

**BOROUGH OF SPOTSWOOD  
77 Summerhill Road  
Spotswood, New Jersey**

**Regular Meeting  
March 5, 2018  
7:45 PM**

The regular meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Spotswood was called to order by Council President Drozd, at the Spotswood Municipal Building, 77 Summerhill Road, Spotswood, NJ.

**NOTICE**

The notice requirements provided for in the "Open Public Meetings Act" (N.J.S.A. 10:4-6) have been satisfied. Notice of this meeting was properly given in the new schedule of meetings of the Spotswood Borough Council on December 27, 2017. The new schedule was transmitted to The Home News Tribune and Sentinel. It was filed with the Clerk of the Borough of Spotswood and posted in the Spotswood Municipal Building, 77 Summerhill Road, Spotswood, NJ.

**SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

**MOMENT OF SILENCE** - Douglas Carlen  
Maude Cantora  
Joy Sawicki

**ATTENDANCE**

The Clerk called the roll:

Councilman Stollen	Present
Councilman Ricci	Absent
Councilman Melillo	Present
Councilman Rivera	Present
Council President Drozd	Present

Also present were Mayor Seely, Business Administrator McDonald Borough Engineer Koch, and Borough Attorney Diegman.

**MINUTES** No minutes to approve

**RESOLUTIONS UNDER CONSENT AGENDA**

Copies of the resolutions under consent agenda are available for perusal only on the table. Anyone desiring a copy may contact the Clerk after the meeting.

**RES: 2018-53**

**BOROUGH OF SPOTSWOOD  
COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX  
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING  
A TAX REFUND**

**WHEREAS**, Ex-Governor Chris Christie had signed an executive order allowing residents to prepay 2018 taxes in 2017 as long as payments were received no later than December 31, 2017 and;

**WHEREAS**, this executive order has caused multiple tax overpayments as notification to our mortgage companies, in particular Corelogic of amounts billed for the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2018 had already been sent; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Spotswood has received a wire payment for 1st Quarter 2018 taxes for multiple properties within the Borough of Spotswood from Corelogic Tax Service on 2/2/18 and;

**WHEREAS**, the wire payment from Corelogic created overpayments on the following properties:

<b>Block</b>	<b>Lot</b>	<b>Mailing Address</b>	<b>Property Owner</b>	<b>Overpayment</b>
36.1	8	19 Samantha Way	Asaad, Mina & Basellyous, J.	\$ 3,003.31
10.4	3	22 Marilyn Place	Dwyer, Kathleen	\$ 2,268.60
37.1	12	103 Szymanski Dr	Greis, Michael J & Lynn M.	\$ 3,332.06
82	9	324 Madison Ave.	Pachuta, Edward G. & Deborah	\$ 2,300.44
36.1	5	13 Samantha Way	Bua, Joaquin & Lori	\$ 2,865.60
94.6	44	15 Karen Street	Chan, Eton & Krista S	\$ 2,554.37
17	60	1 Heffron Dr.	Mattcal Investments, LLC	\$ 3,004.90
37.1	5	167 Szymanski Dr	Kelly, Douglas & Nirali	\$ 2,938.04
10.2	28	189 Manalapan Road	US Bank Trust NA	\$ 1,267.02
104	2 C0714	289 Main St 7-P	US Bank Trust NA	\$ 802.48
104	2 C1116	289 Main St 11-R	US Bank Trust NA	\$ 930.62
47	5	5 West End Ave.	Lui, Andrew & Olivia	\$ 3,068.58
10.2	4	18 New St.	Delemos, Jacob	\$ 2,115.77
68	42.1	226 Brooklyn Ave	Choe, David & Jessica	\$ 3,466.58
85.9	9	25 Easton Ave.	Chay, Linda Y	\$ 2,434.56
92	9	9 Jefferson Dr.	Naurez, Dana B	\$ 1,870.60
<b>Total</b>				<b>\$ 38,223.53</b>

**WHEREAS**, Corelogic has authorized the refund be returned to their office located at 3001 Hackberry Road, Irving, TX 75063.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Spotswood, County of Middlesex that the aforementioned overpayment of \$38,223.53 is refunded to Corelogic, Attn: Tax Refunds 3001 Hackberry Road, Irving, TX 75063.

DATED: March 5, 2018

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MARGARET DROZD  
Council President

ATTEST:

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PATRICIA DESTEFANO  
Municipal Clerk

AS CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER OF THE BOROUGH OF SPOTSWOOD, I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT FUNDS FOR THIS RESOLUTION ARE AVAILABLE FROM 2018 TAX OVERPAYMENTS 8.01.55.001.610.

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JOSEPH ZANGA  
Chief Financial Officer

**RES: 2018-54**

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Spotswood, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey requires the services of a certified Part-Time Tax Assessor due to the present Tax Assessor leaving; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.S. A. 40A:9-146 prescribes for a four-year term, when a Tax Assessor resigns a municipality the new Tax Assessor position shall be filled by appointment for the unexpired term. Commencing March 7, 2018 David P. Jasko, 9 Walnut Street, Monroe Township, New Jersey, is appointed by Mayor Seely with advice and consent of the Borough Council, for a term to end on June 30, 2021; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF SPOTSWOOD**, David P. Jasko is hereby appointed Part-time Tax Assessor effective March 7, 2018 for an unexpired four (4) year appointment pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:9-146 for a salary pursuant to the Borough Ordinance.

DATED: March 5, 2018

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MARGARET DROZD  
Council President

ATTEST:

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PATRICIA DESTEFANO  
Municipal Clerk

**RES: 2018-55**

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Council of the Borough of Spotswood, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, has engaged the health insurance consulting services of Tom Fletcher of Brown & Brown Metro; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of his efforts in reviewing the Borough's existing dental insurance plan and soliciting competitive quotes, it was found that Delta Dental of New Jersey, Inc. was found

to be equal to or better than current Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey Dental Coverage;  
and

**WHEREAS**, Delta Dental of New Jersey, Inc. has proposed a two (2) year rate guarantee renewal, at a cost savings from our current plan from April 1, 2018 thru March 31, 2020 as follows:

Single	\$ 36.02
2 Adults	\$ 79.80
Family	\$133.73
Parent/Child	\$ 67.95

**Rates guaranteed for 24 months.**

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Administration be authorized to execute a two (2) year agreement with Delta Dental of New Jersey, Inc.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Borough Clerk be and is hereby authorized to attest to the execution of said agreement by Edward Seely, Mayor of the Borough of Spotswood.

DATED: March 5, 2018

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MARGARET DROZD  
Council President

ATTEST:

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PATRICIA DESTEFANO  
Municipal Clerk

AS CFO OF THE BOROUGH OF SPOTSWOOD, I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT FUNDS FOR THIS RESOLUTION ARE AVAILABLE FROM 2018 HEALTH INSURANCE.

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JOSEPH ZANGA  
Chief Financial Officer

**RES: 2018-56**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TAX ASSESSOR  
TO FILE APPEALS AND EXECUTE STIPULATIONS OF SETTLEMENT  
ON BEHALF OF THE BOROUGH OF SPOTSWOOD**

**WHEREAS**, statutory provision is made for the review and correction of errors prior to certification of an assessment list; and

**WHEREAS**, provision is also allowed for the discovery and correction in the veterans and/or senior citizen deductions allowed on the assessment list; and

**WHEREAS**, changes in property ownership at times necessitate adjustments in the veterans and/or senior citizen deductions allowed on the assessment list; and

**WHEREAS**, appeals of tax assessments to the County Tax Board and State Tax Court are filed by taxpayers challenging their tax assessment and are defended by the Borough of Spotswood; and

**WHEREAS**, the responsibility for maintenance and correction of assessment lists rests with the local Assessor subject to laws and regulations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tax Assessor shall report on a quarterly basis to the Mayor and Borough Council on all outstanding tax appeals.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Borough Council of the Borough of Spotswood, Council of the County of Middlesex and State of New Jersey that the Assessor, in fulfilling the duties and requirements of his office, be authorized for the year 2018 to file with the appropriate venue, such appeals, corrections, stipulations of settlement, or other documents as the Assessor deems fair, reasonable or necessary, to fulfill the duties and requirements of his office and to maintain accuracy and equality in the assessment list of the Borough of Spotswood.

DATED: March 5, 2018

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MARGARET DROZD  
Council President

ATTEST:

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PATRICIA DESTEFANO  
Municipal Clerk



March 1, 2018  
01:58 PM

Borough of Spotswood  
Bill List By P.O. Number

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PD #	PO Date	Vendor	PO Description	Status	Amount	Void Amount	PO Type
18-00295	02/21/18	L0024 LESLIE GENDVESE	reymb mailings/usb drive	Open	108.18	0.00	
18-00302	02/26/18	P0121 LYNN STEURER	REIMBURSEMENT DF PETTY CASH	Open	70.55	0.00	
18-00305	02/28/18	C0062 CME ASSOCIATES	ENGINEERING	Open	164.00	0.00	c
		Contract No: 17000001					
18-00306	02/28/18	C0062 CME ASSOCIATES	ENGINEERING	Open	1,319.50	0.00	c
		Contract No: 17000010					
18-00307	02/28/18	C0062 CME ASSOCIATES	ENGINEERING	Open	1,483.50	0.00	c
		Contract No: 17000011					
18-00308	02/28/18	C0062 CME ASSOCIATES	ENGINEERING	Open	400.00	0.00	c
		Contract No: 17000012					
18-00309	02/28/18	C0062 CME ASSOCIATES	ENGINEERING	Open	1,844.50	0.00	c
		Contract No: 17000014					
18-00310	02/28/18	C0213 COMCAST	INTERNET SERVICE B/D 2/16/18	Open	259.80	0.00	
18-00311	02/28/18	J0164 JCP&L	ELECTRIC USE 2/2018	Open	4,414.42	0.00	
18-00312	02/28/18	P0002 PSE&G	HEATING 2/2018	Open	1,100.83	0.00	
18-00313	02/28/18	V0009 VERIZON	TELEPHONE SERVICE 2/2018	Open	519.64	0.00	
18-00314	02/28/18	DANIE005 DANIELLE SHEKAILO	ALLIANCE EVENT REIMBURSEMENT	Open	166.33	0.00	
18-00315	02/28/18	N0064 NJ MUNICIPAL MANAGERS ASSDC	NJMA MEMBERSHIP MEETING	Open	30.00	0.00	
18-00316	02/28/18	H0040 HORIZON BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	DENTAL PREMIUMS MARCH 2018	Open	4,127.88	0.00	
18-00319	02/28/18	E0056 EAST BRUNSWICK WATER UTILITY	WATER SERVICE JANUARY 2018	Open	28,890.26	0.00	
18-00321	02/28/18	M0024 MIDDLESEX CTY UTILITIES AUTH	2017 DEFICIENCY	Open	15,608.11	0.00	
18-00322	02/28/18	R0139 RACEWAY PETROLEUM INC.	FLEET CARD SERV:1/31-2/14/18	Open	782.88	0.00	
18-00323	02/28/18	C0062 CME ASSOCIATES	ENGINEERING	Open	390.50	0.00	
18-00324	02/28/18	C0062 CME ASSOCIATES	ENGINEERING	Open	816.75	0.00	
18-00325	02/28/18	C0062 CME ASSOCIATES	ENGINEERING	Open	918.00	0.00	
18-00326	02/28/18	C0062 CME ASSOCIATES	ENGINEERING	Open	164.00	0.00	
18-00327	02/28/18	C0062 CME ASSOCIATES	ENGINEERING	Open	894.50	0.00	
18-00328	02/28/18	C0062 CME ASSOCIATES	ENGINEERING	Open	984.00	0.00	
18-00332	03/01/18	LIBRARY SPOTSWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY	2017 BUDGET BALANCE	Open	31,558.68	0.00	
18-00336	03/01/18	S0007 SPOTSWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION	SCHOOL TAXES PAYABLE 3/2018	Open	1,032,593.16	0.00	
18-00338	03/01/18	GOOGL005 GOOGLE INC	EMAIL SERVICES FEB 2018	Open	650.00	0.00	
18-00339	03/01/18	BROAD005 BROADVIEW NETWORKS, INC.	TELEPHONE CHARGES 2/18/18	Open	2,348.02	0.00	
18-00340	03/01/18	A0083 APRUZZESE, MCDERMOTT, ET AL	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RENDERED	Open	3,592.00	0.00	
Total Purchase Orders: 78 Total P.O. Line Items: 0 Total List Amount: 1,397,611.02 Total Void Amount: 0.00							

DATED: March 5, 2018

MARGARET DROZD  
Council President

ATTEST:

PATRICIA DESTEFANO, RMC  
Municipal Clerk

Councilman Stollen made a motion to adopt Resolutions 2018-53 through 2018-57, seconded by Councilman Melillo.

The Clerk called the roll:

Councilman Stollen	yes
Councilman Ricci	Absent
Councilman Melillo	yes
Councilman Rivera	yes
Council President Drozd	yes, and Resolutions 2018-53 through 2018-57 were adopted.

### **COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS**

**Councilman Melillo** wishes everyone a Happy St. Patrick’s Day, and provides his liaison reports. **1)** The next Board of Education meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 6, 2018 at 7:00 PM in the Spotswood High School Library; **2)** The next Library Board of Trustees meeting will be held on Thursday, March 15, 2018 at 7:00 PM, at the Spotswood Library.

**Councilman Stollen** did not have a report.

**Councilman Ricci** was absent. No report was provided.

**Council President Drozd** wanted to thank all on the dais for their support at the Spotswood Education Foundation’s Annual Casino Night, held on Saturday, March 3, 2018, at the Helmetta Community Center. A good time was had by all. **2)** The Office on Aging is still looking for people to assist with the class on Gettysburg being offered by a local historian. Anyone interested, please call the Office on Aging at (732) 251-3432. No date or time has been set yet. **3)** Thank you to the Office on Aging for their recent surveys; “2017 Office on Aging - Information and Assistance”, and “Transportation”. **4)** The Immaculate Conception Carnival will be held from June 12 – 16, 2018, with fireworks scheduled for June 16<sup>th</sup>. A Public Hearing will be held soon.

**Councilman Rivera** did not have a report.

**Business Administrator McDonald** did not have a report.

**Mayor Seely** did not have a report.

### **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

Councilman Stollen made a motion to open the meeting to the public, which was seconded by Councilman Rivera. All present were in favor, and the public portion of the meeting was opened.

**Edward “Lefty” Grimes – East Hanover, NJ** – Made a statement to Council regarding cannabis.

**Hugh Giordano – Representative, UFCW Local 152** – Made a statement to Council regarding cannabis and cannabis dispensaries.

**Richard Moroski, Jr. - 105 George Street**– Made a statement to Council regarding cannabis.

**Denise Moroski – 105 George Street** – Made a statement to Council regarding cannabis.

**Rose McGill – 50 Eggerts Crossing Road, Lawrenceville, NJ** – Made a statement to Council regarding cannabis.

**Jeffrey King – 24 Elizabeth Parkway, Eatontown, NJ** – Made a statement to Council regarding cannabis.

Councilman Stollen made a motion to close the public hearing, which was seconded by Councilman Rivera. All present were in favor, and the public portion of the meeting was closed.

Council President Drozd thanks the public for speaking and sharing their stories. Councilman Stollen explains the Borough’s resolution regarding recreational marijuana.



There being no further business before the Council, Councilman Stollen made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Rivera.

The Clerk called the roll:

Councilman Stollen	yes
Councilman Ricci	Absent
Councilman Melillo	yes
Councilman Rivera	yes
Council President Drozd	yes, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 P.M.

Dated: March 5, 2018

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PATRICIA DeSTEFANO  
Municipal Clerk

ATTEST:

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MARGARET DROZD  
Council President