

# Stow Creek Township Meeting April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Present: Mayor Cruzan, Committeemen; Tom Burton, Chris Levick, Asst Clerk; Bruce Porter, Solicitor; Adam Telsey, Zoning Officer; Neal Sheppard, Ron Campbell Sr.; Clerk/Treasurer

Others present; Carol Russ Ford/Scott CMA

**Mayor Cruzan** Lead the Flag salute.

**Mr. Burton** prayed for guidance and wisdom

**Minutes** approved (Burton, Levick) as sent out.

Correspondence was read, no action taken.

The Assistant Clerk introduced the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of the Cap Ordinance. A motion was made ( Burton, Levick) to open up the meeting for public hearing. No one spoke for or against the Ordinance and a motion was made (Burton, Levick) to close the public hearing. The Ordinance was passed (3-0).

The following resolution was introduced

## RESOLUTION 2025-35

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.

ROLL CALL:

Burton –aye

Cruzan, Jr. –aye

Levick–aye

The resolution was passed (3-0).

A motion was made (Burton, Levick) to introduce the self examination resolution.

## SELF-EXAMINATION OF BUDGET RESOLUTION 40-2025

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 2023 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.

Approved: April 08, 2025

Vote recorded as follows:

Burton – aye

Cruzan, Jr. – aye

Levick- aye

A motion was (Burton, Levick) made to introduce the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of the budget. A motion was made (Burton, Levick) to hold a public hearing for the budget. No one spoke for or against the resolution and a motion (Burton, Levick) was made to close the hearing.

Roll call vote;

Burton Aye

Cruzan Aye

Levick Aye

The Treasurer submitted the Treasurers Report. A motion was made (Burton, Levick) to pay the bills and adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Ron Campbell Sr RMC