

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

**Regular Meeting
February 6, 2017
7:45 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 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	Absent
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

January 23, 2016 – Caucus Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the caucus meeting of January 23, 2016, of the Borough Council were presented. Councilman Stollen made a motion to approve the caucus meeting minutes, seconded by Councilman Rivera.

The Clerk called the roll:

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

January 23, 2017 – Regular Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 23, 2017, of the Borough Council were presented. Councilman Rivera made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes, seconded by Councilman Stollen.

The Clerk called the roll:

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

ORDINANCE – 2nd READING; PUBLIC HEARING

The Clerk announced that Bond Ordinance No. 2017-01J was posted in the Spotswood Municipal Building on January 23, 2017, and advertised by summary in the Home News Tribune on January 26, 2017. A public hearing was set for February 6, 2017.

BOND ORDINANCE NO. 2017-01J

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO MADIE AVENUE - PHASE II, APPROPRIATING \$500,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$200,000 BONDS AND NOTES TO FINANCE A PORTION OF THE COSTS THEREOF, AUTHORIZED IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF SPOTSWOOD, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY

Councilman Stollen made a motion to open the meeting to the public, which was seconded by Councilman Rivera.

The Clerk called the roll:

Councilwoman Drozd	absent
Councilman Stollen	yes
Councilman Melillo	yes
Councilman Rivera	yes
Council President Ricci	yes, and the public portion of the meeting was opened.

Council President Ricci explains the ordinance.

There being no questions, Councilman Stollen made a motion to close the public hearing, which was seconded by Councilman Ricci.

The Clerk called the roll:

Councilwoman Drozd	absent
Councilman Stollen	yes
Councilman Melillo	yes
Councilman Rivera	yes
Council President Ricci	yes, and the public portion of the meeting was closed.

Council President Ricci moved the ordinance be adopted on second and final reading, and be published according to law; seconded by Councilman Stollen.

The Clerk called the roll:

Councilwoman Drozd	absent
Councilman Stollen	yes
Councilman Melillo	yes
Councilman Rivera	yes
Council President Ricci	yes, and the ordinance was adopted.

ORDINANCE – 1st READING; PUBLIC HEARING SET FOR FEBRUARY 22, 2017

ORDINANCE NO. 2017-02F

**BOROUGH OF SPOTSWOOD
MIDDLESEX COUNTY**

CALENDAR YEAR 2017

ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14).

Council President Ricci moved that Bond Ordinance 2017-02F be passed on first reading and published according to law, and a public hearing be set for February 22, 2017; seconded by Councilman Rivera.

The Clerk called the roll:

Councilwoman Drozd	absent
Councilman Stollen	yes
Councilman Melillo	yes
Councilman Rivera	yes
Council President Ricci	yes, and the ordinance was passed on first reading, to be published according to law, and a Public Hearing set for February 22, 2017.

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: 2017-34

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, *Giancola Bros, Inc.*, 471 Cranbury Rd., East Brunswick, *Big “A”*, 192 Manalapan Rd., Spotswood, *Boyce’s Towing*, Monroe Township, *George Logan Towing, Inc.*, North Brunswick, *Giancola Auto Body Repairs*, 15 Main St., East Brunswick, *Tarantino Bros.*, Monroe, *First Due Towing & Recovery, Inc.*, Monroe Township, *Riperti’s Auto/Used Cars*, Old Bridge, *Circle Collision Center*, Old Bridge, *Oasis 1711 Auto Repair LLC*, East Brunswick, *Fred’s Towing*, South River and *East Brunswick Foreign Cars-3D’s Auto*, East Brunswick, *Dancar Holsten Service LLC*, Milltown, have made application for a wrecker’s license; and

WHEREAS, the vehicles have been inspected by the Spotswood Police Department and approved by the Chief of Police.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Spotswood that the above wrecker licenses are hereby granted for the year 2017.

DATED: February 6, 2017

TED RICCI
Council President

ATTEST:

PATRICIA DeSTEFANO
Municipal Clerk

RES: 2017-35

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, there exists a need for retaining special counsel to represent the Borough in any and all 2017 residential and commercial tax appeal proceedings for the Borough of Spotswood; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough has certified in writing as to the availability of funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Borough

Council of the Borough of Spotswood, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. That David P. Lonski, Esq. is hereby authorized to represent the Borough of Spotswood as Special Counsel in 2017 residential and commercial tax appeals in the Borough of Spotswood at a fee not to exceed \$5,000.00.
2. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a professional service 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.
3. 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: February 6, 2017

TED RICCI
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 IN ACCOUNT 7-01-20-150-029.

JOSEPH ZANGA
Chief Financial Officer

RESOLUTION

BOROUGH OF SPOTSWOOD COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX

AUTHORIZING PAY ESTIMATE NO. 7 FOR DANIEL ROAD WATER TREATMENT PLANT UPGRADES

WHEREAS, the governing body has received payment estimate No. 7 request from the borough engineer for the project known as Daniel Road Water Treatment Plant Upgrades whose contract amount was in the amount of \$768,500.00, for work performed by B & H Contracting, Inc. for referenced project from December 8, 2016 to January 5, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the borough engineer has advised in a letter dated January 16, 2017, for work performed by B & H Contracting, Inc. Accordingly, we recommend Pay Estimate No. 7 and a voucher for the work performed by B&H Contracting, Inc. from December 8, 2016, to January 5, 2017 for work on the above referenced project and payment in the amount of \$51,062.90 to B&H Contracting, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the borough engineer recommends approval of the pay estimate No. 7 for work on the above referenced project and payment in the amount of \$51,062.90 to B&H Contracting, Inc., subject to the contractor providing the required Certified Payroll Records and Project Manning Reports for the pay period.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Spotswood that pay estimate No. 7 requested by B&H Contracting, Inc. for the aforesaid project together with the payment of \$51,062.90 is hereby approved subject to the contractor providing the required Certified Payroll Records and Project Manning Reports for the pay period.

Date: February 6, 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 ACCOUNT U-06-55-014-201 - BOND ORDINANCE 2014-12.

JOSEPH ZANGA
Chief Financial Officer

RES: 2017-37

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, there was identified a need to enter into an Agreement with the Business Administrator, Dawn McDonald, to express and agree upon the terms and conditions of her employment with the Borough of Spotswood, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, on January 4, 2017, the Borough Council adopted Resolution No. 2017-4 reappointing Dawn McDonald as the Business Administrator for a four (4) year term, January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2020; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Borough Council of the Borough of Spotswood, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey does hereby authorize Mayor Edward T. Seely to execute an Agreement between the Borough and Dawn McDonald, Business Administrator.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, This Agreement shall be in full force and effect retroactive back to January 1, 2017 and shall remain in effect up to and including December 31, 2020.

DATED: January 23, 2017

TED RICCI
Council President

ATTEST:

PATRICIA DESTEFANO, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Councilman Stollen made a motion to adopt Resolutions 2017-34 through 2017-37 on the Consent Agenda, seconded by Councilman Melillo.

The Clerk called the roll:

Councilwoman Drozd	absent
Councilman Stollen	yes
Councilman Melillo	yes
Councilman Rivera	yes
Council President Ricci	yes, and Resolutions 2017-34 through 2017-37 under the consent agenda were adopted.

RESOLUTIONS AUTHORIZING

RES: 2017-38

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Borough of Spotswood, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey has the need to go out for “Request for Proposals and Qualifications for Ambulance Services” Under A Fair and Open Process; and

WHEREAS, the request for Proposals and Qualifications are for the following Professional Position:

AMBULANCE SERVICES IN THE BOROUGH OF SPOTSWOOD

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Borough Council of the Borough of Spotswood authorize the Business Administrator to make revisions to the Proposals and Qualifications for Ambulance Services in the Borough of Spotswood. Revisions to be made are directed by the Spotswood Borough Council and Borough Council also authorize the Municipal Clerk to advertise said proposals in the designated newspaper and on the Borough’s website, for the aforesaid Professional Service Proposal and provide said proposal to any firm requesting said proposal and also have the proposal up on the Borough’s website.

DATED: February 6, 2017

TED RICCI
Council President

ATTEST:

PATRICIA DESTEFANO, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Councilman Stollen made a motion to adopt Resolutions Authorizing 2017-38, seconded by Councilman Melillo.

The Clerk called the roll:

Councilwoman Drozd absent
 Councilman Stollen yes
 Councilman Melillo yes
 Councilman Rivera no
 Council President Ricci yes, and Resolutions Authorizing 2017-38 was adopted.

MEETING DATE: FEBRUARY 6, 2017 RESOLUTION #2017- 39
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 01:47 PM Bill List By P.O. Number

P.O. Type: All		Include Project Line Items: Yes		Open: N	Paid: N	Void: N	
Range: First to Last				Rcvd: Y	Held: Y	Aprv: N	
Format: Condensed				Bid: Y	State: Y	Other: Y Exempt: Y	
PO #	PO Date	Vendor	PO Description	Status	Amount	Void Amount	PO Type
16-00509	03/30/16	R0046	RKD TREE SERVICE	mulch	Open	720.00	0.00
16-00643	04/15/16	D0103	DELL COMPUTER CORP	NEW COMPUTER FOR CLERK	Open	948.51	0.00
16-01259	07/14/16	M0188	MAJOR POLICE SUPPLY	4 CAMERA ALPR SYSTEM	Open	18,757.18	0.00
16-01302	07/25/16	D0103	DELL COMPUTER CORP	COLOR PRINTER FOR MAYOR	Open	267.29	0.00
16-01798	10/20/16	M0034	MIDWEST TAPE LLC.	LIBRARY MATERIALS	Open	392.82	0.00
16-01931	11/04/16	V0023	V. H. BLACKINTON & CO. INC.	ESTIMATE FOR AWARDS	Open	811.03	0.00
16-02001	11/10/16	HARTE005	HARTER EQUIPMENT, INC.	cat 420d repair	Open	8,232.97	0.00
16-02022	11/22/16	D0037	DICK BLICK COMPANY	ART PAINT THINNER	Open	45.94	0.00
16-02085	12/01/16	RARIT010	RARITAN GROUP INC.	misc parts	Open	152.26	0.00
16-02090	12/01/16	O0024	OASIS CHEVROLET, LLC	chevy tahoe service	Open	549.06	0.00
16-02104	12/01/16	B0067	BRIAN'S LAWNMOWER	maintenance on equipment	Open	1,212.51	0.00
16-02155	12/08/16	X0001	XEROX CORPORATION	DEC 2016 ESTIMATED CHGS	Open	711.77	0.00
16-02156	12/08/16	J0164	JCP&L	JCPL 12/2016 FINAL	Open	4,379.85	0.00
16-02210	12/14/16	R0046	RKD TREE SERVICE	DECORATIONS INSTALL/REMOVAL	Open	1,400.00	0.00
16-02241	12/15/16	R0046	RKD TREE SERVICE	STUMP GRINDING	Open	600.00	0.00
16-02242	12/15/16	Y0001	YARDVILLE SUPPLY	lime	Open	1,146.00	0.00
16-02244	12/16/16	C0154	C. BENTLEY'S CAR WASH	December Car Washes	Open	95.00	0.00
16-02265	12/19/16	D0056	DOCTOR'S CARE CENTER	New Police Hire Phys.	Open	450.00	0.00
16-02266	12/19/16	A0195	ATLANTIC SALT	bulk salt	Open	1,647.38	0.00
16-02273	12/21/16	W0038	W.B. MASON CO., INC.	Office Supplies	Open	1,863.01	0.00
16-02274	12/21/16	E0026	POLLARDWATER COMP.	hoist for marlboro pump sta.	Open	2,060.97	0.00
16-02281	12/21/16	M0077	MIDDLESEX CO IMP AUTHORITY	curbside recycling december	Open	10,546.88	0.00
16-02283	12/21/16	M0057	MONTECALVO DISPOSAL SERVICES	cfc removals	Open	280.50	0.00
16-02300	12/21/16	U0001	USA BLUE BOOK	chlorine equipment parts	Open	496.99	0.00
16-02309	12/23/16	M0107	MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS, INC.	mobile radio replacement	Open	4,076.00	0.00
16-02333	12/28/16	D0103	DELL COMPUTER CORP	LAPTOP FOR CFO	Open	1,154.43	0.00
16-02337	12/29/16	E0051	RONZ AND KIDS	SOCCER SHIRTS	Open	786.00	0.00
17-00007	01/09/17	E0054	ELAINE LOHR	2017 MONTHLY MEDICAL REIMBURSE	Open	564.44	0.00
17-00008	01/09/17	H0030	HARVEY LOHR	2017 MONTHLY MEDICAL REIMBURSE	Open	564.44	0.00
17-00009	01/09/17	B0022	BERNADETTE COFFEY	2017 MONTHLY MEDICAL REIMBURSE	Open	564.44	0.00
17-00013	01/10/17	C0109	CONSOLIDATED RAIL CORPORATION	LEASE OF PIPE 2017	Open	197.10	0.00
17-00014	01/10/17	L0025	LANGUAGE SERVICES ASSOCIATES	TELEPHONIC INTREPRETING SVC	Open	50.40	0.00
17-00015	01/10/17	S0072	SHOPRITE SUPERMARKETS	PROJECT PRIDE REFRESHMENTS	Open	85.37	0.00
17-00017	01/10/17	A0186	ALLEN SYKES	JAN 2017 YOGA & BREATHING	Open	520.00	0.00
17-00018	01/10/17	C0021	CLEANERS IN ACTION	JAN 2017 CENTER CLEANING	Open	720.00	0.00
17-00021	01/10/17	NJMOT005	NJ MOTOR VEHICLE COMMISSION	ADMIN FEE DEPOSIT	Open	150.00	0.00
17-00026	01/10/17	O0010	ONE CALL CONCEPTS	REGULAR LOCATES	Open	70.00	0.00
17-00030	01/10/17	M0041	MCAA OF NJ	MEMBERSHIP DUES, STATE, 2017	Open	45.00	0.00
17-00034	01/10/17	T0071	TOWNSHIP OF EAST BRUNSWICK	ANIMAL CONTROL DECEMBER 2016	Open	450.00	0.00
17-00051	01/11/17	W0038	W.B. MASON CO., INC.	OFFICE SUPPLIES	Open	307.88	0.00
17-00061	01/11/17	A0192	ALLIED METER SERVICE	meter testing	Open	71.00	0.00
17-00064	01/11/17	A0067	ALL INDUSTRIAL SAFETY PROD INC	misc repair	Open	362.08	0.00
17-00065	01/12/17	R0061	THE RODGERS GROUP, LLC	CONTRACT - 7TH INSTALLMENT	Open	3,250.00	0.00 C
Contract No: 16-00007							
17-00074	01/17/17	L0015	LORCO PETROLEUM SERVICE	disposal used oil	Open	120.00	0.00
17-00075	01/17/17	N0054	NJ WATER ASSOCIATION	2017 membership	Open	430.00	0.00
17-00083	01/17/17	P0001	PITNEY BOWES	POSTAGE MACHINE MAIN 1/2017	Open	454.83	0.00
17-00087	01/17/17	C0138	CENTRAL JERSEY SECURITY	quaterly alarm monitoring	Open	95.85	0.00
17-00093	01/17/17	S0167	SAMANTHA WASSERMAN	RECREATION SECRETARY 2017	Open	50.00	0.00
17-00104	01/20/17	P0022	PATRICK J. DIEGMAN JR.	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RENDERED	Open	1,556.50	0.00

PO #	PO Date	Vendor	PO Description	Status	Amount	Void Amount	PO Type
17-00112	01/20/17	F0008	FIRE & SAFETY SERVICES	REPAIR AIR HORN ENGINE 71-1	Open	508.30	0.00
17-00114	01/20/17	EMM04	MICHAEL C CATARZI	ESTIMATE TO REPAIR CAR 76	Open	219.70	0.00
17-00118	01/20/17	NJREGIS	NJ REGISTRARS' ASSOCIATES	MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL	Open	25.00	0.00
17-00119	01/20/17	M0038	MICHAEL GARDINI	reiumb for eyeglasses	Open	100.00	0.00
17-00122	01/20/17	E0047	ENFORSYS POLICE SYSTEMS, INC	1 yr CAD/RMS Report License	Open	14,673.00	0.00
17-00124	01/20/17	J0164	JCP&L	ELECTRIC USE JAN 2017	Open	183.98	0.00
17-00125	01/20/17	C0213	COMCAST	INTERNET USE B/D 1/11/17	Open	104.85	0.00
17-00126	01/20/17	T0008	TOWNSHIP OF EAST BRUNSWICK	GASOLINE CONSUMPTION DEC 2016	Open	4,337.99	0.00
17-00127	01/20/17	M0006	MIDDLESEX COUNTY TREASURER	2017 COUNTY TAXES - 1ST QTR	Open	703,441.45	0.00
17-00128	01/20/17	O0006	MIDDLESEX COUNTY TREASURER	2017 OPEN SPACE - 1ST QTR	Open	58,317.29	0.00
17-00130	01/20/17	FRANK005	FRANK'S PIZZA OF E BRUNSWICK	PROJECT PRIDE BUFFET	Open	400.00	0.00
17-00131	01/25/17	C0062	CME ASSOCIATES	ENGINEERING	Open	933.00	0.00 c
Contract No: 16-00002							
17-00132	01/25/17	C0062	CME ASSOCIATES	ENGINEERING	Open	1,902.00	0.00 c
Contract No: 16-00002							
17-00134	01/25/17	JACKE005	JACK EICHENLAUB	C&H COMMISSION DINNER	Open	352.20	0.00
17-00140	01/25/17	D0103	DELL COMPUTER CORP	2016 TONER SUPPLIES	Open	773.22	0.00
17-00143	01/25/17	GLUCK005	GLUCKWALRATH LLP	BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES 2016A	Open	2,317.00	0.00
17-00144	01/25/17	G0119	GILLETTE ENTERPRISES	EMS LEASE OF PROPERTY 2/2017	Open	3,000.00	0.00
17-00145	01/25/17	R0139	RACEWAY PETROLEUM INC.	FLEET CARD 12/31/16-1/13/17	Open	1,171.24	0.00
17-00147	01/25/17	C0194	CENTRAL JERSEY REGISTRAR ASSOC	2017 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION	Open	60.00	0.00
17-00149	01/25/17	M0029	MGL PRINTING SOLUTIONS	SERVICE CALL -SEALER MACHINE	Open	275.00	0.00
17-00150	01/25/17	S0089	ST OF NJ - DEPT OF LABOR	FINAL 2016 4TH QTR CHARGES	Open	74.00	0.00
17-00151	01/25/17	E0015	EAST BRUNSWICK TOWNSHIP	2017 SHARED SERV AGREE-1ST QTR	Open	3,741.50	0.00
17-00153	01/25/17	NJREGIS	NJ REGISTRARS' ASSOCIATES	2017 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL	Open	25.00	0.00
17-00154	01/25/17	S0097	STATE TOXICOLOGY LABORATORY	TO REPLACE PURCHASE ORDER	Open	225.00	0.00
17-00175	02/02/17	S0007	SPOTSWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION	SCHOOL TAXES PAYABLE 2/2017	Open	1,010,867.80	0.00
Total Purchase Orders: 74 Total P.O. Line Items: 0 Total List Amount: 1,882,492.20 Total Void Amount: 0.00							
PO #	PO Date	Vendor	PO Description	Status	Amount	Void Amount	PO Type
16-02158	12/08/16	C0213	COMCAST	DEC 2016 ESTIMATED CHARGES	Open	508.05	0.00
16-02160	12/08/16	ENGIE005	ENGIE RESOURCES	ESTIMATED DEC 2016 -UTILITY	Open	2,379.58	0.00
17-00095	01/20/17	B0052	BORD OF SPOTSWOOD PAYROLL	PAYROLL 1/20/2017	Open	245,648.18	0.00
17-00148	01/25/17	J0164	JCP&L	JANUARY BILLING	Open	5,647.55	0.00
17-00152	01/25/17	C0213	COMCAST	COMCAST BILLING JAN/FEB 2017	Open	300.22	0.00
17-00155	01/25/17	ENGIE005	ENGIE RESOURCES	ENGIE 1/2017	Open	2,185.62	0.00
Total Purchase Orders: 6 Total P.O. Line Items: 0 Total List Amount: 256,669.20 Total void Amount: 0.00							

TOTAL BILL LIST:

\$2,139,161.40

DATED: FEBRUARY 6, 2017

 TED RICCI
 Council President

ATTEST:

 PATRICIA DESTEFANO, RMC
 Municipal Clerk

Councilman Stollen made a motion to adopt Resolutions Authorizing 2017-39, seconded by Councilman Melillo.

Councilman Rivera asks Borough Attorney Diegnan if he is able to vote on the bill list or if he should abstain from voting, as there are fire department items.

Borough Attorney Diegnan responds, it is his interpretation that as long as Council Members are not personally receiving a financial benefit they are permitted to vote on items.

The Clerk called the roll:

Councilwoman Drozd	absent
Councilman Stollen	yes
Councilman Melillo	yes
Councilman Rivera	yes
Council President Ricci	yes, and Resolutions Authorizing 2017-39 was adopted.



PROCLAMATION
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
Borough of Spotswood

2017

WHEREAS, diseases of the heart are the nation's leading cause of death and stroke is the fourth leading cause of death;

WHEREAS; cardiovascular disease claims the lives of nearly 420,000 American women each year, approximately one death per minute;

WHEREAS, nearly as many women die of heart disease, stroke, and all other cardiovascular disease than the next four leading causes of death combined, including all cancers;

WHEREAS; February is designated as American Heart Month, and February 3, 2017 will mark the 14th Anniversary Celebration of "National Wear Red Day for Women;"

WHEREAS; "Go Red For Women" is the American Heart Association's national movement and call to increase awareness about heart disease – the leading cause of death for women – and to inspire women to take charge of their heart health;

WHEREAS, making the right choices relating to proper nutrition, physical activity, and other healthy lifestyle choices are essential to living a heart healthy life; and

WHEREAS, by choosing to improve heart and stroke health, the American Heart Association "Go Red For Women" asks that, across America, women "Go Red" and help save lives from heart disease and stroke.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ed Seely, Mayor of the Borough of Spotswood, on behalf of the entire Governing Body, in recognition of the importance of the ongoing fight against heart disease and stroke, do hereby proclaim Friday, February 3, 2017 to be the 14th Annual National Wear Red Day for Women in Spotswood, New Jersey. We urge all citizens to show their support for women and the fight against heart disease by commemorating this day by the wearing of the color red. By increasing awareness, speaking up about heart disease, and empowering women to reduce their risk for cardiovascular disease, we can save thousands of lives each year.

Dated: February 3, 2017

Ed Seely, Mayor

Patricia DeStefano, Borough Clerk



COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS

Councilman Melillo provides his report as Board of Education liaison. **1)** Board of Education meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 7, 2017, 7:00 P.M. at the Spotswood High School. **2)** Spotswood PTA is holding its 7th Annual Tricky Tray on Saturday, April 22nd at the Spotswood High School. See the Board of Education website for more information. (<http://www.spsd.us/>)

Councilman Stollen – **1)** Letter from Mayor Seely to former Mayor Poliseo to return Borough property; have the items been returned or response received? Business Administrator McDonald advises that no response has been received and Borough property has not been returned; he has until February 10, 2017. **2)** PSE&G is reducing gas rates for residents 9%; gas bills are 52% lower than they were in 2009. Questions if the Borough had ever pursued the energy aggregation for the residents. Business Administrator McDonald advises the matter was never moved last year. Councilman Stollen inquires if the matter can be looked into. Business Administrator McDonald will see if she can get a representative in to speak. **3)** Would like to open discussion regarding one of the bills on the current bill list; volunteer committee dinner. Council discusses; Business Administrator McDonald advises the bill was charged to the 2016 budget. Council is polled; all are ok with the practice as long as the cost is reasonable.

Councilwoman Drozd – Absent

Councilman Rivera - **1)** The Department of Inspections has provided their annual report; all bills and salaries have been paid, and \$3,200 revenue was returned back to the Borough. **2)** The Spotswood Fire Department - Enterprise Hook & Ladder Inc. is holding their Annual Comedy Night on Saturday, February 18th from 7:00 P.M. to 11:00 P.M. at the Spotswood Firehouse. Tickets are \$50.00 per person. See the Spotswood Fire Department Enterprise Hook & Ladder Inc. website for more information and contact information. (<http://www.spotswoodfire.org/>)

Mayor Seely – **1)** Attended the Spotswood Fire Department - Enterprise Hook & Ladder Inc. Installation dinner. **2)** Budget update; the following tentative dates were given: Mayor/Council Faulkner Act (Executive) budget transmission to governing body: 2/10/17 - 2/17/17; Municipal introduction and approval of budget: 3/20/17; Municipal adoption: 4/19/17; Workshop dates: Thursday 2/23/17 7:00 P.M., Saturday 2/25/17 10:00 A.M.; Tuesday 2/28/17 7:00 P.M., or Thursday 3/1/17 P.M.

Business Administrator McDonald – No report.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

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

Frank Kardashian – **41 Kane Avenue** – Read in the local paper recently that the Board of Education is being sued for not performing certain actions pertaining to Executive Session; would like to know if the Borough Council is in compliance. Council, Borough Clerk and Borough Attorney Diegnan respond that the Borough is in compliance with regulations; explain closed session.

Cheryl Bass – **289 Main Street** – Question about Board of Education lawsuit; advised by Council to seek answer from Board of Education. Question about Res. 2017-37; does Administration keep economic statistics about businesses in the Borough? Business Administrator McDonald responds; information is included in the audit report. Questions if the Borough advertises to bring businesses into town. Mayor Seely responds; he is looking to start a Chamber of Commerce in the Borough. Council discussion about Chamber of Commerce.

Jackie Palmer – **9 Shupin Street** - Question about closed session minutes; when matters are resolved are the minutes available for OPRA request? Council President Ricci responds; only if the items from the Executive Session are resolved. Questions Councilman Rivera why he voted 'no' on the RFP? Councilman Rivera responds. Questions what the purpose of the RFP was. Council President Ricci explains further; committee was also formed for gathering information. Question about bill list item; meter testing. Business Administrator McDonald responds; will provide report.

Mayor Seely officially states there is a committee working with Council looking over the EMS situation; gives names of members: Jackie Palmer, Edward Smith, Charles Spicuzzo, and Andrew Zaborney.

Daniel Smith – 395 Old Stage Road - Would like to have the basketball nets replaced at the Michael Road Park, as they are in poor condition. Council agrees to have matter taken care of.

Edward Smith – 395 Old Stage Road - Seeks further clarification on the closed session discussion. Council President Ricci responds. Mr. Smith would like resolutions to state what closed session has been resolved. Council President Ricci and Municipal Clerk DeStefano respond.

Councilman Stollen made a motion to close the public hearing, which was seconded by Councilman Rivera. 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 Councilman Rivera.

The Clerk called the roll:

Councilwoman Drozd	absent
Councilman Stollen	yes
Councilman Melillo	yes
Councilman Rivera	yes
Council President Ricci	yes, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Dated: February 6, 2017

PATRICIA DeSTEFANO
Municipal Clerk

ATTEST:

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Council President