

BOROUGH OF SPOTSWOOD
77 Summerhill Road
Spotswood, New Jersey

Regular Meeting
May 8, 2017
8:35 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

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

February 28, 2017 – Budget Workshop Minutes

The minutes of the Budget Workshop Meeting of February 28, 2017, of the Borough Council were presented. Councilman Stollen made a motion to approve the budget workshop meeting minutes, 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, and the budget workshop minutes of the above date were approved as presented.

April 3, 2017 – Caucus Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the caucus meeting of April 3, 2017, of the Borough Council were presented. Council President Ricci made a motion to approve the caucus meeting minutes, seconded by Councilman Stollen.

The Clerk called the roll:

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

April 3, 2017 – Regular Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the regular meeting of April 3, 2017, of the Borough Council were presented. Council President Ricci made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes, seconded by Councilwoman Drozd.

The Clerk called the roll:

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

April 19, 2017 – Special Meeting – 2017 Municipal Budget Minutes

The minutes of the 2017 Municipal Budget Special Meeting of April 19, 2017, of the Borough Council were presented. Council President Ricci made a motion to approve the special meeting minutes, seconded by Councilwoman Drozd.

The Clerk called the roll:

- Councilman Stollen yes
- Councilwoman Drozd yes
- Councilman Melillo yes
- Councilman Rivera yes
- Council President Ricci yes, and the 2017 Municipal Budget special meeting minutes of the above date were approved as presented.

April 24, 2017 – Public Hearing – Immaculate Conception Carnival

The minutes of the Immaculate Conception Carnival public hearing of April 24, 2017, of the Borough Council were presented. Councilwoman Drozd made a motion to approve the public hearing minutes, seconded by Councilman Stollen.

The Clerk called the roll:

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

April 24, 2017 – Caucus Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the caucus meeting of April 24, 2017, of the Borough Council were presented. Council President Ricci made a motion to approve the caucus meeting minutes, seconded by Councilwoman Drozd.

The Clerk called the roll:

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

April 24, 2017 – Regular Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the regular meeting of April 24, 2017, of the Borough Council were presented. Councilwoman Drozd made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes, seconded by Councilman Stollen.

The Clerk called the roll:

Councilman Stollen	yes
Councilwoman Drozd	yes
Councilman Melillo	yes
Councilman Rivera	abstain
Council President Ricci	yes, and the regular 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: 2017-80

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Corelogic Tax Service, mortgage servicer for the owner of property known as 58 Erickson Ave. Spotswood, NJ also known as, Block 111.6 Lot 2, has paid the necessary sum to redeem Borough of Spotswood Tax Sale Certificate #16-00011; and,

WHEREAS, said Tax Sale Certificate was sold to Stuart Lasher whose address is P.O. Box 83, Milltown, NJ 08850, and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Spotswood, that the Chief Financial Officer, Mr. Joseph Zanga is hereby authorized to pay the sum of \$3,305.00 (\$1,000.00 for premium and \$2,305.00 for certificate)to Mr. Stuart Lasher being all premiums, taxes, interest and, costs due to them.

TED RICCI
COUNCIL PRESIDENT

DATED: May 8, 2017

ATTEST:

PATRICIA DESTEFANO
MUNICIPAL CLERK

AS CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER OF THE BOROUGH OF SPOTSWOOD I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT FUNDS FOR THIS RESOLUTION ARE AVAILABLE FROM THIRD PARTY LIEN REDEMPTIONS 7.01.55.001.611 PREMIUMS T-13-56-860-016.

JOSEPH ZANGA
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

RES: 2017-81

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Business Administrator have received correspondence from Arcari Iovino Architects PC, recommending pay estimate No. 5 for work performed by JG Drywall LLC for a period thru April 28, 2017 for a project known as Improvements to Emergency Services Building, performed by JG Drywall LLC; and

WHEREAS, Business Administrator, Dawn McDonald advised that pay estimate No.4 for work performed by JG Drywall LLC. for work performed on the above project thru April 28, 2017 in the amount of \$166,916.54; and

WHEREAS, the Borough entered into a contract with JG Drywall LLC on November 9, 2016 for Improvements to the Emergency Services Building. Payment subject to JG Drywall LLC providing the required Certified Payroll Records and Project Manning Reports for the pay period; and

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. 5 for the aforesaid work is hereby approved.

Dated: May 8, 2017

TED RICCI
Council President

ATTEST:

PATRICIA DeSTEFANO, RMC
Municipal Clerk

AS CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER OF THE BOROUGH OF SPOTSWOOD, I CERTIFY THAT FUND FOR THIS RESOLUTION ARE IN ORDINANCE 2016-14.

JOSEPH ZANGA
CFO

RES: 2017-82

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, May is National Click It or Ticket month and the Spotswood Police Department will be cracking down on unbelted motorist, front and rear seat passengers and also will enforce the child safety restraint law as appropriate, as part of the Nationwide “Click It or Ticket” Seat Belt Mobilization Campaign; and

WHEREAS, a large percentage of the motor vehicle occupants killed in traffic crashes were not wearing a seat belt; and

WHEREAS, use of a seat belt remains the most effective way to avoid death or serious injury in a motor vehicle crash; and

WHEREAS, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration the most effective device for preventing deaths and injuries in motor vehicle crashes remains the seat belt. When used consistently, seat belts save lives and reduce serious injuries. According to NHTSA, seat belt use saved nearly 14,000 lives nationally in 2015 alone. In 2014, New Jersey experienced more than 4,000 crashes where an occupant was not wearing his or her seat belt, resulting in 121 fatalities. Unbelted motorists and passengers accounted for 21 percent of the state’s motor vehicle fatalities in

2015. The most recent statewide survey, undertaken in June, 2016, determined the seat belt usage rate in New Jersey to be 93.35%; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey will participate in the nationwide *Click It or Ticket* safety belt mobilization from May 22 – June 4, 2016⁷ in an effort to raise awareness and increase safety belt usage through a combination of enforcement and education; and

WHEREAS, the Division of Highway Traffic Safety has set a goal of increasing the seat belt usage rate in the state from the current level of 93.35% to 100%; and

WHEREAS, a further increase in safety belt usage in New Jersey will save lives on our roadways;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the *Borough of Spotswood* declares its support for the *Click It or Ticket* safety belt mobilization both locally and nationally from May 22 – June 4, 2017 and pledges to increase awareness of the mobilization and the benefits of safety belt use.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Borough Council of the Borough of Spotswood, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, authorize Edward T. Seely, Mayor, Joseph Zanga, CFO and Chief Michael Zarro to apply and execute the *Click It or Ticket* Seat Belt Campaign May 22, thru June 4, 2017 Enforcement Grant from the State of New Jersey, Division of Highway Traffic Safety.

DATED: May 8, 2017

TED RICCI
Council President

ATTEST:

PATRICIA DeSTEFANO, RMC
Municipal Clerk

RES: 2017-83

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Borough of Spotswood Police Department would like to apply for a Grant - Federal Funding of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

WHEREAS, This Grant will encompass an overall Traffic Education and Enforcement Program for the Borough of Spotswood that will coincide with the Federal Funding of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, as well as, guidelines with the New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety. This program will split the overall yearly program into various segments for assignment, monitoring, evaluation and recalculation of the overall effectiveness of our efforts. The Spotswood Police Department will coordinate its efforts with all State Strategic Highway Safety Plans; and

WHEREAS The Grant Segments are identified as follows: Occupant Protection (Click It or Ticket), Aggressive Driving and Speeding, DWI/DRE/Underage DWI, Pedestrian Safety, Distracted Driving and Move Over Law from May 16, 2017 thru June, July, August and September and school season from October until May 2018; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the *Borough of Spotswood* declares it's support for the above stated programs from May 2017 thru May 2018.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Borough Council of the Borough of Spotswood, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, authorize Edward T. Seely, Mayor, Joseph Zanga, CFO and Chief Michael Zarro to apply and execute the above stated grant segments to receive compensation in the amount of \$19,335.00 from Federal Funding of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

DATED: May 8, 2017

TED RICCI
Council President

ATTEST:

PATRICIA DeSTEFANO, RMC
Municipal Clerk

RES: 2017-84

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Borough of Spotswood, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey has solicited quotes for a contract to perform Custodial Services for the Municipal Building located at 77 Summerhill Road; and

WHEREAS, a quote was received by *Matrix Janitorial & Floor Maintenance*, 457 Summer Avenue, Newark, NJ 07104, who provided the quote to the Public Works Director and Business Administrator and was found to be the most responsible quote; and

WHEREAS, quotes were requested from Executive Cleaning Services, LLC, which quote was a higher monthly fee than Matrix Janitorial & Floor Maintenance and DBS Building Solutions - NJ, who declined to present a quote; and

WHEREAS, the most responsible quote was from *Matrix Janitorial & Floor Maintenance* with a contract of one year, in the amount of \$1,250.00 monthly, commencing June 1, 2017 through June 1, 2018, for an annual fee of \$15,000.00; and

WHEREAS, this contract may be awarded without public bidding as the total amount is below the threshold established by the Local Public Contracts Law and certified by Dawn McDonald, Business Administrator;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Spotswood, in the County of Middlesex, that the contract for Custodial Services is hereby awarded to *Matrix Janitorial & Floor Maintenance* and the appropriate officials are authorized to execute the contract on behalf of the Borough.

DATED: May 8, 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 THIS RESOLUTION ARE IN BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS.

JOSEPH ZANGA
Chief Financial Officer

PO #	PO Date	Vendor	PO Description	Status	Amount	Void Amount	PO Type				
17-00616	04/20/17	V0012	VERIZON WIRELESS	WIRELESS TELEPHONE 3/2017	Open	388.42	0.00				
17-00617	04/20/17	S0167	SAMANTHA WASSERMAN	RECREATION SECRETARY 2017	Open	50.00	0.00				
17-00618	04/20/17	M0139	MICRO SYSTEMS NJCOM LLC	2017 ONLINE ACCESS	Open	1,800.00	0.00				
17-00619	04/20/17	M0006	MIDDLESEX COUNTY TREASURER	2ND QTR 2017 COUNTY TAXES	Open	703,441.45	0.00				
17-00626	04/20/17	O0006	MIDDLESEX COUNTY TREASURER	2017 OPEN SPACE - 2ND QTR	Open	58,217.29	0.00				
17-00628	04/20/17	L0009	LANCE ENTERPRISES LLC	quarterly maintenance	Open	1,200.00	0.00				
17-00629	04/20/17	L0015	LORCO PETROLEUM SERVICE	waste oil pick up	Open	175.00	0.00				
17-00630	04/20/17	M0015	MIDDLESEX CTY IMPROVEMENT AUTH	curbside recycling march	Open	8,172.78	0.00				
17-00633	04/20/17	D0056	DOCTOR'S CARE CENTER	PRE-EMPLOYMENT PHYSICAL	Open	120.00	0.00				
17-00635	04/20/17	T0071	TOWNSHIP OF EAST BRUNSWICK	ANIMAL CONTROL	Open	929.00	0.00				
17-00640	04/25/17	C0254	CINDY THACKARA	2017 RABIES CLINIC 3 HRS@15.00	Open	45.00	0.00				
17-00641	04/25/17	L0067	DR LORI FARRAGHER	VET '17 RABIES CLINIC 4-29-17	Open	350.00	0.00				
17-00642	04/25/17	C0042	CHERYL DOUGHERTY	2017 RABIES CLINIC 3HRS@15.00	Open	45.00	0.00				
17-00643	04/25/17	K0031	KIMM ZIELINSKI	2017 RABIES CLINIC 3HRS@18.00	Open	54.00	0.00				
17-00644	04/25/17	K0035	KAITLYN ZIELINSKI	2017 RABIES CLINIC 3HRS@15.00	Open	45.00	0.00				
17-00645	04/25/17	D0068	DANIEL DESTEFANO	2017 RABIES CLINIC 4HRS@15.00	Open	60.00	0.00				
17-00646	04/25/17	P0010	PATRICIA DESTEFANO	2017 RABIES CLINIC 4-29-17	Open	100.00	0.00				
17-00648	04/25/17	G0100	GENERAL CODE PUBLISHERS CORP	2017 SUPPLEMENT # 13	Open	1,543.55	0.00				
17-00650	04/25/17	S0025	SHOPRITE SUPERMARKETS, INC	SODA, WATER, CHIPS AND COOKIES	Open	103.71	0.00				
17-00651	04/25/17	MEMOR005	MEMORIAL MIDDLE SCHOOL	\$100.00 check to Memorial Midd	Open	100.00	0.00				
17-00653	04/25/17	DRUGE005	DRUG EDUCATION AWARENESS, LLC	PARENT SEMINAR	Open	600.00	0.00				
17-00654	04/28/17	B0052	BORO OF SPOTSWOOD PAYROLL	PAYROLL 4-28-2017	Open	213,391.91	0.00				
17-00659	04/28/17	C0213	COMCAST	INTERNET & CABLE SERVICES	Open	219.75	0.00				
17-00660	04/28/17	J0164	JCP&L	ELECTRIC USE APRIL 2017	Open	10,224.17	0.00				
17-00661	04/28/17	P0002	PSE&G	HEATING 4/2017	Open	25.70	0.00				
17-00662	04/28/17	V0009	VERIZON	TELEPHONE 4/2017	Open	1,107.38	0.00				
17-00663	04/28/17	ENGIE005	ENGIE RESOURCES	ELECTRIC DELIVERY APRIL 2017	Open	4,105.94	0.00				
17-00665	04/28/17	C0197	CRESCENT PARK SENIOR HOUSING	HEATING REIMBURSEMENT 4/2017	Open	17.67	0.00				
17-00668	04/28/17	ELIZA005	ELIZABETH BLATT	VOLUNTEER LUNCH ITEMS	Open	46.84	0.00				
17-00671	04/28/17	LIBRARY	SPOTSWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY	PORTION OF LIBRARY BUDGET	Open	20,000.00	0.00				
17-00679	04/28/17	D143	SPOTSWOOD DUNKIN DONUTS	Sweet Treats Event	Open	121.90	0.00				
17-00682	04/28/17	M0039	MICHAEL ZARRO	reimb for wrist bands	Open	382.32	0.00				
17-00683	04/28/17	L0024	LESLIE GENOVESE	reutib com, event	Open	25.83	0.00				
17-00686	05/03/17	S0007	SPOTSWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION	SCHOOL TAXES PAYABLE MAY 2017	Open	1,010,867.80	0.00				
17-00687	05/03/17	M0025	MONROE TWP MUN UTILITIES AUTH	10 SEWER UNITS MONROE TWSHP	Open	647.50	0.00				
17-00688	05/03/17	V0012	VERIZON WIRELESS	VERIZON WIRELESS 4/23/17	Open	221.94	0.00				
17-00689	05/03/17	B0049	BORO OF SPOTSWOOD CAPITAL	TRANSFER TO GEN CAPITAL FUND	Open	50,000.00	0.00				
17-00690	05/03/17	B0060	BOROUGH OF SPOTSWOOD TRUST	TRANSFER TO UNEMPLOYMENT FUND	Open	7,500.00	0.00				
17-00691	05/03/17	B0060	BOROUGH OF SPOTSWOOD TRUST	TRANSFER TO TRUST	Open	500.00	0.00				
17-00692	05/03/17	B0095	BORO OF SPOTSWOOD UTILITY CAP	TRANSFER TO UTILITY CAPITAL	Open	25,000.00	0.00				
17-00693	05/03/17	C0213	COMCAST	INTERNET SERVICES 4/16/17	Open	124.90	0.00				
17-00694	05/03/17	B0060	BOROUGH OF SPOTSWOOD TRUST	TRANSFER TO UNEMPLOYMENT TRUST	Open	5,000.00	0.00				
17-00695	05/03/17	B0060	BOROUGH OF SPOTSWOOD TRUST	TRANSFER TO TRUST	Open	200.00	0.00				
17-00696	05/03/17	B0058	BOROUGH OF SPOTSWOOD CURRENT	TRANSFER TO CURRENT FUND	Open	4,171.56	0.00				
17-00697	05/03/17	P0002	PSE&G	HEATING 4/2017	Open	1,487.19	0.00				
17-00698	05/03/17	A0083	APRUZZESE, MCDERMOTT, ET AL	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RENDERED	Open	136.00	0.00				
17-00700	05/03/17	S0008	NJSHBP	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS MAY 2017	Open	126,656.89	0.00				
17-00701	05/03/17	S0055	STATE TREASURER	RENEWAL OF TAX CERTIFICATE	Open	50.00	0.00				
17-00702	05/03/17	JGDRY005	JG DRYWALL LLC	PAYMENT ESTIMATE NO. 5	Open	166,916.54	0.00 C				
Contract No: 16-00012											
17-00703	05/04/17	M0040	MIDDLESEX CTY MUN JOINT INS	2017 ASSESSMENT - MAY	Open	81,895.00	0.00				
17-00704	05/04/17	A0083	APRUZZESE, MCDERMOTT, ET AL	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RENDERED	Open	3,415.00	0.00				
Total Purchase Orders:					100	Total P.O. Line Items:	0	Total List Amount:	2,547,657.95	Total Void Amount:	0.00

DATED: MAY 8, 2017

TED RICCI
Council President

ATTEST:

PATRICIA DESTEFANO, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Councilman Stollen made a motion to adopt Resolutions 2017-80 through 2017-85, seconded by Councilman Melillo.

The Clerk called the roll:

Councilman Stollen	yes
Councilwoman Drozd	yes
Councilman Melillo	yes
Councilman Rivera	yes
Council President Ricci	yes, and Resolutions 2017-80 through 2017-85 were adopted.

WHEREAS, there are approximately 900,000 law enforcement officers serving in communities across the United States, including the dedicated members of the Spotswood Police Department; and

WHEREAS, there have been 15,548 assaults against law enforcement officers in 2015, resulting in approximately 14,453 injuries; and



WHEREAS, since the first recorded death in 1791, more than 20,000 law enforcement officers in the United States have made the ultimate sacrifice and been killed in the line of duty; and

WHEREAS, the names of these dedicated public servants are engraved on the walls of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, 394 new names of fallen heroes are being added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial this spring, including 143 officers killed in 2016 and 251 officers killed in previous years; and

WHEREAS, the service and sacrifice of all officers killed in the line of duty will be honored during the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund's 29th Annual Candlelight Vigil in Washington, D.C. on the evening of May 13, 2017; and



WHEREAS, the Candlelight Vigil is part of National Police Week, be it noted that, because May 14, 2017 falls on a Sunday, some events will take place before the official dates of Police Week 2017; and

WHEREAS, May 15 is designated as Peace Officers Memorial Day in honor of all fallen officers and their families, and U.S. flags should be flown at half-staff;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that I, Ed Seely, Mayor of the Borough of Spotswood, together with our Governing Body, formally designate May 14 - 20, 2017, as National Police Week, and publicly salutes the service of law enforcement officers in our community and in communities across the nation. We call upon all citizens in this community to especially honor and show our sincere appreciation to the Police Officers of Spotswood, led by Dr. Michael Zarro, Chief of Police, by deed, remark, and attitude. We further encourage our citizens to observe Police Officers Memorial Day to honor those peace officers who have lost their lives or have become disabled in the performance of duty.

DATED: MAY 8, 2017

Ed Seely
Mayor

ATTEST:

Patricia DeStefano, RMC
Municipal Clerk

WHEREAS, public works services provided in our community are an integral part of our citizens' everyday lives; and

WHEREAS, the support of an understanding and informed citizenry is vital to the efficient operation of public works systems and programs such as water, sewers, streets and roads, public buildings, and solid waste collection; and

WHEREAS, the health, safety, and comfort of this community greatly depends on these facilities and services; and

WHEREAS, the quality and effectiveness of these facilities, as well as their planning, design, and construction, are vitally dependent upon the efforts and skill of public works officials; and

WHEREAS, the efficiency of the qualified and dedicated personnel who staff public works departments is materially influenced by the people's attitude and understanding of the importance of the work they perform;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ed Seely, Mayor of the Borough of Spotswood, together with the Borough Council and all of the Citizens of Spotswood, do hereby proclaim the week of **May 21 – 27, 2017**, to be **NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK**, and extend our thanks to the Borough's Department of Public Works, led by Director Jean Paul Mayer. We call upon all citizens, business owners, and civic organizations to acquaint themselves with the issues involved in providing our public works and to recognize the contributions which public works personnel make every day to our health, safety, comfort, and quality of life.

DATED: MAY 8, 2017

Ed Seely
Mayor

ATTEST:

Patricia DeStefano, RMC
Municipal Clerk



WHEREAS, in 1973, President Gerald Ford authorized Emergency Medical Services Week to celebrate EMS, its practitioners, and the important work they do in responding to medical emergencies.



At the time, EMS was a fledgling profession and EMS practitioners were only beginning to be recognized as a critical component of emergency medicine and the public health safety net; and

services is a vital public service; and

WHEREAS, the members of emergency medical services teams are ready to provide life-saving care to those in need 24 hours a day, seven days a week; and

WHEREAS, access to quality emergency care dramatically improves the survival and recovery rate of those who experience sudden illness or injury; and

WHEREAS, the members of emergency medical services teams, whether career or volunteer, engage in thousands of hours of specialized training and continuing education to enhance their lifesaving skills; and



WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize the value and the accomplishments of emergency medical services providers by designating Emergency Medical Services Week;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Ed Seely, Mayor of the Borough of Spotswood, on behalf of the Borough Council and all of the Citizens of Spotswood, in recognition of this event, do hereby proclaim the week of **May 21 – 27, 2017**, as **EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK**, and extend appreciation to all of the Borough Emergency Medical Technicians, together with Acting EMS Director David Nichols, for their conscientious Emergency Medical Services to the residents of the Borough of Spotswood and mutual aid to residents of our neighboring towns.

DATED: MAY 8, 2017

ATTEST

Ed Seely
Mayor:

Patricia DeStefano, RMC
Municipal Clerk



WHEREAS, the freedom and security that citizens of the United States enjoy today are direct results of the blood shed and continued vigilance given by the United States Armed Forces over the history of our great nation; and

WHEREAS, the sacrifices that such members of the United States Armed Forces, and of the family members that support them, have preserved the liberties that have enriched this nation making it unique in the world community; and

WHEREAS, the United States Congress, in two thousand and four, passed a resolution proclaiming May as National Military Appreciation Month, calling all Americans to remember those who gave their lives in defense of freedom and to honor the men and women of all of our Armed Services who have served and are now serving our Country, together with their families; and

WHEREAS, the months of May and June were selected for this display of patriotism because, during these months, we celebrate Victory in Europe (VE) Day, Military Spouse Day, Loyalty Day, Armed Forces Day/Week, National Day of Prayer, Memorial Day, Navy Day, Army Day, and Flag Day;



NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ed Seely, Mayor of the Borough of Spotswood, together with our Borough Council, do hereby proclaim the period May 1 through June 14, 2017, as a special time to show appreciation for our Military. I further proclaim May to be National Military Appreciation Month in the Borough of Spotswood, and encourage all citizens to join us in showing our gratitude by the appropriate display of flags and ribbons during the designated period.

DATED: MAY 8, 2017

Ed Seely
Mayor

ATTEST:

Patricia DeStefano, RMC
Municipal Clerk

COUNCIL COMMENTS AND LIAISON REPORTS

Councilman Melillo provides his liaison reports. **1)** The Board of Education meeting will be held at 7:00 P.M., on Tuesday, May 16th at Appleby School. Note the change of location. Mr. Anthony Vas has now taken over as Interim Superintendent. Three schools are scheduled for repairs during the summer. **2)** Pleased with the paving in the Crescent Road area.

Councilman Stollen did not have a report.

Councilwoman Drozd provides her liaison reports. **1)** Reminds viewers the SEMS Committee's report and recommendations were presented to the Borough Council during the Caucus Meeting. The meeting was recorded and the link is available from the Borough's website. <http://www.spotswoodboro.com/councilmeetingsvideo.html> **2)** Attended the Senior Center's Volunteer Luncheon on April 25th with Business Administrator McDonald. It was a great event honoring all of the volunteers!

Councilman Rivera did not have a report.

Council President Ricci provides his liaison reports. **1)** Recreation department – Flag football has not had any games yet due to the weather. T-Ball lost the first week but now they are moving ahead. Volleyball is going well. **2)** The fishing derby will be held on May 20th; adults need licenses to fish, children will not. **3)** The Spotswood 5K will be held on September 9th. **4)** S'Woodstock will be held on June 3rd at the Spotswood High School from 2:00 – 5:00 P.M. **5)** The Sentinel Newspaper is looking to do a story on the Cultural and Heritage Committee, and have been put in touch with Jack Eichenlaub and Bruce Eckman.

Business Administrator McDonald did not have a report.

Mayor Seely provides Memorial Day Parade updates. The parade starts at SWM; line-up is at 1:00 P.M., the parade starts at 2:00 P.M. Look for some new groups; Mayor Seely asks Council members to walk in the parade. Refreshments, hotdogs and entertainment afterwards at the American Legion Post 253. **2)** Thank you to Sergeant Mayo and Patrolman Sasso for their extensive research in obtaining the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Grant (Resolution 2017-83). **3)** Would like to offer our support to Sergeant Pfeiffer, Patrolman Sabatino and Patrolman Gallo as they start the Bike Unity Tour to Washington, DC tomorrow. **4)** Public notice regarding vandalism to fences, advises residents to call the Police Department. **5)** Thank you to the EMS Citizens Committee and Council for their work on the SEMS Committee Report.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

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

Erin Johnson – Adirondack Avenue – 1) Concerned about the intersection near Schoenly School; could it be marked as one-way during drop-off hours like Appleby School? Mayor Seely will advise Police Traffic Safety. **2)** Also concerned about the intersection of DeVoe/Vliet/Main Street; dangerous to make a left turn from Vliet. Discussion ensues about problems with the DeVoe/Vliet/Main Street intersection, timing of the light. Councilwoman Drozd questions if the Borough still owns the light. Business Administrator McDonald states the Borough does.

Jackie Palmer – 9 Shupin Street – 1) Would like to raise awareness about an organization called Hometown Heroes; a fundraiser event called “Beef and Beer” will be held on May 20th at the Spotswood Firehouse. Information will be posted on the Borough's website. **2)** Question about the monies raised by the Kloos' family, which former Mayor Poliseno accepted at the January 20th Council Meeting, for a scholarship fund. Council advises the matter will be looked into.

Kevin Palmer – 9 Shupin Street – Question regarding the upcoming fishing derby; what is going on with the lake and the dock? Mayor Seely advises that Assemblyman Benson and Senator Greenstein are searching out funding for dredging the lake. Discussion ensues regarding the dock, and FEMA funds received.

Jackie Palmer – 9 Shupin Street - Question regarding monies for the dock; discussion ensues regarding documents provided in her OPRA request.

Kevin Palmer – 9 Shupin Street - Questions who has access to NJEM Grants, and who is the Director of Public Safety for the Borough? Business Administrator McDonald responds. Discussion ensues regarding the NJEM Grants system. Councilwoman Drozd inquires what NJEM Grants is. Councilman Rivera explains.

Jackie Palmer – 9 Shupin Street – Reads excerpt from Project #6981003. Discussion ensues regarding information.

Dulce Branco-Rivera – Herbert Drive – Questions why close out a project worksheet if the project is not done? Business Administrator McDonald advises that it will be looked in to.

Lillian Gienieczko – 294 Woods End Court – Questions what happens if FEMA comes and audits this, and requests the monies back? Council President Ricci and Borough Attorney Diegnan respond; advise the matter will be looked in to.

Borough Engineer Koch explains what he recalls; gives his opinion. He was not involved in the matter.

Borough Attorney Diegnan gives his impression; advises the matter will be looked in to.

Erin Johnson – Adirondack Avenue – Makes a statement regarding the dock and the lake. Mayor Seely responds.

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

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

The Clerk called the roll:

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

Dated: May 8, 2017

PATRICIA DeSTEFANO
Municipal Clerk

ATTEST:

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Council President