

**BOROUGH OF SPOTSWOOD  
MEETING OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL  
PUBLIC HEARING ON  
THE 2011 MUNICIPAL BUDGET &  
PUBLIC HEARING ON THE IC CARNIVAL**

April 18, 2011  
Public Hearing on 2011 Municipal Budget &  
Public Hearing on IC Carnival  
7:30 PM

The Public Hearing on the 2011 Municipal Budget was called to order by Council President Stollen at the Spotswood Municipal Building, 77 Summerhill Road, Spotswood, NJ.

**ATTENDANCE**

The Clerk Called the Roll:

Councilman Seely	Present
Councilwoman Drozd	Present
Councilman Spicuzzo	Present
Councilman Poliseno	Present
Council President Stollen	Present

Also present were Business Administrator Ron Fasanello, Borough Attorney Patrick Diegnan, and Mayor Barlow.

**NOTICE**

This public hearing was called pursuant to the provisions of the open public meetings law. Notice of this meeting was sent to the Home News/Tribune on April 7, 2011 in addition, copies of notice was posted on the bulletin board of the municipal building and filed in the office of the municipal clerk on aforementioned date. Notices on the bulletin board have remained continuously posted.

Proper notice having been given, the Municipal Clerk is directed to include this statement in the minutes of this meeting.

**PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2010 MUNICIPAL BUDGET**

Council President, this is the time fixed for the Public Hearing on the Local Municipal Budget for the year 2011. The budget was approved on March 7, 2011 by the Borough Council, it was advertised by summary, as required by law, on April 7, 2011 together with a notice of the public hearing for this time. Printed copies of the adopted budget have been made available to the public during the past week, posted on the bulletin board at the Municipal Building and at the Spotswood Public Library and a supply is here for anyone desiring a copy.

The Introduced Budget resolution 2011-29 was read at the March 7, 2011 meeting and was adopted by the Borough Council.

**PRESENTATION**

A presentation of the 2011 Municipal Budget was presented by Thomas Barlow, Mayor, with an extensive slide presentation. (see attached)

Council President stated that we had lean times with the budget before, but this budget trimmed line items and we could not squeeze anymore savings out of just line items. Anything else to be looked at would have to be positions and we are already under staffed. We are going to be in a tough situation next year also. The taxpayers, I don't feel in this economy, should have to weather a tax increase, but there is no way to maintain our government at this point at this level without some type of increase.

Councilman Seely stated that having attended the school budget process, found that if you were involved with the process from the beginning to end and take the time to attend meetings to see what's really going on you would agree with what we have done and what we came up with.

Councilwoman Drozd reiterated what the two council members said and that Mayor Barlow's presentation says it all. We try and do what we can with what we have and we have very little to work with at this time.

Councilman Spicuzzo stated that he also agrees with what everyone up here said. It was tough to have any kind of increase but it was necessary to keep the level of services that we provide, everyone up here did a good job.

Before opening this hearing, Council President Stollen outlined the procedure. Each person desiring to be heard will give his or her name. All questions must be directed to the Chair and I will refer them to the members of the council or other officials.

Questions must be confined solely to the Municipal Budget for 2011 before us; school or county matters are not proper subjects at this hearing.

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

Councilwoman Drozd made a motion to open the public hearing to the public, seconded by Councilman Spicuzzo.

The Clerk Called the Roll:

Councilman Seeley	Yes
Councilwoman Drozd	Yes
Councilman Spicuzzo	Yes
Councilman Poliseno	Yes
Council President Stollen	Yes and the meeting was opened to the

public.

There being no questions from the public as there were no members of the public in the audience a motion was made by Councilman Seely to close the open portion of the public hearing, seconded by Councilman Poliseno.

The Clerk Called the Roll:

Councilman Seeley	Yes
Councilwoman Drozd	Yes
Councilman Spicuzzo	Yes
Councilman Poliseno	Yes
Council President Stollen	Yes and the open portion of the public

hearing was closed.

Council President announced that the budget will be adopted this evening in the consent agenda at the regular meeting.

**PUBLIC HEARING IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CARNIVAL**

Notice of this public hearing was advertised in the Home News Tribune by Immaculate Conception Church and 200' letters were sent out to residents all on April 7, 2011.

Council President Stollen stated that this was a public hearing for Immaculate Conception Church to hold their carnival from June 14<sup>th</sup> thru 18<sup>th</sup> and issuing them a license.

Councilman Seely made a motion to open the public hearing, seconded by Councilwoman Drozd.

The Clerk Called the Roll:

Councilman Seely	yes
Councilwoman Drozd	yes
Councilman Spicuzzo	yes
Councilman Poliseno	yes
Council President Stollen	yes and the public hearing was opened.

Mr. Paul Mastrobuoni spoke about the carnival and where they were positioning different things and that they added a chili cookoff. He explained that the EMS, Police and Fire Department were informed and ready for the carnival.

There being no questions from the public as there were no members from the public in attendance.

Councilman Spicuzzo made a motion to close the public hearing, seconded by Councilman Polisenno. The Clerk called the roll which was unanimous and the public hearing was closed.

Council President Stollen announced that a resolution authorizing the Clerk to issue a license for the carnival would appear on the consent agenda at May 2, 2011 meeting.

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

A motion was made to open the meeting to the public by Councilwoman Drozd, seconded by Councilman Spicuzzo. The Clerk call the roll which was unanimous and the meeting was open to the public.

There being no questions from the public a motion was made by Councilwoman Drozd, seconded by Councilman Polisenno to close the open portion. The Clerk called the roll which was unanimous and the public portion was closed.

There being no further business before council, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Councilman Spicuzzo, seconded by Councilman Polisenno.

The Clerk Called the Roll:

Councilman Seely	yes
Councilwoman Drozd	yes
Councilman Spicuzzo	yes
Councilman Polisenno	yes
Council President Stollen	yes and the public haring meeting was adjourned

DATED: April 18, 2011

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PATRICIA DeSTEFANO, RMC  
Municipal Clerk

ATTEST:

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CURTIS STOLLEN  
Council President