

JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

Regular Meeting

October 19, 2011

Municipal Building, Council Chambers

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Roll Call

Present

Mr. Dunham
Mrs. Merz
Vice President Birmingham
Township Attorney, Lawrence Cohen
Lori Harvin, Township Clerk

Absent

Mr. Sanchelli
President Yocum

Mrs. Harvin said, "Let the record show that Administrator James Leach and Mayor Felter are present. Also present is Township Auditor, Thomas Ferry, and Chief Financial Officer, William Eagen.

Salute to the Flag

Vice President Birmingham asked everyone to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moment of Silence

Vice President Birmingham asked everyone present to join the Council and Administration in a Moment of Silence for Mount Arlington Police Officer, Joseph Wargo, and Jefferson resident, Christine King.

Notice of Presiding Officer

Vice President Birmingham said, "This Regular Council meeting for October 19, 2011, 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 October 13, 2011."

Proclamation Honoring Rick Norris as he is Inducted into the Isshinryu Karate Hall of Fame & Recipient of Character Counts Award from the Recreation Advisory Board (98-A)

Birmingham asked Rick Norris and his family to come forward and Mayor Felter briefly spoke about Rick's achievements and contributions to the Township. Felter asked Recreation Director, Grace Rhinesmith, and Recreation Advisory Board member, Josh Kalish to come forward. Rhinesmith presented the Character Counts Award to Rick on behalf of the Recreation Advisory Board. Felter read the Proclamation honoring Rick on his induction into the Isshinryu Karate Hall of Fame. Rick thanked the Mayor, Council, Recreation Advisory Board and everyone present for the awards and said it all comes back to the love of the art. Rick said he must credit his Karate instructor who instilled the precepts of the art in him and he is honored to carry on that legacy.

Proclamation to Declare October 22 through 30 Red Ribbon Week (98-B)

Birmingham read the Proclamation declaring October 22 to 30, Red Ribbon Week to Municipal Alliance Chair, Debi Merz, and Coordinator, Terri Tate. Felter then thanked them for their time and effort.

Refunding Bond Presentation by Township Auditor, Thomas Ferry (98-C)

Thomas Ferry came forward and provided the Council with a Refunding Bond packet. Ferry explained that the Refunding Bond is similar to the refinancing of a mortgage on a house. Ferry said that in the State of New Jersey there are restrictions under Bond Law. Ferry explained that the Bonds being refunded have a par amount of \$2,500,000.00 and the cost of issuance is \$50,000.00. The cost of issuance will be added to the original debt. The calculation of the new debt with the new interest must show a savings of at least 3 percent. The current calculations show a percentage of savings of refunded bonds of 4.38 percent. Water and Sewer Bonds are being refunded. Ferry explained that with the new interest calculation and additional closing costs, there will be a savings over 6 years of \$89,299.00 over the life of the bonds. Ferry said that first the Council must make application to the Local Finance Board for approval.

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Cohen questioned the interest rates on the current bonds and the savings on the speculated interest rates. Ferry and Eagen explained that the lower interest rate was on a smaller principal according to the manner in which the original bonds were structured (Page 8). Eagen said the 2 percent was on \$20,000 and then the rate climbed along with the principal amount.

Cohen asked if the yields are not what are anticipated, does the town have to go through with the bond sale. Ferry said no, the process would have to stop. Eagen said that the Refunding Bonds are a negotiated sale.

Resolution # 11-78: Resolution Making Application to the Local Finance Board Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:2-51

(99-A)

Motion: Dunham, second Merz

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

Ordinances for First Reading

ORDINANCE #15-11: REFUNDING BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$2,500,000 REFUNDING BONDS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF JEFFERSON, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY IS OFFERED FOR ADOPTION ON FIRST READING WITH SECOND READING AND FINAL HEARING SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 9, 2011

Cohen asked if November 9 is enough time to get an answer from the Local Finance Board. Eagen said the Application packet is on the next Board Agenda. The Resolution will be sent out tomorrow. Cohen said if the approval is not received the Ordinance can be carried.

Motion: Dunham, second Merz

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

Ferry and Eagen left the meeting at 7:27 p.m.

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

October 5, 2011 Regular All Members Present

Closed Session Minutes for Approval Only, Not for Release

October 5, 2011 All Members Present

Motion: Merz, second Dunham

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

Council Reports

Merz commented that Red Ribbon Week takes place in the schools and they work to get the message out about not doing drugs. Merz said the Municipal Alliance helps fund activities for the Schools and the PTAs. Merz reported that the Municipal Alliance will be working on the Haunted House event next weekend. Merz reported that in the end of November the Sticker Shock Campaign will begin. The Campaign is in coordination with the area liquor stores to place a sticker on items to remind everyone that ID is checked. The Municipal Alliance is also sponsoring the Connect mental health

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project which will begin with a candlelight ceremony at the gazebo on October 30 at 6:30 p.m. Merz explained that every family has experienced some form of mental illness and this is an awareness campaign. Merz reported that Ashley Craig will be speaking at the Youth Summit for the Morris County Alliance on November 16 and there are fliers in the foyer. Merz reported that she attended the Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Tews on Tuesday. His project involved reforestation at the Department of Disabled Persons where he planted 400 trees and seedlings and spread 700 yards of mulch. Merz said she is very proud of all the volunteer groups and the wonderful things they do.

Dunham reported that he attended the Library Board meeting and the Veterans' Day Committee meeting. Dunham commented that the Dial-A-Ride logos on the cars look very nice. Dunham said the new street signs also look good and the town is fortunate to be able to make signs in-house for the street sign law fulfillment. Dunham commended the Administration on the completion of the new cat isolation room at the Animal Shelter.

Birmingham reported that the Eagle Scout Court of Honor was very good and it was impressive to hear that there are 6 more scouts coming along. Birmingham reported that he attended the Library Board meeting and the Board mentioned how helpful Leach has been with the process for the bid for the generator and roof repair. Birmingham said the improvements on Holland Mountain Road were very well done. Birmingham said he has received some comments from residents about cars speeding on the road. Birmingham asked about the part of Berkshire Valley Road that was undermined and how the work is progressing. Birmingham said that very effective reflectors were put on Dover Milton Road. Felter said the work on Berkshire Valley Road should be completed shortly. Leach said Holland Mountain Road is scheduled for temporary striping before the winter.

Administrative Reports of Mayor and Administrator

Felter reported that the Veterans' Day Ceremony is scheduled for November 12 at 11 a.m. and there will be a decision about the parade around November 1. Felter said that the renaming of Lakeside Field will be postponed until the Spring when all the work is completed.

Leach reported that during the next few weeks work will begin on dug-outs for the baseball fields. Leach reported that on Tuesday evening, he and the Mayor will give the formal presentation to the County Open Space Committee for the 2011 projects.

Birmingham said that he has been asked about the Mt. Paul property. Felter said that the State does not have plans for the property at this time. There is an ongoing search for a group or organization to run the facility.

Miscellaneous/Public Portion

No one came forward.

New Business

- Outdoor Gathering Permit, Jefferson Township Arts Committee, Christmas in the Village, December 3, 2011, (Request Waiver \$50.00 fee; Uniform Fire Safety Fee of \$42.00 per vendor granted) (Health, Police, Fire Official)

Motion: Birmingham, second Dunham

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

Resolutions

Resolution #11-79: Approval of Bills

(100-A)

Motion: Birmingham, second Dunham

Mr. Dunham	Aye
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Mrs. Merz	Not Voting
Mr. Sanchelli	Absent
Vice President Birmingham	Aye
President Yocum	Absent

Resolution #11-80: Authorize Passage of Consent Agenda

(101-A)

Motion: Merz, second Dunham

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

Miscellaneous/Public Portion

No one came forward.

Adjournment at 7:54 p.m.

Motion: Merz, second Dunham

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

Dated: October 19, 2011

Attested:

Approved:

Lori Harvin, Township Clerk

Richard W. Yocum, Council President