

Stow Creek Township Meeting April 12th, 2022

Present: Mayor Cruzan, Committeeman; Dave Shivers. Committeeman; Tom Burton

Others Present: Assistant Clerk- Bruce Porter, Solicitor- Rebecca Bertram; Bertram Law Office,
Clerk / Treasurer; Ron Campbell, Carol Russ; Ford Scott RMA/CPA

Mayor Cruzan Lead the Flag salute.

Committeeman Burton prayed for guidance and wisdom.

Minutes were approved as sent out (Burton, Shivers).

Correspondence was read no action taken.

Mr. Burton reported that one of the compactors had been repaired after a blown Hydraulic hose. He also reported that the electronic waste had been cleaned out, and there is progress on the website. Mr. Burton reported he attended a county meeting regarding the Animal Shelter costs.

There was a 2nd reading of the Cap Ordinance. A motion was made (Burton, Shivers) to open up the meeting for public comment; no one spoke for or against the Ordinance and a motion was made (Burton, Cruzan) to close the public comment portion of the meeting. This ordinance passed (3-0).

A resolution was introduced (Burton, Shivers) to read the budget by title only.

WHEREAS, NJSA 40A:4-8 provides that the budget be read by title only at the time of the public hearing if a resolution is passed by not less than a majority of the full Governing Body, providing that at least one week prior to the date of hearing a complete copy of the approved budget as advertised has been posted in the Municipal Building and copies have been made available by the Clerk to persons requesting them; and

WHEREAS, these two conditions have been met;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the budget shall be read by title only.

Mayor Cruzan Aye
Committeeman Burton Aye
Committeeman Shivers Aye

A self examination resolution was introduced (Cruzan, Burton).

WHEREAS, NJSA 40A:4-78b has authorized the Local Finance Board to adopt rules that permit municipalities in sound fiscal condition to assume the responsibility, normally granted to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, of conducting the annual budget examination; and

WHEREAS, NJAC 5:30-7 was adopted by the Local Finance Board on February 11, 1997, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to NJAC 5:30-7.2 through 7.5 the Township of Stow Creek has been declared eligible to participate in the program by the Division of Local Government Services, and the Chief Financial Officer has determined that the local government meets the necessary conditions to participate in the program for the 2022 budget year.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of the Township of Stow Creek that in accordance with NJAC 5:30-7.6a & b and based upon the Chief Financial Officers certification, the governing body has found the budget has met the following requirements:

1. That with reference to the following items, the amounts have been calculated pursuant to law and appropriated as such in the budget:
 - a. Payment of interest and debt redemption charges
 - b. Deferred charges and statutory expenditures
 - c. Cash deficit of preceding year
 - d. Reserve for uncollected taxes

e. Other reserves and non-disbursement items

f. Any inclusions of amounts required for school purposes

2. That the provisions relating to limitation on increases of appropriations pursuant to NJSA 40A:4-45.2 and appropriations for exceptions to limits on appropriations found at 40A:4-45.3 et seq. are fully met (Complies with the CAP law)

3. That the budget is in such form, arrangement, and content as required by the Local Budget Law and NJAC 5:30-4 and 5:30-5.

4. That pursuant to the Local Budget Law:

a. All estimates of revenue are reasonable, accurate, and correctly stated,

b. Items of appropriation are properly set forth

c. In itemization, form, arrangement, and content the budget will permit the exercise of the comptroller function within the municipality.

5. The budget and associated amendments have been introduced and publicly advertised in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Local Budget Law, except that failure to meet the deadlines of NJSA 40A:4-5 shall not prevent such certification.

6. That all other applicable statutory requirements have been fulfilled.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution will be forwarded to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services upon adoption.

A role call vote was taken

Mayor Cruzan Aye
Committeeman Burton Aye
Committeeman Shivers Aye

The budget was read for a 2nd time. A motion was made (Burton, Shivers) to open the meeting up for public comment. No one spoke for or against the budget and the public comment portion of the meeting (Shivers, Burton) was closed. A role call vote was taken.

Mayor Cruzan Aye
Committeeman Burton Aye
Committeeman Shivers Aye

The Committee discussed electrical work and lighting to be done at the park. 2 quotes had been obtained.

Sparks Electric \$2400.00 Shawn Carlaw \$2450.00

The Treasurer stated money was available for the repairs. A motion was made (Burton, Shivers) to accept the Carlaw bid.

The Committee discussed other cleanup and maintenance to be done at the park.

The Clerk introduced an Ordinance for Storm Water Control for Major Development. This will be sent to the planning board.

The Clerk introduced an Ordinance to pave Casper Road. Funding has been certified by the Treasurer. A motion was made (Shivers, Cruzan) to accept on first reading.

There was discussion about properties owned by the Township. No action taken.

The Treasurer's report had been sent out. A motion was made (Shivers, Burton) to pay the bills and adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted.

Ron Campbell RMC