

JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

Regular Meeting

October 24, 2012

Municipal Building, Council Chambers

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Roll Call

Present	Absent
Mr. Dunham	
Mr. Sanchelli	
Mrs. Merz	Arrived 7:05 p.m.
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 this evening.

Notice of Presiding Officer

President Yocum said, "This Regular Council meeting for October 24, 2012, 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 18, 2012."

Salute to the Flag

President Yocum asked everyone to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

JCP&L Communications Enhancements: John Anderson, JCP&L Representative

John Anderson of JCP&L came forward and explained that JCP&L has put many improvements in place from lessons learned from the storms in 2011.

- 1) Website: firstenergycorp.com has been completely redesigned with outage map linked directly to JCP&L's management system; the public will see real-time data via the website;
- 2) Outages managed through map and not with zip codes; outages may also be reported directly through the website or over the phone;
- 3) Laptop computers in all of the line trucks by 2014 which will allow for much more efficient crew management;

Anderson said JCP&L has a new phone system in place which will be activated on a storm by storm basis. Direct phone numbers will be given to the towns' OEM contacts for direct concerns.

Yocum commented that the Council appreciates hearing about the changes that have been made. The information that the Council and Administration can pass on to the Township is valuable and important so residents can respond and make decisions.

Anderson said he would like to introduce his counterpart, Michael Bremski, who is also an area manager. Bremski may also be someone who is responding when Jefferson calls and Anderson will be working closely with him over the next few months.

Mayor's Appointment

- Appointment to the Municipal Alliance of Reverend Ellen Bechtold, Unexpired 2 Year Term to 12/31/13

Motion: Yocum, second Dunham

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

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Proclamation to Declare October 22-26 Red Ribbon Week

(100-A)

Mayor Felter read the Proclamation to Declare October 22-26, 2012 Red Ribbon Week. Kristine Wilsusen, Chair of the Municipal Alliance; Debi Merz, Co-Chair of the Municipal Alliance; Reverence Ellen Bechtold, Member of the Municipal Alliance, Missy Murtha, Jefferson Middle School PTA, Donna Costanzo, Milton Tri-School PTA all came forward. Wilsusen, Murtha and Costanzo detailed programs sponsored by the Municipal Alliance and the PTA's in support of Red Ribbon Week.

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

October 3, 2012 Regular Meeting All Members Present

Motion: Sanchelli, second Dunham

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

Council Reports

Sanchelli had no report this evening.

Birmingham reported that he attended the Memorial for 9/11 and that Jonathan Dobbs did a tremendous job coordinating this as his Eagle Scout Project. Birmingham said he attended the Court of Honor for Michael Chaplin and he delivered the Council's Resolution and the Mayor's Proclamation.

Dunham reported that he was able to attend the 9/11 Memorial Dedication which was a very nice ceremony and very well attended. Dunham said he attended the Fall Festival last weekend at Camp Jefferson. The Festival was very enjoyable.

Dunham said he was glad to see the Recycling Grant has come through for \$26,000+ and he thanked the Administration and Recycling Coordinator for applying.

Dunham inquired about the assessment for the payment of the Lake Swannanoa loan repair. Cohen said that the timeline would be to wait until the project is completed and the amount is certified. Dunham said he noticed the DPW crews out doing tree trimming and installation of drains at the corner of Russia Road and Dover Milton Road.

Merz said she felt the 9/11 Dedication was very tastefully done on behalf of Dobbs and also the coordination of the other agencies in town that worked on the project.

Merz said the Fall Festival was a wonderful event and every year it seems that more things are added. Merz said she would like to congratulate the team that worked on the Haunted House. It is done cooperatively under Recreation and the Municipal Alliance helps fund the Haunted House to encourage Drug and Alcohol-Free events.

Merz reported that the Historical Society participated in an event this weekend which included 7-8 towns. There was a display of quilts in the original Milton Methodist Church building.

Merz announced that the Municipal Alliance sub-group Connect has a Suicide Awareness walk this Sunday from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. to acknowledge suicide and the effects it has on family, friends and community. The walk will be held at the High School track.

Merz announced that the next event that the Municipal Alliance will be sponsoring is a second series of drug panels by professionals housed at Camp Jefferson on Wednesday, November 14, entitled, "Consequences". The event will be from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

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Administrative Reports of Mayor and Administrator

Felter reported that the Fall Festival was well done and he thanked the Recreation Department and everyone involved. Felter said that next year will be the 25th year for the Haunted House which began as a PTA event. There are about 100 children involved.

Felter reported that the entrance to Camp Jefferson is going to be changed. The plans are to use the special event entrance full time and Officer Muller has been asked for a report.

Felter reported that the Pet Parade/Adoption was held at the Trails at Prospect Point by the Girl Scouts. About 200 to 250 people attended along with Eleventh Hour Rescue. Felter advised that the Lake Hopatcong Foundation has given the town a Grant towards the trail of \$15,000 and they have promised to fund subsequent phases. Felter said the Administration also hopes to receive a State Grant in the amount of \$25,000.

Felter said that there will be another small dedication for the 9/11 Memorial when the plaques are placed. The emergency services will all be invited to the dedication that the Township holds.

Leach reported that there have been some issues with bears at the Middle School and High School recently. Leach said he met today with the Principal and Director of Buildings and Grounds for the High School. There are a few dumpsters that are old and not bear-proof anymore. Leach said the old dumpsters will be replaced and made bear-proof.

Miscellaneous/Public Portion

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

Natalie Kooz commented that every year she participates in the Haunted House. Kooz said that the students who participate spend months planning the event and she appreciates the support from the Council and Administration.

Yocum closed the public portion of the meeting.

Resolution

Resolution #12-85: Resolution Authorizing Person-to-Person Transfer of Liquor License No. 1414-33-013-006 to The Whistle Stop, LLC

(101-A)

Motion: Merz, second Sanchelli

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

Resolution #12-86: Approval of Bills

(101-B)

Motion: Merz, second Dunham

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

Motion PO 12-03057 Headley Lumber Co. \$112.88
PO 12-03155 Headley Lumber Co. \$36.86

Motion: Sanchelli, second Merz

Mr. Dunham	Aye
Mr. Sanchelli	Aye

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Mr. Birmingham	Aye
Vice President Merz	Aye
President Yocum	Aye

Motion: MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE
PO 12-02779 Kristine Wilsusen \$500.00

Motion: Sanchelli, second Birmingham

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

Resolution #12-87: Authorize Passage of Consent Agenda

(102-A)

Motion: Birmingham, second Sanchelli

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

Miscellaneous/Public Portion

No one came forward.

Merz commented that the vote signs that are up around the Municipal Building were donated by the Librarian from the White Rock School and were made by the 5th Grade Classes.

Dunham commented that on November 10 the Veterans' Ceremony will be held at the Municipal Building at 11:00 a.m.

Adjournment at 7:50 p.m.

Motion: Sanchelli, second Dunham

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

Dated: October 24, 2012

Attested:

Approved:

Lori Harvin, Township Clerk

Richard W. Yocum, Council President