

Springfield, New Jersey

January 7, 2008

The Workshop Meeting of the Township Committee was held on the above date at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room, Municipal Annex Building, with the following members present: Mr. Steven Grau, Ms. Beth Manes and Mr. Ziad Shehady. Also present was Bruce H. Bergen, Esq., Township Attorney, Mr. Edward J. Fanning, Township Administrator, and Mrs. Kathleen D. Wisniewski, Township Clerk.

Mr. Bart Fraenkel, and Mr. Kenneth Faigenbaum, arrived at 7:05 p.m.

Ms. Manes announced that this meeting was being held in accordance with the Public Laws of 1975, Chapter 231 and proper notification had been given in the Observer.

The bills and payroll sheets, accepted by the Finance Committee, were submitted to the Committee. They will be approved at the regular meeting, January 8, 2008.

Item – Interviews

- 7:00 p.m. Township Engineer/Consulting Engineer
Pennoni Associates Consulting Engineers
Present: Jim Gallagher, area of specialization – Technology
Todd Hay, all phases of engineering, Site design, planning and zoning, waste water Management, in house grant applications, bridge inspections, traffic and underwater inspections - 16 years experience – currently working with Nutley and Morristown. – Pennoni has offices in Cedar Knolls and Edison – works with Local Department of Public Works, And Zoning Official
- 7:20 p.m. Michael Disko Associates
Resident of Springfield – has completed many projects for Springfield and the Board of Education – Diversified repairs in Cranford working with biological plant material, does mechanical engineering part time. Hourly rate is adjustable.
- 7:58 p.m. Combined:
Art Elias of Keller & Kirkpatrick and Robert Kirkpatrick current Township Engineer.
Mr. Kirkpatrick reviewed his work history for the past 18 years, stating that he had carried out the Township’s policy on all projects – Mr. Kirkpatrick also reviewed his design work and proposals on the Town’s Redevelopment.
Mr. Elias stated that he worked for the Township since 1991, and handled most of Springfield’s projects – Mr. Kirkpatrick handled the Planning Board and all projects coming into Springfield.
Mr. Kirkpatrick and Mr. Elias left at 8:20 p.m.

The Committee discussed the responses in the interviews. The consensus was that there was a need for outside people – there is a need for support – a consulting engineer is a must.

Mr. Bergen announced that the resolutions for the recycling award and solid waste award will be presented again tomorrow night with the correct sections listed.

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On motion of Mr. Shehady, seconded by Ms. Manes, and unanimously carried, the meeting was closed to the public at 8:38 p.m. to discuss personnel, contract negotiations and possible litigation. A decision will be revealed, when the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

Item – Fire Department

Hiring Exam

Exam held in Municipal Clerk's office until picked-up by
Springfield Police Chief

Graded by Police Chief using grid

Physical agility test also held

Firefighter openings

Top candidates

Interviews to be conducted by Township Committee

Final decision by Township Committee

Bound by resolution procedure

Item – Personnel

Zoning problems

Previously reprimanded

Last Notice

Building Inspector and Fire Marshall to coordinate

Item – Coastal Outdoor Advertising

Need for new Ordinance

No evidence

Appeal before Planning Board

No decision made

On motion of Mr. Shehady, seconded by Ms. Manes, and unanimously carried, the meeting was opened to the public at 9:37 p.m.

Item – Cell Tower

Waiting for offer

Wireless

Township Administrator and Attorney to meet with Unison

Item – Parking/Baltusrol Avenue

8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Can refer to Ordinance

Two visitor parking passes

Item – Commercial Vehicles

Administrator to obtain clarification

Types

Discuss Ordinances from neighboring Municipalities

Held to January 22, meeting

Item – Special Court Sessions

Judge to be informed

Have alternate prosecutors

Start sessions earlier.

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Item – Judge Appointment

Need must be determined by Assignment Judge

Court Backlog submitted by Mr. Shehady

Qualifications

Litigation experience

Three year appointment

Try one year appointment

Obtain applications

Select a candidate outside the township

Look to the reason for the backlog – need decision.

Held for two weeks

On motion of Ms. Manes, seconded by Mr. Faigenbaum, and on roll call vote with Ms. Manes, Mr. Faigenbaum, Mr. Grau, Mr. Fraenkel in the affirmative and Mr. Shehady abstaining, the administrator was authorized to proceed with obtaining proposals for a candidate for Municipal Judge, subject to a decision of Judge Barsonik.

Item – Comcast Renewal

Mr. Bergen explained the offer from Comcast in the amount of \$50,000.00, which will include digital access, the internet will not be a part of it. The consensus was to authorize Mr. Bergen to proceed.

Consulting engineer will be appointed in two weeks.

There being no one present wishing to be heard, on motion of Ms. Manes, seconded by Mr. Shehady, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 11:10 p.m.

Township Clerk

Bart Fraenkel, Mayor

Beth Manes, Deputy Mayor

Kenneth Faigenbaum

Steven Grau

Ziad Andrew Shehady