

BOROUGH OF SPOTSWOOD
77 Summerhill Road
Spotswood, New Jersey

Public Hearing on the
Local Municipal Budget for the year 2016
April 18, 2016
7:30 PM

The Public Hearing on the Local Municipal Budget for the year 2016, of the Borough Council of the Borough of Spotswood was called to order by Council President Stollen at the Spotswood Municipal Building, 77 Summerhill Road, Spotswood, NJ.

NOTICE

This Public meeting was called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Pubic Meetings Act. (N.J.S.A. 10:4-6) Notice of this meeting was sent to the Home News/Tribune, and it was advertised by summary on April 7, 2016, together with 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 in the Municipal Building and a supply was placed on the table for anyone desiring a copy tonight. Notices posted on the bulletin board have remained continuously posted.

ATTENDANCE

The Clerk called the roll:

Councilman Seely	Present
Councilwoman Drozd	Present
Councilman Ricci	Absent
Councilman Servis	Present
Council President Stollen	Present

Also present were Mayor Poliseno, Business Administrator McDonald, Borough Engineer Koch, Borough Attorney Diegnan, Chief Financial Officer Zanga, and Borough Auditor Stankiewicz.

PRESENTATION OF 2016 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Mayor Poliseno presented Council and residents with a slide presentation of the 2016 Municipal Budget showing the current fund and the utility fund. The 2016 budget calls for a tax increase of roughly \$64.88 for the average homeowner, which is approximately \$5.41 per month. Mayor Poliseno explained each slide of the presentation. (*see attachment*)

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2016 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

The Municipal Clerk reads the following statement: Council President, this is the time fixed for the Public Hearing on the Local Municipal Budget for the year 2016. The budget was approved on March 21, 2016 by the Borough Council; it was advertised by summary on April 7, 2016 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 a supply is here for anyone desiring a copy.

Council President Stollen stated the following:

Before opening this hearing, I wish to outline 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 2016 and the Public Hearing as advertised for the April 18, 2016 Council Meeting before us; school or county matters are not proper subjects at this hearing.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Councilman Servis made a motion to open the meeting to the public, which was seconded by Councilwoman Drozd. The Clerk called the roll, which was unanimous, and the public portion of the meeting was opened.

Cheryl Bass – 289 Main Street – 1) Question about slide #6. The State aid amount is the same every year; is there any chance they will give more? Council President Stollen and Mayor Poliseno respond. **2)** Question about the amount to be raised by taxation – Min Library Tax? (slide #4) Council President Stollen responds; it is a fixed equation of taxed ratables, and a statutory minimum. **3)** Debt service on Municipal Bonds. **4)** Question about where monies come from for road repairs. Council President explains. **5)** Question about Reserve for Uncollected Taxes (slide #8). Chief Financial Officer Zanga

responds. 6) Water/Sewer Utility Fund, Skilled Worker; why was another person hired? Business Administrator McDonald explains. 7) Water/Sewer Utility Fund, Capital Improvements; everything has been budgeted? Council President Stollen responds.

Frank Kardashian – 41 Kane Avenue - 1) Current Budget; Part-Time Dispatcher salary vs Patrolman overtime salary. Mayor Poliseno and Council President Stollen explain. **2)** Question about section called ‘Strategies’. Council President Stollen and Councilwoman Drozd respond.

Jackie Palmer – Shupin Street – 1) Commended Mayor on Budget presentation; liked the trends from years prior. Would like to see the 2014 and 2015 numbers; what is driving the increase in the Police Budget? Council President Stollen, Business Administrator McDonald and Chief Financial Officer Zanga respond and go over the sections of the Public Safety Budget. (*Budget information and prior years budgets are available under the FINANCIAL INFO tab of the Borough website <http://www.spotswoodboro.com>*) **2)** Question about accreditation, the e-ticket program and license plate reader for the Police Department. Council President Stollen and Business Administrator McDonald advise that there will be a consultant giving a presentation about the accreditation program during the May 16, 2016 meeting; and what the benefits of accreditation are. **3)** Question about the EMS budget. Business Administrator McDonald and Chief Financial Officer Zanga explain. **4)** Questioned if there is a way to decrease the impact? Council President Stollen responds.

Jodi Evanego – 123 Szymanski Drive – Question about EMS budget amount; license plate scanner. Chief Financial Officer Zanga responded.

Frank Kardashian – 41 Kane Avenue – Questioned if the vehicles / license plate scanner to be purchased are expensed, or capitalized and depreciated? Borough Auditor Stankiewicz explained that the purchases are expensed through the budget and purchased; they are a fixed asset and not depreciated.

Cheryl Bass – 289 Main Street – Makes a statement about license plate scanners.

Edward Smith – 395 Old Stage Road – 1) Question about slide #6. Under ‘*Other Special Items of Revenue*’, what are the decreases from? Chief Financial Officer Zanga responds. **2)** What is the unfunded debt for the Municipality? Borough Auditor Stankiewicz responds. **3)** Is there any plan to make that funded debt? Chief Financial Officer Zanga and Borough Auditor Stankiewicz respond. **4)** How much money is being set aside for Open Space? Council President Stollen responds.

There being no further questions from the public, Councilwoman Drozd made a motion to close the public portion, seconded by Councilman Seely.

The Clerk called the roll:

Councilman Seely	yes
Councilwoman Drozd	yes
Councilman Ricci	absent
Councilman Servis	yes
Council President Stollen	yes, and the public hearing was closed.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING

The Municipal Clerk reads the following statement: The 2016 Municipal Budget was introduced at a Council Meeting on March 21, 2016 and a Public Hearing was advertised, according to law, on April 7, 2016 stating the time and place for the public hearing on the 2016 Municipal Budget. The Public Hearing was set for April 18, 2016. Council President and Council Members, at this time I will entertain a motion and second to adopt Resolution 2016-64 ~ 2016 Municipal Budget, in the amount of \$6,669,898.00 for municipal purposes.

RESOLUTION #2016-64

**SECTION 2 - UPON ADOPTION FOR YEAR 2016
(Only to be Included in the Budget as Finally Adopted)**

Be it resolved by the Borough Council of the Borough of Spotswood, County of Middlesex that the budget hereinbefore set forth is hereby adopted and shall constitute an appropriation for the purposes stated in the sums therein set forth as appropriations, and authorization of the amount of:

- (a) \$ 6,669,898.00 (Item 2 below) for municipal purposes; and
- (b) \$ _____ (Item 3 below) for school purposes in Type I School Districts only (N.J.S. 18A:9-2) to be raised by taxation; and
- (c) \$ _____ (Item 4 below) to be added to the certificate of amount to be raised by taxation for local school purposes in Type II School Districts only (N.J.S. 18A:9-3) and certification to the County Board of Taxation of the following summary of general revenues and appropriations.
- (d) \$ _____ (Sheet 43) Open Space, Recreation, Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust fund Levy.
- (e) \$ 257,199.00 (Item 5 below) Minimum Library Tax

RECORDED VOTE
(Insert last name)

Ayes

Nays

Abstained

Absent

SUMMARY OF REVENUES

1. GENERAL REVENUES

Surplus Anticipated	08-100	\$ 1,321,200.00
Miscellaneous Revenues Anticipated	40004-10	\$ 1,860,055.97
Receipts from Delinquent Taxes	15-499	\$ 290,000.00
2. AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES (Item 6(a), Sheet 11)	07-190	\$ 6,669,898.00
3. AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION FOR SCHOOLS IN TYPE I SCHOOL DISTRICTS ONLY:		
Item 6, Sheet 42	07-195	\$
Item 6(b), Sheet 11 (N.J.S. 40A:4-14)	07-191	\$
Total Amount to be Raised by Taxation for Schools in Type 1 School Districts Only		
4. TO BE ADDED TO THE CERTIFICATE FOR AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION FOR SCHOOLS IN TYPE II SCHOOL DISTRICTS ONLY:		
Item 6(b), Sheet 11 (N.J.S. 40A:4-14)	07-191	\$
5. AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION FOR MINIMUM LIBRARY LEVY (Item 6(c), Sheet 11)	07-192	\$ 257,199.00
Total Revenues	40000-00	\$ 10,398,352.97

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SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS

6. GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS:	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Within "CAPS"	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
(a&b) Operations Including Contingent	30001-00	\$ 7,184,415.00
(e) Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures - Municipal	30004-00	\$ 957,250.00
(g) Cash Deficit	46-885	\$
Excluded from "CAPS"	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
(a) Operations - Total Operations Excluded from "CAPS"	60023-00	\$ 810,807.97
(c) Capital Improvements	60002-00	\$ 50,000.00
(d) Municipal Debt Service	60003-00	\$ 835,880.00
(e) Deferred Charges - Municipal	60024-00	\$
(f) Judgments	37-480	\$
(n) Transferred to Board of Education for Use of Local Schools (N.J.S. 40:48-17.1 & 17.3)	29-405	\$
(g) Cash Deficit	46-885	\$
(k) For Local District School Purposes	60008-00	\$
(m) Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	50-899	\$ 560,000.00
7. SCHOOL APPROPRIATIONS - TYPE I SCHOOL DISTRICTS ONLY (N.J.S. 40A:4-13)	60010-00	\$
Total Appropriations	30000-00	\$ 10,398,352.97

It is hereby certified that the within budget is a true copy of the budget finally adopted by resolution of the Governing Body on the 18th day of April, 2016. It is further certified that each item of revenue and appropriation is set forth in the same amount and by the same title as appeared in the 2016 approved budget and all amendments thereto, if any, which have been previously approved by the Director of Local Government Services.

Certified by me this 18th day of April, 2016

_____ Clerk

Councilwoman Drozd made a motion to adopt Resolution 2016-64 ~ 2016 Municipal Budget, seconded by Council President Stollen.

The Clerk called the roll:

Councilman Seely	yes
Councilwoman Drozd	yes
Councilman Ricci	absent
Councilman Servis	yes
Council President Stollen	yes, and the resolution was adopted.

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

The Clerk called the roll:

Councilman Seely	yes
Councilwoman Drozd	yes
Councilman Ricci	absent
Councilman Servis	yes
Council President Stollen	yes, and the meeting was adjourned

Dated: April 18, 2016

PATRICIA DeSTEFANO
Municipal Clerk

ATTEST:

CURTIS STOLLEN
Council President