepath and both are grant funded.

Mr. Eaton asked about the vehicles at the annex. It was discussed that if we sell the military equipment with titles we would get more money than selling without. Mr. Eaton stated that it looks like a used car lot and it all appears that Exotic outdoors is parking vehicles there as well.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

#1 – Memo from Leah Furey Bruder regarding Housing Element of Master Plan. Mr. Frank stated that this memo is regarding what is coming up with Housing Element of Master Plan and that the public hearing will be set for June 21<sup>st</sup>.

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

**SOLICITOR REPORT**

None

**MANAGER'S REPORT**

2023 NJ DOT Grant Application- Keller asked for suggestions of roads to include in the Grant application. Mr. Frank stated that Warner Road closer to Monmouth and the portion of New Lisbon Road that is paved portion should be considered but he is not sure how attractive either

of those roads would be to State. Mr. Keller stated that we could finish Folwell Station and there is a section of Columbus-Jobstown Road that is failing. Mr. McDaniel mentioned that Island Road and Georgetown-Juliustown Road east of 537. Mr. Frank responded that there is a bit of a drainage issue on Georgetown-Juliustown Road and a grant won't cover the drainage work. Mr. Sobotka mentioned Mt. Pleasant Road the portion that we recently paved has holes about 10 inches in diameter which looks like a paving failure towards Route 68 after Applegate and Mr. Keller responded that he would look at it. Mr. Keller added that we have extra money left in paving project this year so we can do some repair work if needed. Mr. McDaniel asked if we could submit more than one road and Mr. Keller responded that we could submit two roads but if awarded they will only include one. Council agreed to see if the Columbus-Jobstown Road repairs could be done with the extra funds from the road program and Mr. Keller stated that he would discuss with Engineer Tomorrow. Mr. Frank stated that Folwell Station Road is not bad it is just one area and that is because one resident pumps water to the road so if we don't stop that there is no sense in paving it. Mr. McDaniel stated that Island Road is also a bikepath and Mr. Keller responded this Grant won't fund bikepaths but there is a separate grant for that from the State and Mr. McDaniel responded that we might have to be coordinate with the County. Mr. Keller stated that we could just do the paving and mark it as share the road and not get involved in a bikepath. Mr. Eaton asked if there is a State grant to assess the roads. Mr. Frank responded that the Township Engineer did that in 2011 and we have worked through that list to completion. Mr. Frank stated that he would say that Warner Road would be a priority road because it is a typical detour road when there are issues on 206. Mr. Keller stated that we could hold off until June because the deadline is July 1<sup>st</sup> to allow more time to think about it and Mr. Eaton thought that was good idea.

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

### **TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS' BUSINESS**

Mr. Sobotka stated that Pride in Springfield Day was rescheduled to Saturday, May 14, 2022 from 10 am to 2 pm and if it gets rained out again they may have to pick a rain date in June.

Mr. Eaton witnessed lewd material at one of the vendors at the Columbus Market and he took care of the matter himself but he is looking to see if we have an Ordinance and Mr. Frank responded that every town is obligated to allow this in some area of town but there can be standards as to what is displayed.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Frank made a motion seconded by Mr. Sobotka to open public comment. All in favor. Motion carried

Mr. Dunker, 1789 Jacksonville-Jobstown Rd asked about two roads but was advised that they were County Roads.

Mr. Dunker wanted to report some property maintenance issues and Mr. Keller advised him to email the addresses of each property and we can send violations.

Mr. Dunker stated that the park in Jacksonville needs some maintenance. He added the fence needs repairing and there are some plants that are dying. Mr. Frank responded we may be able to use open space funds for this.

Mr. Dunker wanted to discuss a pull off on Petticoat Bridge Road so that the sign the Historical Society is placing there can be viewed. He mentioned he talked to a property owner in that area about using part of their property but the property owner didn't want the liability. Mr. Dunker asked if the road right of way is township property and could be used for a pull off. Mr. Keller responded that yes it is Township property but there is no paved shoulder and no place to pull over. Mr. Dunker asked if the Township could build a shoulder. Mr. Keller responded that making a pull off would be up to Council. It was discussed that first Council would need to see where the sign would be placed and some possible areas for placement of a sign with an area for a possible pull off were discussed. Mr. Frank stated that he thought there was a spot that was presented for a pull off area and that Mr. Noll didn't think there was any objection to a one car pull off. Mr. Frank added that he will look through his emails to see if he can find anything on that. Mr. Eaton though this is a great idea but with that road now being newly paved it will be a raceway so he is concerned about safety. There was more discussion about the sign placement and Mr. Keller stated that Mr. Dunker needs to mark the area and he can make sure it is in the right of way. Mr. Keller added that there is no sign yet because we just got the grant and are still waiting on the money.

Mr. Roberson, 396 Main St., asked about the trailers parked near Corvette Paramedics and Mr. Keller responded that they were put there illegally and the owner was violated.

Mr. Roberson asked if there is any more news on how the insurance money for annex can be used for and Mr. Keller responded there is no answer yet but the Township will probably will allowed to close out reserve and then the money would go to surplus.

Mr. Pantano, 7 Huntington Drive, stated that concept all along was for a pull off to view the sign and he added that the history of the Battle is important to the Township. He would like more clarity as to what can be done for a pull off.

Mr. Stevenson Hedding-Jacksonville Rd. wanted to express that he thinks the DEP discussion about water allocation is important and the Township should participate.

Mr. Stevenson thanked council for their support of the Memorial Day Ceremony and Springfield Community Day. Mr. Stevenson added that they are trying to include a history walk prior to the Community Day event.

Mr. McDaniel responded that regarding the DEP he would hope they are going to advise everyone that they have a great plan regarding the water allocation subject but he is not sure that is the case. Mr. Frank added that we have no idea what the meeting is about and it might just be something pertains to Mansfield only and he doesn't want to pay our Planner to attend a meeting that has nothing to do with Springfield.

Hearing no further 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. Frank to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:44 PM. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Clayton  
Township Clerk