

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

**Regular Meeting
April 3, 2017
7:45 PM**

The regular meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Spotswood was called to order by Council President Ricci, 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 30, 2016. 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

Jerome Aumente
Jackie Frost-Macyda
Deacon John LaGreca
Eileen Beechinor

ATTENDANCE

The Clerk called the roll:

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

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

MINUTES

March 20, 2017 – Caucus Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the caucus meeting of March 20, 2017, of the Borough Council were presented. Councilman Stollen made a motion to approve the caucus meeting minutes, seconded by Councilman Rivera.

The Clerk called the roll:

Councilman Stollen	yes
Councilwoman Drozd	abstain
Councilman Melillo	yes
Councilman Rivera	yes
Council President Ricci	yes, and the caucus meeting minutes of the above date were approved as presented.

March 20, 2017 – Regular Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the regular meeting of March 20, 2017, of the Borough Council were presented. Councilman Stollen made a motion to approve the caucus meeting minutes, seconded by Councilman Rivera.

The Clerk called the roll:

Councilman Stollen	yes
Councilwoman Drozd	abstain
Councilman Melillo	yes
Councilman Rivera	yes
Council President Ricci	yes, and the regular meeting minutes of the above date were approved as presented.

March 20, 2017 – Public Hearing Minutes - “Big A” Junkyard Renewal Minutes

The minutes of the public hearing for license renewal of the “Big A” Junkyard held on March 20, 2017, were presented. Councilman Stollen made a motion to approve the public hearing minutes, seconded by Councilman Rivera.

The Clerk called the roll:

Councilman Stollen	yes
Councilwoman Drozd	abstain
Councilman Melillo	yes
Councilman Rivera	yes
Council President Ricci	yes, and the public hearing meeting minutes of the above date were approved as presented.

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: 2017-65

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, a contract for sale was made on March 15, 2017 between the Borough of Spotswood, a Municipal Corporation of the State of New Jersey, whose address is 77 Summerhill Road, Spotswood, New Jersey who is referred as the Seller and Safwat Youssef as the Buyer of Block 65, Lot 15 on the municipal tax map, a 20’ by 102’ piece of property located at Snowhill Street in the Borough of Spotswood for a cost of \$8,600.00; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Borough Council of the Borough of Spotswood, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey authorize Mayor Edward T. Seely to sign said contract of sale for the Borough of Spotswood for the sale of property located at Snowhill Street, Block 65, Lot 15. Property to Safwat Youssef.

DATED: April 3, 2017

TED RICCI
Council President

ATTEST:

PATRICIA DeSTEFANO, RMC
Municipal Clerk

RES: 2017-66

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Spotswood Borough Council, of the Borough of Spotswood, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, authorize the transfer of \$2,919.01 unexpended services from 2014 CD1485 Firehouse Apron and \$10,273.29 from 2015 CD1551 Safe Housing Program to 2016 CD1652 Senior Citizens Coordinator, CD1653 Emergency Service Building, CD 1654 Firehouse Apron and CD1655 Safe Housing Programing; and

WHEREAS, this transfer is subject to Middlesex County Public Housing Agency, Housing and Community Development approval.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Spotswood, in the County of Middlesex, that the line item transfer from 2014 CD1485 Firehouse Apron and 2015 CD1551 Safe Housing to line item 2016 CD1652 Senior Citizens Coordinator, CD1653 Emergency Service Building, CD 1654 Firehouse Apron and CD1655 Safe Housing Programing.

DATED: April 3, 2017

TED RICCI
Council President

ATTEST:

PATRICIA DeSTEFANO, RMC
Municipal Clerk

RES: 2017-67

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Borough of Spotswood has a need for a proposal from an Architect for HVAC engineering services (design, bidding, and construction period) for Option 3b-Equipment, Duct Heaters & Ductwork Modifications for Second Floor Municipal Building HVAC, Option 4-Office On Aging HVAC System Replacement; and

WHEREAS, The Borough of Spotswood, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey Borough Council wish to appoint the firm of Arcari & Iovino Architects P.C., one Katherine Street, Little Ferry, NJ 07643 for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, Arcari & Iovino Architects P.C. can provide Professional Architectural Services for Spotswood Municipal Building and Office On Aging HVAC Improvements Cost Estimate for the required tasks:

- Option 3b Equipment, Duct Heaters & Ductwork Modifications for Second Floor Municipal Building
- Option 4-Office On Aging HVAC System Replacement
- A cost of Seventeen Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$17,200.00)

Reimbursable expenses will be billed separately at cost and are in addition to the fees for basic services.

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough of Spotswood has provided a certification in writing as to the availability of adequate funds for the awarding of the contract described herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the governing body of the Borough of Spotswood as follows:

1. That Arcari & Iovino Architects, PC is hereby authorized to perform the above stated improvements for a cost estimate not to exceed \$17,200.00.
2. Reimbursable expenses will be billed separately at cost and are in addition to fees for basic services. They shall include computer plotting, blueprinting, postage and handling, overnight delivery and messenger services.
3. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a professional service contract under the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 (1) (1) since this contract is for services performed by a person authorized by law to practice a recognized profession and it was not possible to obtain competitive bidding.
4. A copy of this Resolution shall be published in the official newspaper of the Borough of Spotswood within ten (10) days of its passage.

DATED: April 3, 2017

 TED RICCI
 Council President

ATTEST:

 PATRICIA DeSTEFANO, RMC
 Municipal Clerk

AS CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER OF THE BOROUGH OF SPOTSWOOD, I CERTIFY THAT FUNDS FOR RESOLUTION 2017-67 ARE IN ACCOUNT C-04-55-923-165.

 JOE ZANGA
 Chief Financial Officer

March 30, 2017
10:49 AMBorough of Spotswood
Bill List By P.O. Number

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P.O. Type: All	Include Project Line Items: Yes	Open: N	Paid: N	Void: N
Range: First to Last		Rcvd: Y	Held: Y	Aprv: N
Format: Condensed		Bid: Y	State: Y	Other: Y Exempt: Y

PO #	PO Date	Vendor	PO Description	Status	Amount	Void Amount	PO Type
16-01587	09/15/16	ACCLA005	ACCLAIM INVENTORY, LLC	FIXED ASSET INVENTORY	Open	2,500.00	0.00
16-01688	09/29/16	v0010	V.E. RALPH & SON	estimate for medical supplies	Open	649.79	0.00
16-01713	10/05/16	P0085	PRECISION ANALYTICAL SERVICES	lab work oct	Open	144.00	0.00
16-02080	12/01/16	M0107	MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS, INC.	RADIO EQUIPMENT	Open	7,738.45	0.00
16-02097	12/01/16	N0045	NJ EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ASSN	QUARTERLY MEETING 11/16	Open	30.00	0.00
16-02338	12/29/16	G0034	GOPHER SPORTS	FLAG FOOTBALL EQUIPMENT	Open	467.12	0.00
17-00007	01/09/17	E0054	ELAINE LOHR	2017 MONTHLY MEDICAL REIMBURSE	Open	564.44	0.00
17-00008	01/09/17	H0030	HARVEY LOHR	2017 MONTHLY MEDICAL REIMBURSE	Open	564.44	0.00
17-00009	01/09/17	B0022	BERNADETTE COFFEY	2017 MONTHLY MEDICAL REIMBURSE	Open	564.44	0.00
17-00076	01/17/17	P0085	PRECISION ANALYTICAL SERVICES	lab services	Open	778.00	0.00
17-00089	01/17/17	S0114	CONFIRE FIRE PROTECTION SVC.	annual extinguisher inspection	Open	138.00	0.00
17-00163	02/02/17	D0103	DELL COMPUTER CORP	OptiPlex 3030 AIO Computer	Open	697.88	0.00
17-00192	02/08/17	w0001	USA BLUE BOOK	2" pump somerdale lift sta.	Open	873.87	0.00
17-00209	02/08/17	L0038	LOWES	misc materials	Open	384.31	0.00
17-00212	02/08/17	M0035	MIDDLESEX WELDING SALES	cylin der rental feb	Open	19.85	0.00
17-00284	02/23/17	HARTE005	HARTER EQUIPMENT, INC.	misc parts	Open	226.66	0.00
17-00301	02/24/17	L0038	LOWES	BLUE LIGHTING FOR EXTERIOR	Open	43.62	0.00
17-00304	02/24/17	P0067	PINNACLE WIRELESS	police radio repair/program.	Open	720.00	0.00
17-00306	02/24/17	H0074	HACH COMPANY	misc supplies	Open	562.95	0.00
17-00307	02/24/17	w0001	USA BLUE BOOK	misc supplies	Open	178.01	0.00
17-00308	02/24/17	w0015	WWS	equipment	Open	506.06	0.00
17-00334	03/01/17	O0008	OLD BRIDGE RIFLE AND PISTOL	Range Use Fee 2017	Open	1,000.00	0.00
17-00345	03/03/17	C0009	CAPITOL EXTERMINATING CO	exterminating	Open	370.00	0.00
17-00352	03/06/17	R0061	THE RODGERS GROUP, LLC	CONTRACT-9TH INSTALLMENT	Open	3,250.00	0.00 C
			Contract No: 16-00007				
17-00357	03/08/17	S0025	SHOPRITE SUPERMARKETS, INC	EASTER CANDY FOR EGG HUNT	Open	205.69	0.00
17-00358	03/08/17	G0034	GOPHER SPORTS	FOOTBALLS	Open	214.81	0.00
17-00359	03/08/17	S0251	STRATEGIC BILLING ENTERPRISE	REIMBURSEMENT FEBRUARY 2017	Open	1,266.40	0.00
17-00360	03/08/17	w0038	W.B. MASON CO., INC.	FILE CABINET	Open	185.00	0.00
17-00363	03/08/17	S0063	STAPLES BUSINESS ADVANTAGE	OFFICE SUPPLIES	Open	124.02	0.00
17-00373	03/08/17	D0056	DOCTOR'S CARE CENTER	PRE-EMPLOYMENT PHYSICAL	Open	120.00	0.00
17-00375	03/08/17	T0071	TOWNSHIP OF EAST BRUNSWICK	ANIMAL CONTROL FEB 2017	Open	777.00	0.00
17-00393	03/10/17	S0167	SAMANTHA WASSERMAN	RECREATION SECRETARY 2017	Open	50.00	0.00
17-00394	03/10/17	S0056	SHAMY, SHIPERS & LONSKI, PC	TAX APPEAL BILLING FEB. 2017	Open	246.00	0.00
17-00395	03/10/17	S0104	STATE OF NJ DIV OF PENSION	2017 ANNUAL EMPLOYER PFRS	Open	467,073.00	0.00
17-00396	03/10/17	S0104	STATE OF NJ DIV OF PENSION	2017 ANNUAL EMPLOYER PERS	Open	224,299.00	0.00
17-00403	03/10/17	O0010	ONE CALL CONCEPTS	REGULAR LOCATES	Open	80.00	0.00
17-00405	03/17/17	B0052	BORO OF SPOTSWOOD PAYROLL	PAYROLL 3/17/2017 (PENS FREE)	Open	185,070.73	0.00
17-00410	03/15/17	M0009	MCUA SOLID WASTE	MIDDLESEX COUNTY UTILITIES AUT	Open	14,634.18	0.00
17-00419	03/16/17	M0039	MICHAEL ZARRO	reimb for PD desk signs	Open	140.00	0.00
17-00420	03/16/17	S0167	SAMANTHA WASSERMAN	RECREATION INDOOR SOCCER 2017	Open	67.50	0.00
17-00421	03/16/17	MEGAN005	MEGAN MC COOK	RECREATION INDOOR SOCCER 2017	Open	157.50	0.00
17-00422	03/16/17	JONAT005	JONATHAN WASSERMAN	RECREATION INDOOR SOCCER 2017	Open	90.00	0.00
17-00423	03/16/17	P0076	DIANE SPIEGELHOFF	PETTY CASH	Open	91.27	0.00
17-00424	03/16/17	C0088	COLIN BARLOW	RECREATION INDOOR SOCCER 2017	Open	157.50	0.00
17-00425	03/16/17	E0051	EAST COAST CUSTOM	RECREATION FLAG FOOTBALL 2017	Open	955.00	0.00
17-00426	03/16/17	T0201	TD BANK CREDIT CARD SERVICES	CREDIT CARD FEES-COURT 2/2017	Open	282.03	0.00
17-00428	03/16/17	H0099	HOME NEWS TRIBUNE	LEGAL ADS	Open	39.60	0.00
17-00429	03/22/17	F0008	FIRE & SAFETY SERVICES	fix light bar on 74	Open	1,105.47	0.00
17-00430	03/22/17	F0008	FIRE & SAFETY SERVICES	Hurst reel repair 71-1	Open	603.77	0.00

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17-00431	03/22/17	EMM04	MICHAEL C CATARZI	estimate for battery for car75	Open	178.45	0.00			
17-00433	03/22/17	E0056	EAST BRUNSWICK WATER UTILITY	WATER SERVICE FEBRUARY 2017	Open	25,113.76	0.00			
17-00434	03/22/17	00030	DEPOSITORY TRUST CO	2010 REFUNDING BOND INTEREST	Open	9,425.00	0.00			
17-00435	03/22/17	00058	BOROUGH OF SPOTSWOOD CURRENT	2010 REFUNDING BOND INTEREST	Open	3,185.00	0.00			
17-00438	03/22/17	M0077	MIDDLESEX CO IMP AUTHORITY	curbside recycling feb	Open	8,089.65	0.00			
17-00445	03/22/17	R0028	ROBERT MITZELMAN	meal monies 3/13 snow	Open	30.00	0.00			
17-00446	03/22/17	J0190	JOHN MAYER	meal monies	Open	30.00	0.00			
17-00447	03/22/17	R0139	RACEWAY PETROLEUM INC.	FLEET CARD SERV : 3/1-3/14/17	Open	1,166.93	0.00			
17-00448	03/22/17	C0121	CHARLES GILLAR	meal monies	Open	30.00	0.00			
17-00449	03/22/17	M0055	MICHAEL RUFFLEY	meal monies	Open	20.00	0.00			
17-00450	03/22/17	M0078	MATTHEW J. O'BRIEN	meal monies	Open	20.00	0.00			
17-00452	03/22/17	E0033	ED SEELY	meal monies	Open	30.00	0.00			
17-00453	03/22/17	A0070	ANTHONY KELLY	meal monies	Open	30.00	0.00			
17-00454	03/22/17	P0078	PAUL REED	meal monies	Open	60.00	0.00			
17-00455	03/22/17	R0033	KEVIN BUSUND	meal monies	Open	30.00	0.00			
17-00456	03/22/17	F0058	STEVEN FEASER	meal monies	Open	30.00	0.00			
17-00457	03/22/17	LUBANSKI	KENNETH LUBANSKI	meal monies	Open	30.00	0.00			
17-00458	03/22/17	DACRUZ	MATTHEW DA CRUZ	meal monies	Open	30.00	0.00			
17-00461	03/22/17	S0007	SPOTSWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION	SCHOOL TAXES PAYABLE 4/2017	Open	1,010,867.80	0.00			
17-00466	03/22/17	C0213	COMCAST	CABLE & INTERNET 3/2017	Open	104.85	0.00			
17-00467	03/22/17	ENGIE005	ENGIE RESOURCES	ELECTRIC USE 3/2017	Open	3,748.17	0.00			
17-00468	03/22/17	G0119	GILLETTE ENTERPRISES	EMS LEASE OF PROPERTY 4/2017	Open	3,000.00	0.00			
17-00469	03/22/17	J0164	JCP&L	ELECTRIC USE MARCH 2017	Open	3,056.07	0.00			
17-00470	03/22/17	V0009	VERIZON	TELEPHONE MARCH 2017	Open	314.16	0.00			
17-00471	03/22/17	T0008	TOWNSHIP OF EAST BRUNSWICK	emergency sewer jetting	Open	862.01	0.00			
17-00472	03/22/17	E0051	EAST COAST CUSTOM	RECREATION TEE BALL 2017	Open	848.00	0.00			
17-00475	03/22/17	M0053	MIDDLESEX CTY CONFERENCE MAYOR	2017 ANNUAL DUES	Open	200.00	0.00			
17-00480	03/24/17	L0066	LORI KARTELIAS	MONTHLY ASSOCIATION MTGS	Open	85.00	0.00			
17-00488	03/24/17	P0111	PHIL CORBISIERO	reimb for powers cake	Open	28.78	0.00			
17-00489	03/24/17	M0039	MICHAEL ZARRO	powers party supplies	Open	22.10	0.00			
17-00496	03/29/17	C0213	COMCAST	INTERNET & CABLE MAR. 2017	Open	239.80	0.00			
17-00497	03/29/17	ENGIE005	ENGIE RESOURCES	ELECTRIC USE 3/2017	Open	59.82	0.00			
17-00498	03/29/17	J0164	JCP&L	ELECTRIC USE MARCH 2017	Open	7,232.22	0.00			
17-00499	03/29/17	P0002	PSE&G	HEATING MARCH 2017	Open	1,836.50	0.00			
17-00500	03/29/17	V0009	VERIZON	TELEPHONE MARCH 2017	Open	1,584.90	0.00			
17-00506	03/29/17	N0010	NICHOLAS POLISENO	CONVENTION REIMBURSEMENTS	Open	456.64	0.00			
17-00508	03/29/17	R0151	BIO SHINE	RETURN OF PERFORMANCE BOND	Open	8,685.00	0.00			
17-00509	03/29/17	R0151	BIO SHINE	RETURN OF ESCROW FEES	Open	711.75	0.00			
Total Purchase Orders:				87	Total P.O. Line Items:	0	Total List Amount:	2,012,479.72	Total Void Amount:	0.00

DATED: April 3, 2017

TED RICCI
Council President

ATTEST:

PATRICIA DESTEFANO, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Councilwoman Drozd made a motion to adopt Resolutions 2017-65 through 2017-68, seconded by Councilman Stollen.

The Clerk called the roll:

Councilwoman Drozd	yes
Councilman Stollen	yes
Councilman Melillo	yes
Councilman Rivera	yes
Council President Ricci	yes, and Resolutions 2017-65 through 2017-68 were adopted.



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Sexual Assault Awareness Month and the observance of Denim Day are intended to draw attention to the fact that sexual violence is widespread and has public health implications for every community member of Middlesex County, including lifelong mental health impact; and

WHEREAS, sexual assault, sexual abuse, and sexual harassment greatly impact our community, as statistics indicate 1 in 4 girls and 1 in 6 boys are sexually abused before age 18, with many more experiencing other types of sexual violence in their adult lives; and

WHEREAS, prevention is possible, so we must work together to educate our community about what can be done to stop sexual violence while supporting survivors; and

WHEREAS, staff and volunteers of anti-violence and prevention programs in Middlesex County, including the Middlesex County Center for Empowerment and Sexual Violence Prevention Coalition, encourage every person to speak out when witnessing acts of violence, however small, and to challenge the social norms that continue to perpetuate a culture of violence; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Sex Crimes Officers Association and the Middlesex County Sex Crimes Liaison Officers, in connection with the Middlesex County Prosecutor's Office, are dedicated to ensuring the effective investigation and prosecution of sex crimes in our community through interagency collaboration and training; and

WHEREAS, with leadership, dedication, and encouragement, there is compelling evidence that we can be successful in reducing sexual violence in Middlesex County through increased awareness, prevention education focused on increasing gender equity, healthy relationships, and bystander intervention; and holding perpetrators who commit acts of violence responsible for their actions; and

WHEREAS, throughout the month of April, Middlesex County strongly supports the efforts of national, state, and local partners, and of every citizen to actively engage in public and private efforts, including conversations about what sexual violence is, how to prevent it, how to help survivors connect with services, and how every segment of our society can work together to better address sexual violence.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ed Seely, Mayor of the Borough of Spotswood, together with our Governing Body, do hereby proclaim April 2017 as **SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH**, and join anti-sexual violence advocates and support service programs in the belief that all community members must be part of the solution to end sexual violence, and encourage the observance of Denim Day on Wednesday, April 26, 2017.

DATED: April 3, 2017

Ed Seely
Mayor

ATTEST:

Patricia DeStefano, RMC
Municipal Clerk

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, National Volunteer Week was established in 1974 as an annual celebration of Volunteerism; a time to recognize and celebrate the efforts of Volunteers at the Local, State, and National levels; and

WHEREAS, National Volunteer Week honors all those who reach out to others through volunteer community service, and calls attention to the need for more community services for individuals, groups, and families to help solve serious social problems that affect our communities; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Spotswood has been fortunate in that, for many years, we have had numerous individuals and unselfishly give their time, to benefit our residents; and



groups come forward to talent, services, and resources

WHEREAS, people of all ages smallest of acts, to do their others in our community, and make service an integral part

can volunteer, through the part to improve the lives of we encourage more people to of their lives; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ed Seely, Mayor of the Borough of Spotswood, together with our Governing Body, do hereby proclaim **April 23 through April 29, 2017, NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK**, and call upon all citizens to recognize and acknowledge the contributions made by the many volunteers within our Borough. Further, I call on all residents to observe this week by volunteering in service projects within the Borough and in the larger community, and to look within their hearts to make service a part of their daily lives, thereby improving the quality of life for others.

DATED: April 3, 2017

Ed Seely
Mayor

ATTEST:

Patricia DeStefano, RMC
Municipal Clerk

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, like many of their human counterparts, too many dogs suffer from obesity and “sedentarism,” the two most common preventable conditions in the canine and human populations. Too much sitting and too many calories in the form of treats or improper nutrition contribute to the weight gain; as well as other factors such as breed, age, and medical conditions. Besides causing our furry friends to have sore joints, difficulty breathing, a higher risk for cancer, canine diabetes, and other diseases, obesity also shortens their lives.

WHEREAS, sedentarism has become the normal lifestyle for many dogs and their people. This lack of positive stimulation and human bonding contact often leads to many destructive behaviors, and, unfortunately, many are delivered back to shelters or abandoned.

WHEREAS, the opposite of a sedentary lifestyle is movement. Canine Fitness Month encourages us to take a step toward a healthier lifestyle for our four-legged family members. After checking with our veterinarians regarding proper diet and to be sure our companions are healthy enough for exercise, we can help them by providing the opportunity for activities such as:

- Walking - the obvious first and easiest exercise for most canine and human companions. One foot in front of the other and the fresh air will do you both good.
- Active play - throw a ball, stick, or Frisbee in a safe environment, or, better yet, run or jog with your pet to retrieve it.



- Playing hide and seek with your pet’s daily allowance of treats. Place them behind doors, under rugs, and chairs. Make your pet work for the reward.
- Food fitness games - place an unstable object in front of the food bowl for your dog to step on as they reach for the food bowl to introduce balance activities as a fun and rewarding game.
- Creating obstacle courses indoors and out - with a small amount of equipment, or none at all, just moving rugs and chairs around to create obstacles will create a workout worthy of both human and canine. The key is to make movement fun for both of you!

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ed, Seely, Mayor of Spotswood, together with our Governing Body, proclaim April as **Canine Fitness Month** in the Borough of Spotswood, and encourage our residents to focus on keeping our most loyal companions healthy and physically active.

DATED: April 3, 2017

Ed Seely
Mayor

ATTEST:

Patricia DeStefano, RMC
Municipal Clerk



WHEREAS, libraries are not just about what we have *for* people, but what we *do for* and *with* people; and

WHEREAS, libraries have long served as trusted and treasured institutions, and library workers and librarians fuel efforts to better their communities, campuses, and schools; and

WHEREAS, librarians are organizers and information experts who for centuries have guided people to the best information resources. Librarians provide more than facts; they provide the expertise and services that add meaning to those facts; and

WHEREAS, librarians continue to fulfill their role in leveling the playing field for all who seek information and access to technologies, especially as our society is at a critical juncture regarding the changing information landscape and the skills needed to thrive in our digital world; and

WHEREAS, libraries and librarians are looking beyond their traditional roles and providing more opportunities for community engagement and delivering new services that connect closely with patrons' needs; and

WHEREAS, libraries and librarians open a world of possibilities through innovative STEAM programing, Makerspaces, job-seeking resources, and the power of reading; and

WHEREAS, libraries support democracy and effect social change through their commitment to provide equitable access to information for all library users, regardless of race, ethnicity, creed, ability, sexual orientation, gender identity, or socio-economic status;

WHEREAS, libraries work to serve all community members, including people of color, immigrants, people with disabilities, and the most vulnerable in our communities, offering services and educational resources that transform communities, open minds, and promote inclusion and diversity; and

WHEREAS, libraries, librarians, library workers, and supporters across America are celebrating National Library Week;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, Ed Seely, Mayor of the Borough of Spotswood, together with our Governing Body, proclaim the week of April 9 through 15, 2017, to be National Library Week in the Borough of Spotswood. I encourage all residents to visit the library this week and explore what's new at your library, and engage with your librarian. Because of you and our experts in the library, ***Libraries Transform.***

DATED: April 3, 2017

Ed Seely
Mayor

ATTEST:

Patricia DeStefano, RMC
Municipal Clerk

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Borough of Spotswood holds the health and safety of its citizens paramount; and

WHEREAS, distracted driving is a serious, life-threatening practice that is preventable; and

WHEREAS, distracted driving can result in injuries and deaths to all who use the road (motorists, pedestrians, and bicyclists); and

WHEREAS, distracted driving occurs when drivers divert their attention away from the task of driving to focus on another activity instead; and

WHEREAS, such activities include, but are not limited to, texting, using a cell- or smartphone, grooming, reading, and using a navigation system; however, because using a hand-held cell phone to make calls or send text messages requires visual, manual, and cognitive attention from the driver, they are by far the most alarming distractions; and

WHEREAS, the increased health and well-being of Spotswood citizens are a direct result of increased enforcement and awareness about the dangers of distracted driving; and

WHEREAS, in order to reduce the number of crashes, as well as improve driver safety, Spotswood motorists should commit to adopting and maintaining safe behavior while behind the wheel; and

WHEREAS, April has been selected as National Distracted Driving Awareness Month, with the period of April 1 through April 21 designated as the **National Distracted Driving Enforcement Campaign**; and

WHEREAS, increased high-visibility enforcement of distracted driving laws coupled with publicity has proven to be an effective method to reduce distracted driving and save lives.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ed Seely, Mayor of the Borough of Spotswood, together with our Governing Body, do hereby proclaim the month of April as NATIONAL DISTRACTED DRIVING AWARENESS MONTH in the Borough of Spotswood, and urge all citizens to always put the cell phone down, focus on the road, and buckle up when driving on our roadways.

DATED: April 3, 2017

Ed Seely
Mayor

ATTEST:

Patricia DeStefano, RMC
Municipal Clerk

COUNCIL COMMENTS AND LIAISON REPORTS

Councilwoman Drozd acknowledges and thanks C. L. Quillen, Library Director, and Anne Wallace, President, Library Board of Trustees, who are present in the audience.

Councilman Melillo provides his liaison reports. **1)** The Board of Education meeting will be held at 7:00 P.M., on Tuesday, April 4th at the Spotswood High School Library. **2)** Spoke about televising Council meetings.

Councilman Stollen provides his liaison reports. The East End Park subdivision was finalized at the last Planning Board meeting, for the property donated to the Borough by Schweitzer-Mauduit International, Inc. Council will need to execute a contract to formally accept the property.

Councilwoman Drozd expresses her appreciation to everyone for their support following the passing of her sister.

Councilwoman Drozd provides her report as liaison to EMS, and the Office on Aging/Senior Center. **1)** Welcome to Donna Faulkenberry, Director, Office of Aging! **2)** The next EMS Citizen Committee will be held on Monday, April 17th; thank you to all of the volunteers! **3)** The Senior Center's Volunteer Luncheon will be held during Volunteer Week, on Tuesday, April 25th.

Councilman Rivera provides his liaison reports. **1)** Gives an update about different grants he has researched, specifically USDA loans/grants for town populations less than 10,000; and grants for the lake. The Borough will need to hire someone to assist with writing grants. **2)** Bad weather; cautions residents about calling 911 for power outages and other non-emergency matters. Past issue with motorists driving around barricades when the road is closed; puts emergency responders at risk.

Business Administrator McDonald did not have a report.

Mayor Seely shares thank you message from the family of former Mayor Balascak. **2)** Recreation will be holding their Annual Easter Egg Scramble on Saturday, April 8th, beginning at 1:30 PM at the Spotswood High School, for ages 1 through 12. Non-Perishable food items for the CUP Pantry and monetary donations are appreciated. Don't forget your cameras, because the Easter Bunny will also be making an appearance! **3)** The Middlesex County Department of Highways will be milling and resurfacing Crescent Avenue, Snowhill Street, and Hefron Drive. Work is tentatively scheduled to start in the beginning of May. **4)** There will be a dedication ceremony for the East End Park, during the week of April 24th – April 28th; an announcement will be made on the Borough's website. **5)** Congratulations to resident, Matthew Chludinski, who has achieved the rank of Eagle Scout!

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Councilwoman Drozd 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.

Tom Grzybowski – 304 Brunswick Avenue – 1) Question about Resolution 2017-55, approved at the March 6, 2017 meeting, authorizing the sale of non-viable Borough owned vehicles. Business Administrator McDonald responds. **2)** Wanted to bring concerns to Council's attention; the area in front of his residence has begun to sink where gas line repairs were previously done, and he is still unhappy with the way the interconnection site looks. Discussion ensued regarding what could be planted.

Cheryl Bass – 289 Main Street – Question about grants, discussion among Council.

Richard Bowie – 262 Crescent Avenue - Wanted to bring concerns about the milling and paving of Crescent Avenue to Council's attention; keeping the same grade level/not having the road level raised. Also wanted to bring lack of 'load limit' signage to Council's attention. Discussion about the joint in the center of the roadway, collapsed catch basins, cold patch has disintegrated, yellow center line is no longer visible. Discussion with Council regarding vacuum trucks and confined space

Jackie Palmer – Shupin Street – 5th grade is putting on a production of 'Annie Jr' later this month, April 27th, 28th and 29th. There is also an Applebee's Fundraiser (Manalapan location) on Saturday, April 8th. Would also like to know if there is a closed session tonight, and what is being discussed. Council President Ricci responds.

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

CLOSED SESSION – Personnel
Potential Litigation

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231 P.L. 1975 permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough of Spotswood, County of

Middlesex, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The public shall be excluded from discussion of any action upon the hereinafter specified subject matters.
2. The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is as follows:
PERSONNEL;
POTENTIAL LITIGATION
3. It is anticipated at this time that the above-stated subject matter shall be made public
When confidentiality is no longer required.
4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

DATED: April 3, 2017

PATRICIA DeSTEFANO
Municipal Clerk

Councilman Stollen moved to adopt the Resolution on the Closed Session, seconded by Councilwoman Drozd.

The Clerk called the roll which was unanimous and the closed session resolution was adopted at 8:42 PM.

There being no further business in closed session, Councilman Stollen made a motion to re-open the meeting, seconded by Councilman Rivera. The Clerk called the roll which was unanimous and the meeting was re-opened at 9:25 P.M.

RESOLUTIONS UNDER CONSENT AGENDA

RES: 2017-69

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Borough of Spotswood, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey has the authority, to contract with private entities to carry out public purposes that it is authorized to engage in; and

WHEREAS, the Borough did advertise for RFP's for the purpose of Professional Service of Ambulance Services; and

WHEREAS, on February 17, 2017, the Borough had advertised for RFP's for the aforesaid professional service of ambulance. RFP's were received on March 21, 2017. Two (2) proposals were received by 10:00 AM on said date; and

WHEREAS, said proposals were received from NJ Mobile Healthcare and Saint Peter's Healthcare System utilizing Atlantic Ambulance Corporation, said proposals were reviewed by the Mayor, Business Administrator and Borough Council; and

WHEREAS, after reviewing the proposals from NJ Mobile Healthcare it was found that an agreement of surety (consent of surety), which was part of the proposal was not included in the response proposal and “Atlantic”, whose proposal was much more costly than acceptable, and much consideration, it was found that in the best interest of the Borough of Spotswood Residents to reject said proposals for ambulance services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough of Spotswood, Borough Council does authorize the Mayor and Business Administrator to reject the two (2) proposals for Professional Service of Ambulance Services, which were received on March 21, 2017.

DATED: April 3, 2017

TED RICCI
Council President

ATTEST:

PATRICIA DeSTEFANO, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Councilman Stollen made a motion to adopt Resolutions 2017-69, seconded by Councilman Rivera.

The Clerk called the roll:

Councilman Stollen	yes
Councilwoman Drozd	abstain
Councilman Melillo	yes
Councilman Rivera	yes
Council President Ricci	yes, and Resolutions 2017-69 was adopted.

Council President Ricci advises there is a special meeting on Wednesday, April 19, 2017, at 7:30 P.M., to adopt the Municipal Budget. The next Council Meeting will be Monday, March 24, 2017, at 7:30 P.M.

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

The Clerk called the roll:

Councilwoman Drozd	yes
Councilman Stollen	yes
Councilman Melillo	yes
Councilman Rivera	yes
Council President Ricci	yes, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 P.M.

Dated: April 3, 2017

PATRICIA DeSTEFANO

Municipal Clerk

ATTEST:

TED RICCI
Council President