

**BOROUGH OF SPOTSWOOD  
77 Summerhill Road  
Spotswood, New Jersey**

**Special Joint Meeting  
Helmetta, Spotswood & Board of Education  
May 16, 2011  
6:30 PM**

This Special Joint meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Spotswood, Helmetta and Board of Education 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 Polisenio	Present
Council President Stollen	Present

Also present were Mayor Barlow, Business Administrator Ron Fasanello, Members of the Borough of Helmetta

Mayor Martin	Present
Councilman Ascioffa,	Present
Councilman Janeczek,	Present
Councilman Karczewski	Present
Councilman Perez,	Present
Councilman Smith	Present

Also present from the Board of Education

Dr. U	Present
Board Secretary Spinillo	Present
Board Members, Branco-Rivera	Present
Board Member Lavelle	Present
Board Member Falkenbury	Present

**NOTICE**

THIS SPECIAL MEETING WAS CALLED PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS LAW. NOTICES OF THIS MEETING WERE SENT AND FAXED TO THE HOME NEWS TRIBUNE AND THE SENTINEL ON MAY 9, 2011. IN ADDITION, COPIES OF NOTICES WERE POSTED ON THE BULLETIN BOARD IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS OF HELMETTA AND SPOTSWOOD AND FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL CLERK'S ON AFORMENTIONED 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 MMINUTES OF THIS MEETING.

MINUTES OF THIS MEETING SHOULD ALSO REFLECT THE PURPOSE FOR WHICH THE MEETING WAS CALLED.

**COMMENTS**

This is a special meeting with the Spotswood Board of Education and the Borough Council of Helmetta and Spotswood to discuss the council's decision on the defeated school budget for 2010-2011, and any and all matters that come before council.

Both Mayor Martin of Helmetta and Council President Stollen if the Borough of Spotswood said that both Spotswood and Helmetta representatives had consultations from time to time up to and including May 16, 2011 on the defeated budget. Said councils determined that a no cut of the defeated budget due to the State Aid having been cut and stated that this budget would allow the school board to provide a thorough and efficient education for the school year 2011-2012.

Board of Education President Donna Falkenbrerry spoke of the things that have to be done to the schools during this school year and stated how they combined classes and teachers so that it would be cost effective. The School Boards main goal is to provide the students attending the Spotswood Schools with a proper education so that they are competitive when graduating and moving on to college.

**MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

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

There being no comments from the public councilman Seely made a motion to closed the open portion, 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 portion was closed.

Both Mayor Barlow and Mayor Martin and Council President said that due to less state aid given to the schools they feel that no reduction should be made to the 2011-1012 school budget.

Sandra Bohinski the Municipal Clerk of the Borough of Helmetta read their adopted resolution certifying the Spotswood Board of Education 2011-1012 school budget determining that the budget should not be reduced.

Patricia DeStefano, Municipal Clerk of the Borough of Spotswood read resolution 2011-65 in full:

**RES: 2011-65**

**RESOLUTION**

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION ADOPTING SCHOOL BUDGET OF BOARD OF EDUCATION PRUSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 18A:22-37

**WHEREAS, on April 27, 2011 the voters of the Borough of Spotswood District failed to adopt the annual school budget submitted to them by the Spotswood Board of Education for school year 2011-2012; and**

**WHEREAS, said failure to adopt was for the Current Expense portion of the said budget; and**

**WHEREAS, the Spotswood Board of Education on or before April 27, 2011 certified said failure to adopt its annual school budget to the Governing Body of the Borough; and**

**WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Spotswood met with the members of the Spotswood Board of Education for consultation from time to time up to May 16, 2011 on said defeated budget; and**

**WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 18A:22-37 requires the said Governing Body to now determine the amount of the said budget and to certify to the Middlesex County Board of Taxation the amounts it determines are necessary to provide a thorough and efficient system of schools of the district for the school year July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012; and**

**WHEREAS, the said Governing Body has had an opportunity to carefully examine said budget and has determined that no reduction of the Board of Education budget for the school year 2011-2012 is warranted and feels that the budget of \$25,828,898 without reductions, will provide for a thorough and efficient education for the district for the school year July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012; and**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED** by the Borough Council of the Borough of Spotswood that the following amount be certified to support the 2011-2012 Spotswood Board of education budget and is hereby so certified to the Middlesex County Board of Taxation to be so used as follows:

GENERAL FUND – LOCAL TAX LEVY	\$10,633,844.37
DEBT SERVICE -	\$ 1,037,781.00

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Municipal Clerk transmit a copy of this Resolution, certified to be a true copy of the Spotswood Board of Education, the Middlesex County Board of Taxation and the Middlesex County Superintendent of Schools the Borough of Helmetta and the Borough Auditor forthwith.

DATED: May 16, 2011

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CURTIS STOLLEN  
Council President

ATTEST:

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PATRICIA DeSTEFANO, RMC  
Municipal Clerk

Councilman Spicuzzo made a motion to adopt resolution 2011-65, 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 resolution 2011-65 was adopted.

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

The Clerk Called the Roll:

Councilman Seely	yes
Councilwoman Drozd	yes
Councilman Spicuzzo	yes
Councilman Poliseno	yes
Council President Stollen	yes and the meeting was adjourned.

DATED: May 16, 2011

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PATRICIA DeSTEFANO, RMC  
Municipal Clerk

ATTEST:

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CURTIS STOLLEN  
Council President