

JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

Reorganization/Regular Meeting

January 6, 2016

Municipal Building, Council Chambers

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Township Clerk Called the Meeting to Order

Salute to the Flag

Township Clerk Calls for Nominations for Council President

Sanchelli nominated Yocum, Dunham seconded the nomination.

Motion: Sanchelli made a motion to close the nominations

Motion: Sanchelli, second Dunham

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

Motion: Yocum as Council President

Motion: Sanchelli, second Dunham

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. Also present is Assemblyman Jay Webber, Freeholder Director Kathy DeFillippo, and former Mayor Chamberlain

Notice of Presiding Officer

President Yocum said, "This Reorganization/Regular Council meeting for January 6, 2016, 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 31, 2015."

Invocation

Yocum asked everyone to rise and Father Muldoon of Our Lady Star of the Sea Church delivered the Invocation.

Yocum Called for Nominations for Council Vice President

Birmingham nominated Sanchelli, Merz seconded the nomination.

Motion: Merz made a motion to close the nominations.

Motion: Merz, second Birmingham

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

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Motion: Sanchelli as Council Vice President

Motion: Birmingham, second Merz

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

Mayor's Appointments

(2-A)

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 Yocum

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

DeFillippo wished the Council, Mayor and Administrator a Happy New Year and stated that the Freeholders are always willing to work with the Township. Webber offered his wishes for a Happy New Year. Webber thanked Jefferson Township for re-electing him in November. Webber said that he looks forward to serving the community for another two years. Yocum thanked DeFillippo and Webber for taking the time to visit the Township this evening.

Council's Appointments

(2-C)

Yocum read the Council's appointments and Council President's Appointments for 2016.

Yocum welcomed two additional guests, Anne Grassi, the Morris County Clerk and Freeholder John Cesaro. Grassi wished everyone a Happy New Year. Yocum said that the Township appreciates the Morris County Clerk's community outreach. Cesaro wished everyone a Happy New Year and he commented that everyone at the County is always happy to help and is always there to answer questions.

Resolution and Proclamation for Gold Award Recipient:

(2-D)

Jessica P. Senney

Yocum asked Jessica Senney to come forward along with her family. Yocum asked Webber to read the Resolution commending Jessica on the achievement of her Gold Award. Felter then presented the Proclamation congratulating Jessica on her Award. Yocum presented Jessica with a Township pin and pen. Jessica received individual congratulations from the Council members.

Resolution and Proclamation for Eagle Scout Award: Cory R. Senney

(2-E)

Yocum asked Cory R. Senney to come forward along with his family. Yocum asked Webber to read the Resolution commending Cory on the achievement of his Eagle Scout Award. Felter then presented the Proclamation congratulating Cory on his Award. Yocum presented Cory with a Township pin and pen. Cory received individual congratulations from the Council members.

Yocum welcomed Senator Pennachio to the meeting and Senator Pennachio said it is his pleasure to visit Jefferson Township and he wished everyone a Happy New Year.

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Recess

The meeting adjourned for Recess at 7:32 p.m. and reconvened at 7:45 p.m.

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings

- **December 16, 2015 Regular All Members Present**

Motion: Sanchelli, second Dunham

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

Council Reports

- **Motion to Approve Budget Meeting Dates:**

January 20, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

January 27, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

February 10, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

February 24, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

March 9, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Motion: Sanchelli, second Merz

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

Administrative Reports of Mayor and Administrator

Leach said that the Council has received the 2016 Budget. The first meeting of the Budget Committee will be held tomorrow.

Felter reported that the Baseball Leagues have made the jump to Cal Ripkin Baseball.

Felter reported that Mr. Haack is coming on board and the weather has been mild.

Council Reports

Sanchelli said he looks forward to another good year and to working with everyone on the Council.

Merz said that she is looking forward to reviewing and working on the Budget. Merz said that she would like to keep the impact as minimal as possible. Merz wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Dunham wished everyone a Happy New Year. Dunham said that he also looks forward to working with the Administration on the Budget. Dunham he hopes the Board of Education and new Superintendent work just as hard on the Budget. Dunham said that it is his hope to keep taxes in line.

Birmingham said that he had the opportunity through a family experience to see the emergency services in the Township in action. Birmingham commended the Police and emergency medical services for the exemplary work that they do.

Birmingham then relayed a story regarding the recovery of a lost pet and the detail oriented work that the Animal Control Officer in the Township does.

Miscellaneous/Public Portion

Yocum opened the meeting up to the public for questions or comments.

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Horace Chamberlain of Chamberlain Road asked about Consent Agenda Item Number 26. Leach said this authorizes the execution of the award of the \$300,000 grant from the County for Open Space property on Taylor Road. The property connects to other Open Space that is owned by the State. The remainder of the funds will come from the Green Acres account.

Yocum closed the Public Portion of the meeting.

New Business

- Request: Ordinance Amendment: Ch. 130-40 Schedule XV – Turns Prohibited (Officer Davis) No Right on Red – Chamberlain & Berkshire Valley Road; Monday through Friday, 6:00 am – 9:00 am

Officer Davis explained that this request will benefit the new left turn arrow that has gone into effect. Officer Davis explained that some timing issues are being worked out. By prohibiting the right on red, it will allow the cars to make the left using the arrow in the morning since there is a large back up.

Cohen said that he will have the Ordinance change for the next meeting.

Resolutions

Resolution #16-1: Temporary Budget for 2016 (4-A)

Motion: Birmingham, second Sanchelli
Mr. Dunham Aye
Mrs. Merz Aye
Mr. Birmingham Aye
Vice President Sanchelli Aye
President Yocum Aye

Resolution #16-2: Approval of Bills (4-B)

Motion: Sanchelli, second Birmingham
Mr. Dunham Aye
Mrs. Merz Aye
Mr. Birmingham Aye
Vice President Sanchelli Aye
President Yocum Aye

Motion:

PO#15-03686 Headley Lumber \$57.22
PO#15-03905 Headley Lumber \$236.12

Motion: Merz, second Birmingham
Mr. Dunham Not Voting
Mrs. Merz Aye
Mr. Birmingham Aye
Vice President Sanchelli Aye
President Yocum Aye

Motion:

PO#15-03715 Jr. Women's Club of Jefferson \$200.00

Motion: Merz, second Birmingham
Mr. Dunham Aye
Mrs. Merz Not Voting
Mr. Birmingham Aye
Vice President Sanchelli Aye
President Yocum Aye

Resolution #16-3: Authorize Passage of Consent Agenda (5-A)

Motion: Birmingham, second Dunham
Mr. Dunham Aye
Mrs. Merz Aye

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Mr. Birmingham	Aye
Vice President Sanchelli	Aye
President Yocum	Aye

Resolution #16-4: Authorize Professional Services Contracts with: **(5-B)**

Motion: Sanchelli, second Birmingham

- (1) Hawkins, Delafield & Wood LLP, Bond Counsel for a period ending December 31, 2016 (Cert Avail Funds);
- (2) Fox Architectural Design PC, Architectural Services for a period ending December 31, 2016; (Cert Avail Funds);
- (3) Integra Krauser & Cirz Inc d/b/a Integra Realty Resources, for Property Appraisals for a period ending December 31, 2016 (Cert Avail Funds);
- (4) Lavery, Selvaggi, Abromitis & Cohen P.C., Township Attorney for the period ending December 31, 2016 (Cert Avail Funds);
- (5) Lavery, Selvaggi, Abromitis & Cohen P.C., Township Labor Attorney for the period ending December 31, 2016 (Cert Avail Funds);
- (6) New Horizons Forestry, Inc. for Forestry Services for the period ending December 31, 2016 (Cert Avail Funds)

Motion: Merz, second Dunham

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

Resolution #16-5: Accepting Administration's Personnel Policy and Procedures: 2:15A Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) and 4:1 Sick Leave **(5-C)**

Motion: Dunham, second Birmingham

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

Resolution #16-6: Executive Session: Personnel-Clerk's Office **(5-D)**

Motion: Sanchelli, second Merz

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

Miscellaneous/Public Portion

No one came forward.

Recess

Council adjourned for recess at 8:15 p.m. and reconvened into Open Session at 8:35 p.m.

Adjournment at 8:35 p.m.

Motion: Merz, second Sanchelli

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

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Dated: January 6, 2016

Attested:

Approved:

Lori Harvin, Township Clerk

Richard W. Yocum, Council President