

BOROUGH OF SPOTSWOOD
77 Summerhill Road
Spotswood, New Jersey

Regular Meeting
May 2, 2016
7:49 PM

The regular meeting 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

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 28, 2015. 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 AND MOMENT OF SILENCE

ATTENDANCE

The Clerk called the roll:

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

Also present were Business Administrator McDonald, Borough Engineer Koch, and Borough Attorney Diegnan. Mayor Poliseno was absent.

MINUTES

April 18, 2016 – Public Hearing - Immaculate Conception Church Carnival

The minutes of the Immaculate Conception Church Carnival Public Hearing of April 8, 2016 of the Borough Council were presented. Councilman Seely made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilwoman Drozd.

The Clerk called the roll:

Councilman Seely	yes
Councilwoman Drozd	yes
Councilman Ricci	abstain
Councilman Servis	yes
Council President Stollen	yes, and the minutes of the above date were approved

as presented.

April 18, 2016 – Public Hearing – 2016 Budget

The minutes of the Budget Public Hearing of April 18, 2016 of the Borough Council were presented. Councilwoman Drozd made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilman Servis.

The Clerk called the roll:

Councilman Seely	yes
Councilwoman Drozd	yes
Councilman Ricci	abstain
Councilman Servis	yes
Council President Stollen	yes, and the minutes of the above date were approved

as presented.

April 18, 2016 – Regular Meeting

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 18, 2016 of the Borough Council were presented. Councilwoman Drozd made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilman Servis.

The Clerk called the roll:

Councilman Seely	yes
Councilwoman Drozd	yes
Councilman Ricci	abstain
Councilman Servis	yes
Council President Stollen	yes, and the 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: 2016-71

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Business Administrator have received correspondence from Interstate Contracting and Excavating, LLC and CME Associates, recommending pay estimate No. 1 for work performed by Interstate Contracting & Excavating, LLC from January 15, 2016 to March 30, 2016 for a project known as Water System Interconnection, which was performed by Interstate Contracting & Excavating, LLC; and

WHEREAS, Business Administrator, Dawn McDonald advised that pay estimate No. 1 for work performed by Interstate Contracting & Excavating, LLC for work performed on the above project from January 15, 2016 to March 30, 2016 for the above referenced project in the amount of \$94,986.50; and

WHEREAS, the Borough entered into a contract with Interstate Contracting & Excavating, LLC on November 9, 2015 for project known as Water System Interconnection. Payment subject to Interstate Contracting & Excavating, LLC providing the required Certified Payroll Records and Project Manning Reports for the pay period; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Engineer, of CME Associates, recommends approval of pay estimate No. 1, in the amount of \$94,986.50.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Spotswood, in the County of Middlesex, the State of New Jersey, that pay estimate No. 1 for the aforesaid work is hereby approved.

DATED: May 2, 2016

CURTIS STOLLEN
Council President

ATTEST:

PATRICIA DeSTEFANO, RMC
Municipal Clerk

AS CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER OF THE BOROUGH OF SPOTSWOOD, I CERTIFY THAT FUNDS FOR THIS RESOLUTION ARE IN ACCOUNT U-06-55-012-201.

JOSEPH ZANGA
Chief Financial Officer

RES: 2016-72

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the governing body of the Borough of Spotswood in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, had previously authorized and directed the Borough Clerk to advertise for the receipt of sealed bids for “Improvements to Wyoming Avenue – Phase II” in accordance with specifications approved and filed in the Office of the Borough Clerk; and

WHEREAS, said bids were received on March 4, 2016 and opened and read aloud that Black Rock Enterprises, 1316 Englishtown Rd., Old Bridge, New Jersey as the lowest and most responsible bidder thereon with a bid of \$113,962.55 as noted in reports of the Borough Engineer dated March 11, 2016 and Borough Attorney dated March 21, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough has certified in writing that funds are available for

the above purpose and are contained in Ordinance 2007-10/2015-05; and

WHEREAS, the award of this contract is contingent upon the contractor fully complying, if applicable, with the requirements of Public Law 1975, Chapter 127, known as the "Affirmative Action Law" and the award is contingent upon the estoppel period.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the governing body of the Borough of Spotswood in the County of Middlesex, the State of New Jersey, that the above recited bid be and the same is hereby accepted and that a contract be and the same is hereby awarded to Black Rock Enterprises, LLC of Old Bridge, New Jersey.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the appropriate officers of the Borough be and they are hereby authorized and directed to execute all instruments necessary to complete the above stated transaction.

DATED: May 2, 2016

CURTIS STOLLEN
Council President

ATTEST:

PATRICIA DeSTEFANO, RMC
Municipal Clerk

AS CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER OF THE BOROUGH OF SPOTSWOOD, I CERTIFY THAT FUNDS FOR THIS RESOLUTION ARE IN ACCOUNT C-04-55-917-201 and 6-01-41-705-024.

JOSEPH ZANGA
Chief Financial Officer

RES: 2016-73

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the official utility records of the Borough of Spotswood, County of Middlesex, New Jersey show certain refunds and credits, which include water and sewer utility; and

WHEREAS, the Utility Collector, for the Borough of Spotswood, recommends that the following refunds should be made to the consumer noted herein below listed.

<u>ACCOUNT #</u>	<u>PAYABLE TO:</u>	<u>REFUND BY RESOLUTION:</u>
20001221-0	PMG New Jersey II, LLC c/o 2359 Research Court Woodbridge, VA 22192 for the property located at: 350 Main Street Spotswood, NJ 08884	\$947.75

WHEREAS, the Utility Collector, for the Borough of Spotswood, recommends that the following credits should be made to the consumer noted herein below listed.

<u>ACCOUNT #</u>	<u>PAYABLE TO:</u>	<u>CREDIT BY RESOLUTION:</u>
10000615-0	Okonieski, Andrew F & Kathleen 393 Manalapan Road Spotswood, NJ 08884	\$18.50

20001940-0 Snap Fitness \$266.00
c/o Keturah Harris
16 Carnegie Street
Monroe, NJ 08831

for the property located at:
Renaissance at Spotswood, LLC
400-434 Main St., Unit F
Spotswood, NJ 08884

10088347-0 Horvath, Mary & Richard \$200.00
347 Gloria Court
Spotswood, NJ 08884

NOW THEREFORE BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Borough of Council of the Borough of Spotswood, County of Middlesex, that the Utility Collector is hereby authorized to make aforesaid adjustments indicated above.

DATED: May 2, 2016

CURTIS STOLLEN
Council President

ATTEST:

PATRICIA DeSTEFANO, RMC
Municipal Clerk

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

JOSEPH ZANGA
Chief Financial Officer

RES: 2016-74

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Borough of Spotswood has negotiated a Memorandum of Agreement with International Association of EMTs and Paramedics Local R2-215 of the Borough of Spotswood; and

WHEREAS, it is the opinion of the Borough Council that said Memorandum is proper and acceptable and will be subject to and incorporated in an amendment to the "Ordinance Fixing and Establishing the Salaries and Wages for Employees of the Borough of Spotswood in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey".

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Spotswood, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, that Nicholas Polisenio, Mayor of the Borough of Spotswood, is hereinafter authorized to execute a contract with the Borough of Spotswood's International Association of EMTs and Paramedics, Local R2-215, for the years May 1, 2016 to December 31, 2018.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk be and is hereby authorized to attest to the execution of said agreement by Nicholas Polisenio, Mayor of the Borough of Spotswood. A copy of this resolution and contract are available for public inspection in the office of the Municipal Clerk.

DATED: May 2, 2016

CURTIS STOLLEN
Council President

ATTEST:

PATRICIA DeSTEFANO
Municipal Clerk

RES: 2016-75

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Borough of Spotswood, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey has a need to purchase a new Telecommunication System for the Borough; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5) authorizes contracting units to establish a Cooperative Pricing System and to enter into Cooperative Pricing Agreements for its administration; and

WHEREAS, the Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission, hereinafter referred to as the "Lead Agency" has offered voluntary participation in a Cooperative Pricing System for the purchase of goods and services AND the Borough has been accepted into MRESC; and

WHEREAS, The Borough Council and Administration wishes to award a contract to RFP Solutions under MRESC Cooperative for new Telecommunication System, (per attached specs); and

WHEREAS, the Business Administrator has determined that the value of the contract herein will not exceed \$44,620.

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

1. That RFP Solutions can install a new Telecommunication System thru the MRESC Cooperative Pricing.
2. Scope of work described for a fee not to exceed \$44,620.00.
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: May 2, 2016

CURTIS STOLLEN
Council President

ATTEST:

PATRICIA DeSTEFANO, RMC
Municipal Clerk

AS CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICE OF THE BOROUGH OF SPOTSWOOD, I CERTIFY THAT FUNDS FOR THIS RESOLUTION ARE IN ACCOUNT C-04-55-930-203.

JOE ZANGA
Chief Financial Officer

RES: 2016-76

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, in the past, the Borough of Spotswood, Middlesex County has availed itself of the right to purchase materials, supplies and equipment under contracts for such materials, supplies and equipment entered into on behalf of the State of New Jersey pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-10; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable from time to time to obtain materials, supplies and equipment under contracts for such items through the State of New Jersey without the necessity of advertising for bids, or in the cases where no bids have been received; and

WHEREAS the Borough of Spotswood, Middlesex County, desires to purchase Voice Communications Network Services from Broadview Networks under NJ State Contract # 85017; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the governing body of the Borough of Spotswood in the County of Middlesex, the State of New Jersey, that the purchase of Voice Communications Network Services be conducted from RFP Solutions, Inc. Broadview Networks, 10 F Greenwood Avenue, Woodbury, NJ for three (3) years at an estimated cost of \$3,210.00 per month under New Jersey State Contract #85017.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the appropriate officers of the Borough be and they are hereby authorized and directed to execute all instruments necessary to complete the above stated transaction with Broadview Networks.

DATED: May 2, 2016

CURTIS STOLLEN
Council President

ATTEST:

PATRICIA DeSTEFANO, RMC
Municipal Clerk

AS CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER OF THE BOROUGH OF SPOTSWOOD, I CERTIFY THAT FUNDS FOR THIS RESOLUTION ARE AVAILABLE IN ACCOUNT 6-01-31-440-020.

JOSEPH ZANGA
Chief Financial Officer

RES: 2016-77

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Borough of Spotswood, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey has a need for a New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police Accreditation; and

WHEREAS, The Rodgers Group, LLC, a limited liability company of the State of New Jersey, having a principal place of business at PO Box 831, Island Heights, New Jersey, referred to as "Consultant", and the Borough of Spotswood, having principal place of business at 77 Summerhill Road, Spotswood, New Jersey, desires that the Consultant undertake said Specialized Consulting services; and

WHEREAS, for the Consulting services the consideration shall be in the amount of \$39,000.00 dollars payable in (12) twelve monthly payments of \$3,250.00 and Consultant's proposal is designed to be fully-executed in 12 months in exchange for the fee detailed; and

WHEREAS, The Borough Council and Administration wishes to award a contract to The Rodgers Group, LLC for Consulting Services for the purpose of New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police, (per contract) and authorize the appropriate officials to execute said contract.

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

5. That The Rodgers Group, LLC can perform the Consulting Services for the purpose of NJSACOP Accreditation.
6. Scope of work described in said contract for a fee not to exceed \$39,000.00.
7. 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.
8. 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: May 2, 2016

CURTIS STOLLEN
Council President

ATTEST:

PATRICIA DeSTEFANO, RMC
Municipal Clerk

AS CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICE OF THE BOROUGH OF SPOTSWOOD, I CERTIFY THAT FUNDS FOR THIS RESOLUTION ARE IN ACCOUNT 6-01-25-240-029.

JOSEPH ZANGA,
Chief Financial Officer

RES: 2016-78

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the governing body of the Borough of Spotswood in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, has the need for Asbestos Abatement – Spotswood E.M.S. Building, located at 49 DeVoe Avenue in the Borough of Spotswood; and

WHEREAS, Quotes were obtained and lowest responsible quote was Guardian Contracting, Inc., 1889 Route 9, Suite 61, Toms River, New Jersey for a total cost of \$15,300.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the governing body of the Borough of Spotswood in the County of Middlesex, the State of New Jersey, that the above recited quotation for Asbestos Abatement, per Scope of Work in contract, be and the same is hereby accepted and that a contract be and the same is hereby awarded to Guardian Contracting, Inc., 1889 Route 9, Suite 61, Toms River, New Jersey.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the appropriate officers of the Borough be and they are hereby authorized and directed to execute all instruments necessary to complete the above stated transaction.

DATED: May 2, 2016

CURTIS STOLLEN
Council President

April 28, 2016
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Bill List By P.O. Number

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PO #	PO Date	Vendor	PO Description	Status	Amount	Void Amount	PO Type
16-00592	04/13/16	E0051	EAST COAST CUSTOM	RECREATION FLAG FOOTBALL 2016	Open	765.00	0.00
16-00593	04/13/16	E0051	EAST COAST CUSTOM	RECREATION FLAG FOOTBALL 2016	Open	160.00	0.00
16-00605	04/13/16	C0060	CARD IMAGING	OEM SUPPLIES	Open	129.00	0.00
16-00615	04/13/16	M0009	MCUA SOLID WASTE	LANDFILL MARCH 2016	Open	19,924.88	0.00
16-00620	04/13/16	W0048	W.E. TIMMERMAN COMPANY	SWEEPER REPAIR	Open	884.81	0.00
16-00623	04/13/16	C0052	VINCENT QUILES JR	MISC SUPPLIES	Open	110.00	0.00
16-00626	04/13/16	00010	ONE CALL CONCEPTS	REGULAR LOCATES - MARCH 2016	Open	122.50	0.00
16-00628	04/15/16	T0008	TOWNSHIP OF EAST BRUNSWICK	GASOLINE CONSUMPTION MAR. 2016	Open	3,531.14	0.00
16-00629	04/15/16	R0139	RACEWAY PETROLEUM INC.	FLEET CARD PROG. 3/15-3/30/16	Open	388.26	0.00
16-00630	04/15/16	C0062	CME ASSOCIATES	ENGINEERING	Open	525.00	0.00
16-00631	04/15/16	C0062	CME ASSOCIATES	ENGINEERING	Open	153.00	0.00
16-00632	04/15/16	C0062	CME ASSOCIATES	ENGINEERING	Open	229.50	0.00
16-00633	04/15/16	M0083	MARRIOTT, CALLAHAN, BLAIR &	PLANNING BOARD ATTORNEY	Open	200.00	0.00
16-00634	04/15/16	M0083	MARRIOTT, CALLAHAN, BLAIR &	BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT ATTORNEY	Open	211.00	0.00
16-00635	04/15/16	M0083	MARRIOTT, CALLAHAN, BLAIR &	BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT ATTORNEY	Open	150.00	0.00
16-00636	04/15/16	T0201	TD BANK CREDIT CARD SERVICES	CREDIT CARD FEES - COURT 3/16	Open	258.34	0.00
16-00637	04/15/16	A0083	APRUZZESE, MCDERMOTT, ET AL	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RENDERED	Open	5,340.60	0.00
16-00638	04/15/16	S0120	SPORTS SIGNUP	ONLINE REGISTRATION 3/2016	Open	244.00	0.00
16-00639	04/15/16	T0201	TD BANK CREDIT CARD SERVICES	CREDIT CARD FEES-REC 3/2016	Open	70.36	0.00
16-00640	04/15/16	S0089	ST OF NJ - DEPT OF LABOR	UNEMPLOYMENT 2016 - 1ST QTR.	Open	764.05	0.00
16-00641	04/15/16	R0018	TREASURER, STATE OF NJ	vehicle registration	Open	712.00	0.00
16-00642	04/15/16	P0022	PATRICK J. DIEGNAN JR.	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RENDERED	Open	1,127.50	0.00
16-00647	04/15/16	N0002	NJ STATE LEAGUE OF MUNICIPAL	MINI ONE DAY CONFERENCE	Open	100.00	0.00
16-00654	04/21/16	S0251	STRATEGIC BILLING ENTERPRISE	SBE REIMBURSEMENT MARCH 2016	Open	792.04	0.00
16-00656	04/21/16	D0053	DILWORTH PAXSON, LLP	BOND ORDINANCE NO. 2016-7	Open	450.00	0.00
16-00658	04/21/16	G0119	GILLETTE ENTERPRISES	EMS LEASE OF PROPERTY 5/2016	Open	3,000.00	0.00
16-00659	04/21/16	M0006	MIDDLESEX COUNTY TREASURER	2016 COUNTY TAXES-2ND QTR	Open	709,648.12	0.00
16-00660	04/21/16	00006	MIDDLESEX COUNTY TREASURER	2016 OPEN SPACE-2ND QTR	Open	57,906.62	0.00
16-00664	04/21/16	P0061	JANINE BALAZS	PARTY TABLECLOTHS	Open	14.98	0.00
16-00673	04/21/16	R0139	RACEWAY PETROLEUM INC.	FLEET CARD PROG 3/31-4/14/2016	Open	441.17	0.00
16-00674	04/21/16	M0040	MIDDLESEX CTY MUN JOINT INS	JIF ASSESSMENT MAY 2016	Open	76,112.50	0.00
16-00697	04/27/16	U0007	U S POSTAL SERVICE	POSTAGE METER	Open	8,000.00	0.00
16-00698	04/27/16	S0007	SPOTSWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION	SCHOOL TAXES PAYABLE 5/2016	Open	981,596.00	0.00
16-00704	04/27/16	PMGNE005	PMG NEW JERSEY II, LLC	REFUND BY RESOLUTION	Open	947.75	0.00
16-00705	04/27/16	V0009	VERIZON	telephone use 4/2016	Open	1,030.23	0.00
16-00706	04/27/16	J0164	JCP&L	ELECTRIC USE MAR/APR 2016	Open	7,951.01	0.00
16-00708	04/27/16	P0002	PSE&G	GAS HEATING 4/2016	Open	324.51	0.00
16-00709	04/27/16	S0020	SAMUEL KLEIN & COMPANY	2016 MUNICIPAL BUDGET	Open	7,900.00	0.00

Total Purchase Orders: 88 Total P.O. Line Items: 0 Total List Amount: 1,939,119.68 Total Void Amount: 0.00

PO #	PO Date	Vendor	PO Description	Status	Amount	Void Amount	PO Type
16-00591	04/15/16	B0052	BORO OF SPOTSWOOD PAYROLL	PAYROLL 4/15/2016	Open	185,526.94	0.00
16-00625	04/13/16	S0008	NJSHBP	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS APRIL 2016	Open	126,970.05	0.00
16-00655	04/21/16	E0056	EAST BRUNSWICK WATER UTILITY	WATER SERVICE MARCH 2016	Open	27,770.92	0.00
16-00669	04/21/16	GDFSU005	GDF SUEZ ENERGY RESOURCES NA	ELECTRIC DELIVERY APRIL 2016	Open	3,708.17	0.00
16-00670	04/21/16	J0164	JCP&L	ELECTRIC USE 4/2016	Open	804.65	0.00
16-00671	04/21/16	V0012	VERIZON WIRELESS	WIRELESS TELEPHONE 3/2016	Open	348.74	0.00
16-00672	04/21/16	C0213	COMCAST	INTERNET SERVICE 4/2016	Open	471.11	0.00

Total Purchase Orders: 7 Total P.O. Line Items: 0 Total List Amount: 345,600.58 Total Void Amount: 0.00

Councilwoman Drozd made a motion to adopt Resolutions 2016-71 and 2016-80 on the Consent Agenda, seconded by Councilman Ricci.

The Clerk called the roll:

Councilman Seely yes

Councilwoman Drozd yes

Councilman Ricci yes

Councilman Servis yes

Council President Stollen yes, and Resolutions 2016-71 through 2016-80 under the

consent agenda were adopted.

APPLICATIONS

Matthew Vincent Mooney wishes to become a member of the Fire Department

A motion was made by Councilman Seely seconded by Councilwoman Drozd and by a unanimous vote the application was accepted.

Proclamation

Municipal Clerks Week

May 1 - May 7, 2016

Whereas, the Office of the Municipal Clerk, a time-honored and vital part of local government, exists throughout the world; and

Whereas, the Office of the Municipal Clerk is the oldest among public servants; and

Whereas, the Office of the Municipal Clerk provides the professional link between the citizens, the local governing bodies, and agencies of government at other levels; and

Whereas, Municipal Clerks have pledged to be ever-mindful of their neutrality and impartiality, rendering equal service to all; and

Whereas, the Municipal Clerk serves as the information center on functions of local government and community; and

Whereas, Municipal Clerks continually strive to improve the administration of the affairs of the Office of the Municipal Clerk through participation in education programs, seminars, workshops, and the annual meetings of their state, province, county, and international professional organizations; and

Whereas, it is most appropriate that we recognize the accomplishments of the Office of the Municipal Clerk;

Now, therefore, I, Nicholas Polisenno, Mayor of the Borough of Spotswood, do recognize the week of May 1 through May 7, 2016, as Municipal Clerks Week, and further extend appreciation to our Municipal Clerk, Patricia DeStefano, and to all Municipal Clerks for the vital services they perform and their exemplary dedication to the communities they represent.

Dated: May 2, 2016

*Nicholas Polisenno
Mayor*

Attest:

*Patricia DeStefano
Municipal Clerk*



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, civic prayers and national days of prayers have a long and venerable history in our constitution republic, dating back to the First Continental Congress in 1775; and

WHEREAS, the Declaration of Independence, our first statement as Americans of national purpose and identity, made “the Laws of Nature and Nature’s God” the foundation of our United States of America and asserted that people have inalienable rights that are God-given; and

WHEREAS, The Supreme Court has affirmed the right of state legislatures to open their sessions with prayer and the Supreme Court and the U.S. Congress themselves begin each day with prayer; and

WHEREAS, in 1988, legislation setting aside the first Thursday in May in each year as a National Day of Prayer was passed unanimously by both Houses of Congress and signed by President Ronald Reagan; and

WHEREAS, the National Day of Prayer is an opportunity for Americans of all faiths to join in united prayer to acknowledge our dependence on God, to give thanks for blessings received, to request healing for wounds endured, and to ask God to guide our leaders and bring wholeness to the United States and her citizens; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper to give thanks to God by observing a day of prayer in the Borough of Spotswood when all may acknowledge our blessings and express gratitude for them, while recognizing the need for strengthening religious and moral values in our State and nation; and

WHEREAS, this year marks the 65th Annual National Day of Prayer with this year’s theme, “**Wake Up, America**”;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nicholas Poliseno, Mayor of the Borough of Spotswood, do hereby proclaim Thursday, May 5, 2016, to be designated as ***A DAY OF PRAYER*** in the Borough of Spotswood and encourage our citizens to observe the day in ways appropriate to its importance and significance.

DATED: May 2, 2016

Nicholas Poliseno
Mayor

ATTEST:

Patricia DeStefano, RMC
Municipal Clerk



PROCLAMATION

Whereas, the nearly 3.4 million registered nurses in the United States constitute our nation's largest health care profession, and

Whereas, the depth and breadth of the registered nursing profession meet the different and emerging health care needs of the American population in a wide range of settings, and

Whereas, the American Nurses Association, as the voice for the registered nurses of this country, is working to chart a new course for a healthy nation that relies on increasing delivery of primary and preventive health care, and

Whereas, a renewed emphasis on primary and preventive health care will require better utilization of all of our nation's registered nursing resources, and

Whereas, professional nursing has been demonstrated to be an indispensable component of the safety and quality of care of hospitalized patients, and

Whereas, the demand for registered nursing services will be greater than ever because of the aging of the American population, the continuing expansion of life-sustaining technologies, and the explosive growth of home health care services, and

Whereas, more qualified registered nurses will be needed in the future to meet the increasingly complex needs of health care consumers in this community, and

Whereas, the cost-effective, safe, and high-quality health care services provided by registered nurses will be an increasingly important component of the U.S. health care delivery system in the future, and

Whereas, along with the American Nurses Association, the Borough of Spotswood has declared the week of May 6–12 as National Nurses Week, with the theme ***Culture of Safety—It starts with You***, in celebration of the ways in which registered nurses strive to provide safe and high-quality patient care and to map out the way to improve our health care system,

Therefore, be it resolved, that I, Nicholas Poliseno, ask that all residents of this community join me in honoring the registered nurses who care for all of us, and

Be it further resolved, that the residents of the Borough of Spotswood celebrate registered nurses' accomplishments and efforts to improve our health care system, and show our appreciation for the nation's registered nurses, not just during this week, but at every opportunity throughout the year.

DATED: May 2, 2016

Nicholas Poliseno
Mayor

ATTEST:

Patricia DeStefano, RMC
Municipal Clerk



PROCLAMATION



WHEREAS, lupus is a chronic autoimmune disease in which the immune system inexplicably and randomly attacks the body's own tissues and vital organs, including the kidneys, brain, heart, lungs, blood, skin, and joints. It is a leading cause of premature cardiovascular disease, kidney disease, and stroke among young women; and

WHEREAS, lupus directly affects 1.5 million people in the United States. Each year, thousands of people are newly diagnosed with lupus, the majority of whom are young people in the prime of their lives, and, as lupus disproportionately affects women, 90 percent of those affected are women.

WHEREAS, lupus is one of the most difficult diseases to diagnose because its symptoms come and go, mimic those of other diseases, and there is no single test that can definitively identify the illness. Yet early diagnosis and treatment usually lessen the progression and severity of the disease and are vital to preserving health and preventing further complications, organ damage, and death; and

WHEREAS, many healthcare professionals are unaware of the symptoms and health effects of lupus, causing people with lupus to suffer for many years before obtaining a correct diagnosis and medical treatment, demonstrating the need for increased public and professional awareness of lupus. Increasing public awareness and focusing public attention on lupus and its devastating impact on patients' lives will provide hope for a better future for those affected; and

WHEREAS, the Lupus Research Institute works to raise awareness of the signs and symptoms of lupus and to promote education, research, social support, and quality medical care for our citizens who live with, or care for, someone who struggles with this disease. This month, let us recommit ourselves to supporting the research that will lead to better, targeted treatments and a cure for this devastating illness that affects so many people in the prime of their lives.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Nicholas Polisenio, by the authority vested in me by the governing body of the Borough of Spotswood, do hereby declare May 20, 2016 as:

LUPUS AWARENESS DAY

I urge all citizens to support the search for a cure and assist those individuals and families who deal with this devastating illness on a daily basis.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of Spotswood, New Jersey on this 2nd day of May, in the year of 2016.

ATTEST:

Nicholas Polisenio
Mayor

Patricia DeStefano, RMC
Municipal Clerk



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Borough of Spotswood includes a thriving community of older Americans who deserve recognition for their contributions and sacrifices to ensure a better life for future generations; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Spotswood is committed to helping all individuals live longer, healthier lives in the communities of their choice for as long as possible; and

WHEREAS, since 1965, the Older Americans Act has provided services that help older adults remain healthy and independent, which will continue under the Reauthorization Bill as signed by President Obama in April 2016; and

WHEREAS, we recognize the value of community engagement and service in helping older adults remain healthy and active while giving back to others; and

WHEREAS, the Spotswood Office on Aging/Senior Resource Center has acted as a catalyst for mobilizing the creativity, energy, vitality, and commitment of the older residents of Spotswood; and

WHEREAS, through the wide array of services, programs and activities, the Senior Center empowers older citizens of Spotswood to contribute to their own health and well-being and the well-being of their fellow citizens of all ages; and

WHEREAS, the Spotswood Senior Center in the Borough of Spotswood, County of Middlesex, affirms the dignity, self-worth, and independence of our older residents by facilitating their decisions and actions, tapping their experiences, skills, and knowledge and enabling their continued contributions to the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nicholas Polisenno, Mayor of the Borough of Spotswood, do hereby proclaim May to be Older Americans Month and the week of May 23 – 27 to celebrate Middlesex County Senior Health and Fitness Week. I urge every resident to take time this month to celebrate older adults and the people who serve and support them as powerful and vital individuals who greatly contribute to the community.

DATED: May 2, 2016

NICHOLAS POLISENO
Mayor

ATTEST:

PATRICIA DeSTEFANO, RMC
Municipal Clerk

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS

Councilman Ricci – Upcoming Recreation events – **1)** Fishing Derby on Saturday, May 28th ~ 8 AM – 10 AM – ages 3-14. (adults are required to have a fishing license) **2)** S’Woodstock on Saturday, June 4th

Councilman Seely – **1)** Senior Appreciation Breakfast on May 25th; doors open 8:45 AM (*RSVP required by 5/18*); **2)** Sergeant’s test was completed this week. Congratulations! Swearing-In Ceremony will be at a future Council Meeting. **4)** Accreditation of Police Department **5)** SPD will have a Veteran/Student Intern earning college credits (6) through the GI Bill, sponsored through the New Jersey City University, Professional Security Department; approx. 25 hours/week for the summer semester. Welcome! **6)** Letter from P. Meyers (Monroe Twp) dated November 11, 2015; Thank you to Ptl. M. Genovese and Ptl. J. Berlingieri for their assistance.

Councilwoman Drozd – **1)** Older Americans Month; **2)** Welcome to Robert Kearstan, EMS Director; **3)** Financial Disclosure Forms

Council President Stollen – Words in remembrance of William Gilliland

Municipal Clerk DeStefano – Update of Rabies Clinic held on Saturday, April 30th

Business Administrator McDonald – **1)** Spotswood is currently taking all water from East Brunswick due to the Daniel Road water treatment plant is offline for construction upgrades; residents are asked to limit unnecessary outside watering (filling pools/washing cars). Restrictions are expected to be lifted by May 11th at the latest; at that point, we will resume the odd/even watering schedule normally in place from May 1st – September 15th; Township**2)** Thank you to SWM who donated \$1,000 each to Spotswood EMS and Enterprise Hook and Ladder; **3)** Presentation about accreditation will be given at next Council Meeting; **4)** Welcome to Robert Kearstan, EMS Director and Rob Simonelli, EMT; **4)** ‘Blaze A Trail Passport’ for Older Americans Month – Thank you Janine Balazs for creating this activity!; **5)** Explained recent problem that occurred at Pump Station.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Councilwoman Drozd made a motion to open the meeting to the public, which was seconded by Councilman Servis. 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 Resolution 2016-74 – EMS Agreement; Council President Stollen and Business Administrator McDonald explain. **2)** Question about Resolution 2016-76; after 3 years, renegotiate? Council President Stollen explains that it is a State Contract so this does not need to be bid; will save approximately \$2,000/month. **3)** Question about where the money comes from to fix the old EMS building. Council President Stollen explains. **4)** Statement about proclamations from tonight.

Dean Sliker – Outcalt Avenue – **1)** Question about the Utility Company cutting trees around wires; creating a dangerous situation. Council President Stollen responds. Councilman Seely mentions a recent article related to this issue.

Tom Grzybowski – 304 Brunswick Avenue – **1)**What is the status of truck problem on Old Stage Road? **2)** Concerned about a tandem truck parked at the Polish American Club; **3)** Caterpillar loader parked on his front lawn/caved in the sidewalk last week because of work being done at the interconnect; spoke with Jean Mayer, DPW Director. Bruce Koch, CME advised J. Mayer brought it to his attention; will assist Mr. Grzybowski in filing claim with contractor to have fixed; **4)** landscaping at site of interconnection?

Frank Kardashian – 41 Kane Avenue - Question about Veteran’s exemption (\$250); is it a budget item? Council President Stollen explains that the State sets the amount. Disabled are completely exempt.

Councilman Seely made a motion to close the public hearing, which was seconded by Councilman Servis. The Clerk called the roll, which was unanimous, and the public portion of the meeting was closed.

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

The Clerk called the roll:

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

Dated: May 2, 2016

PATRICIA DeSTEFANO
Municipal Clerk

ATTEST:

CURTIS STOLLEN
Council President