

BOROUGH OF SPOTSWOOD
77 Summerhill Road
Spotswood, New Jersey

Special Meeting – 2017 Municipal Budget
April 19, 2017
7:30 PM

The special 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

This special meeting was called pursuant to the provisions of the “Open Public Meetings Act” (N.J.S.A. 10:4-6). Notice of this meeting was sent to the Home News Tribune on Monday, April 10, 2017. In addition, copies of this notice were posted on the bulletin board in the Spotswood Municipal Building, 77 Summerhill Road, Spotswood, NJ, on the Borough website and filed in the office of the Municipal Clerk on the 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.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG AND MOMENT OF SILENCE

ATTENDANCE

The Clerk called the roll:

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

Also present were Mayor Seely, Business Administrator McDonald, Chief Financial Officer Zanga, and Borough Auditor Stankiewicz.

Municipal Clerk DeStefano reads the following statement to Council:

Council President, this is the time fixed for the Public Hearing on the Local Municipal Budget for the year 2017. The budget was approved on March 20, 2017, by the Borough Council. It was advertised by summary on April 8, 2017, 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, and a supply is here for anyone desiring a copy. Copies were also sent to the Library.

Council President Ricci reads the following statement to the audience:

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 member(s) of the Council or other Officials. Questions must be confined solely to the Municipal Budget for 2017, and the public hearing advertised for the April 19, 2017 Council Meeting 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 meeting to the public, which was seconded by Councilman Stollen. All present were in favor and the public portion of the meeting was opened.

Jackie Palmer – Shupin Street – Question about which salaries are included on different breakouts on sheet 12. CFO Zanga advises about each. Question about EMS salaries; why was it split in 2016? CFO Zanga explains. Question about group health insurance. CFO Zanga explains; due to levy cap. Question about police vehicles/leasing. CFO Zanga explains; MCIA lease.

Frank Kardashian – 41 Kane Avenue – Questions why some numbers are up, some are down, some are double? Question what was written off last year against the reserve. CFO Zanga responds \$29,272.35. Questions the amount of reserve for uncollected taxes. CFO Zanga responds; \$560,000.00. Discussion about total operations excluded from CAP. Auditor Stankiewicz explains that part of the reason is the grants fluctuate.

Council President Ricci made a motion to close the public hearing, which was seconded by Councilwoman Drozd. The Clerk called the roll, which was unanimous, and the public portion of the meeting was closed.

Council President Ricci announces the 2017 Municipal Budget will be adopted.

Municipal Clerk DeStefano reads Resolution 2017-70 - 2017 Municipal Budget Resolution 2017

RESOLUTION #2017-70

**SECTION 2 - UPON ADOPTION FOR YEAR 2017
(Only to be included in the Budget as Finally Adopted)**

Be it resolved by 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 to be raised by taxation for municipal purpose of the Borough Council

(a) \$ 6,800,398.00 (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) \$ 258,928.00 (Item 5 below) Minimum Library Tax

to be raised by taxation for municipal purpose
4 2.58,928 to be raised by taxation for minimum library tax.

RECORDED VOTE
(Insert last name)

Ayes	Nays	Abstained
Absent		

SUMMARY OF REVENUES

1. GENERAL REVENUES			
Surplus Anticipated		08-100	\$ 1,295,347.44
Miscellaneous Revenues Anticipated		40004-10	\$ 1,998,134.96
Receipts from Delinquent Taxes		15-499	\$ 230,000.00
		07-190	\$ 6,800,398.00
2. AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES (Item 6(a), Sheet 11)			
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 I 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)			
Total Revenues	40000-00	\$	10,582,808.40

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SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS

6. GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS:		XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Within "CAPS"		XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
(a.&b) Operations Including Contingent		30001-00	\$ 7,435,645.00
(e) Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures - Municipal		30004-00	\$ 1,001,250.00
(g) Cash Deficit		46-885	\$
Excluded from "CAPS"		XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
(a) Operations - Total Operations Excluded from "CAPS"		60023-00	\$ 705,955.40
(c) Capital Improvements		60002-00	\$ 50,000.00
(d) Municipal Debt Service		60003-00	\$ 829,958.00
(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	\$ 10,582,808.40

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 19th day of April, 2017. 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 2017 approved budget and all amendments thereto, if any, which have been previously approved by the Director of Local Government Services.

Certified by me this _____ 19th _____ day of _____ April _____, 2017 _____ Clerk

Councilwoman Drozd makes a motion to adopt Resolution 2017-70 – 2017 Municipal Budget, which was seconded by Councilman Rivera.

The Clerk called the roll:

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

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

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 7:55 P.M.

Dated: April 19, 2017

PATRICIA DeSTEFANO
Municipal Clerk

ATTEST:

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Council President