

# JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

## Reorganization/Regular Meeting

January 2, 2013

Municipal Building, Council Chambers

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### Township Clerk Called the Meeting to Order

### Salute to the Flag

### Township Clerk Reports that at the Municipal Election held on November 6, 2012, the following persons were elected:

Richard W. Yocum to the Township Council for a Four Year Term  
Robert Birmingham to the Township Council for a Four Year Term  
Jay Dunham to the Township Council for a Four Year Term

### The Oath of Office was Administered to:

Richard W. Yocum as his wife, Sue, held the Bible

Robert Birmingham as his wife, Cheryl, and daughter, Kaylah, held the Bible

Jay Dunham as his wife, Bonnie-Jo, held the Bible

### Township Clerk Calls for Nominations for Council President

Sanchelli nominated Yocum, Birmingham seconded the nomination.

**Motion:** Merz made a motion to close the nominations

**Motion:** Merz, second Sanchelli

Mr. Dunham	Aye
Mrs. Merz	Aye
Mr. Sanchelli	Aye
Mr. Birmingham	Aye
Mr. Yocum	Aye

### Council President Yocum Conducted the Remainder of the Meeting

### Roll Call

Present	Absent
Mr. Dunham	
Mrs. Merz	
Mr. Sanchelli	
Mr. Birmingham	
President Yocum	
Township Attorney, Lawrence Cohen	
Lori Harvin, Township Clerk	

Mrs. Harvin said, "Let the record show that Mayor Felter and Administrator James Leach are present."

### Notice of Presiding Officer

President Yocum said, "This Reorganization/Regular Council meeting for January 2, 2013, commencing at 7:00 p.m. has been properly noticed in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act by notice to the official newspapers of the Township on December 27, 2012."

### Yocum Called for Nominations for Council Vice President

Dunham nominated Sanchelli, Merz seconded the nomination.

**Motion:** Merz made a motion to close the nominations.

Mr. Dunham	Aye
Mrs. Merz	Aye
Mr. Sanchelli	Aye
Mr. Birmingham	Aye

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President Yocum Aye

### Invocation

Pastor Steve Wolosin of the Philadelphia Church came forward and delivered the Invocation.

Yocum announced that Freeholders Anne Grossi and John Cesaro are present this evening. Anne Grossi said she is always happy to be in Jefferson Township and she expressed her hope that 2013 is a better year. John Cesaro said he would like to wish everyone a happy New Year. Cesaro congratulated the re-elected Councilmen and he said Senator Pennachio sends his regards.

### Resolution Commending Irvin Ackerson

(2-A)

Yocum read the Resolution honoring Irv Ackerson.

### Mayor's Appointments

(2-B)

Felter read his Appointments followed by his Appointments requiring the Council's Advice and Consent.

The Council voted on the Advice and Consent portion of the Mayor's Appointments

Mayor's Appointments with Advice and Consent

**Motion:** Sanchelli, second Birmingham

Mr. Dunham Aye

Mrs. Merz Aye

Mr. Birmingham Aye

Vice President Sanchelli Aye

President Yocum Aye

### Council's Appointments

(2-C)

Yocum read the Council's appointments and Council President's Appointments.

### Recess

The meeting adjourned for Recess at 7:30 p.m. and reconvened at 7:48 p.m.

### Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings

- **December 19, 2012 Regular All Members Present**
- **December 19, 2012 Executive Session All Members Present**

**Motion:** Birmingham, second Merz

Mr. Dunham Aye

Mrs. Merz Aye

Mr. Birmingham Aye

Vice President Sanchelli Aye

President Yocum Aye

### Council Reports

Sanchelli congratulated Yocum, Birmingham and Dunham on their re-election and said he looks forward to a successful, productive year with the Council. Sanchelli thanked the Township Clerk, Mayor and Administration.

Merz said she would like to say Happy New Year and thank you to her fellow Council members for a very good year. Merz said she looks forward to 2013 and congratulations to Bob, Jay and Rick on their election. Merz said she knows they will continue to represent the town in the very best way as they have in the past.

Merz reported that the Municipal Alliance is holding the second program in a series, a forum on consequences, next Tuesday evening, January 8 at Camp Jefferson Lodge at 7 p.m. Attending will be representatives from the Morris County Prosecutor's Office, Morris County Drug Court, the Jefferson Township Police Department and

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Detective Bureau and the Jefferson Township Superintendent of Schools. Merz said it will be an interesting evening with information for all ages on the consequences of drug use.

Birmingham said he would like to wish everyone a safe, healthy and prosperous New Year. Birmingham said he would like to express his appreciation to the Mayor, Administrator and Clerk's Office for what they do. Birmingham said that over the past year he has had the opportunity to go to various meetings as President of the Morris County League of Municipalities and see different towns and talk with their Mayors and Council members. Birmingham said that when he talks about how things work in Jefferson other officials are astonished. Jefferson is a true community that pulls together and it is an honor to serve on the Council in this town.

Dunham said he would like to thank Yocum for his leadership over this past year. The Council worked to try to keep budget numbers on track and he thanked the Council for working together with a spirit of cooperation. Dunham said he would like to thank the Township Clerk. Dunham said he would like to thank the Mayor and Administrator in particular for their work and cooperation during Hurricane Sandy. Dunham said he would like to thank the Township employees. Dunham said he would like to wish everyone a good, healthy year.

Yocum said that between the Council, the School Board, the Administration, the Municipal Employees and the volunteers, relationships are built on one very simple platform and that is respect. Yocum said it has been one of the most important things that he has been proud to be part of. Yocum said that the Council has been able to do what is best for the Township. Yocum said he will do everything he can to continue that tradition.

### **Administrative Reports of Mayor and Administrator**

Felter said he looks forward to another year working with the Council. Felter reported that he is attending a JCP&L meeting that the League of Municipalities is hosting for Mayors in Morristown. Felter said he will report back on the meeting.

Leach reported that he had a telephone conference with Senator Pennachio's Office today regarding the DOT's plan to repave the Route 15 South Edison Road interchange this year. The DOT repaved Route 15 and all the ramps, however, that section was left out. The DOT said it would be done after the County paved Edison Road.

Leach said the Watershed Coalition is attempting to reactivate. Leach said Birmingham has been invited as the Council's Watershed Coalition liaison to the meeting that is scheduled for Monday. The Coalition is looking to hire a lobbyist to help offset the loss of tax ratables from the watershed property. Leach said he will give a report at the January 16<sup>th</sup> meeting. Birmingham said there is a State Senator Smith who has been trying for 16 years to implement a surcharge on water usage in Newark and Jersey City to offset the lost revenue in the watershed property. Birmingham suggested bringing other officials in with the Coalition.

Leach reported that he has asked the Public Hearing for the 2013 Community Development Grant be placed on the January 16 Agenda. The Grant funds would be used to strip the roof off the Senior Center and re-roof the building.

Leach said that the Mayor will be presenting his 2013 Budget at the January 16 meeting. Leach said he would like to thank the Council and Clerk's Office for all the cooperation. It has been a good year and there is a good working relationship.

### **Miscellaneous/Public Portion**

No one came forward.

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### Resolutions

**Resolution #13-1:** Temporary Budget for 2013 (4-A)

**Motion:** Sanchelli, second Birmingham

Mr. Dunham	Aye
Mrs. Merz	Aye
Mr. Birmingham	Aye
Vice President Sanchelli	Aye
President Yocum	Aye

**Resolution #13-2:** Approval of Bills (4-B)

**Motion:** Merz, second Sanchelli

Mr. Dunham	Aye
Mrs. Merz	Aye
Mr. Birmingham	Aye
Vice President Sanchelli	Aye
President Yocum	Aye

**Resolution #13-3:** Authorize Passage of Consent Agenda (4-C)

**Motion:** Birmingham, second Yocum

Mr. Dunham	Aye
Mrs. Merz	Aye
Mr. Birmingham	Aye
Vice President Sanchelli	Aye
President Yocum	Aye

**Resolution #13-4:** Authorize Professional Services Contracts with: (4-D)

- (1) Ferraioli, Wielkotz, Cerullo & Cuva, Auditor for the period ending December 31, 2013;
- (2) Hawkins, Delafield & Wood LLP, Bond Counsel for a period ending December 31, 2013
- (3) New Horizons Forestry, Inc. Forester, for the period ending December 31, 2013

**Motion:** Sanchelli, second Dunham

Mr. Dunham	Aye
Mrs. Merz	Aye
Mr. Birmingham	Aye
Vice President Sanchelli	Aye
President Yocum	Aye

### Miscellaneous/Public Portion

No one came forward.

### Adjournment at 8:10 p.m.

**Motion:** Birmingham, second Dunham

Mr. Dunham	Aye
Mrs. Merz	Aye
Mr. Birmingham	Aye
Vice President Sanchelli	Aye
President Yocum	Aye

**Dated:** January 2, 2013

Attested:

Approved:

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Lori Harvin, Township Clerk

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Richard W. Yocum, Council President