

JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

Regular Meeting

November 10, 2010

Municipal Building, Council Chambers

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Roll Call

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

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

Salute to the Flag

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

Notice of Presiding Officer

Council President Yocum said, "This Regular Council meeting for November 10, 2010, 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 November 4 2010."

Appointment of Firefighters to Fire Dept. No. 2: William J. Carroll, IV; David J. Bates and Tyler Lambert

Yocum presented William J. Carroll, IV; David J. Bates and Tyler Lambert each with a Certification of Appreciation along with a Township pen and pin for achieving the status of Firefighter for Fire Department No. 2. He then thanked them for providing their services to the Township as firefighters. The Council then offered individual congratulations.

Resolution and Proclamation Honoring Gold Award Recipient: Jessica A. Staples

(123-A)

Yocum asked Merz to present the Resolution congratulating Jessica on the achievement of her Gold Award. Felter then read the Proclamation commending Jessica on her Gold Award. Yocum said that he and the Council recognize the commitment that this has taken and said Jessica is an example to the young people of Jefferson Township.

Resolution and Proclamation Recognizing Lydia Magnotti's Retirement

(123-B)

Yocum read the Resolution congratulating Lydia on her retirement and Felter read the Proclamation recognizing Lydia on her retirement.

New Business

Discussion of Assembly Bill No. 2095 – Regulating Emergency Medical Services

Yocum reported that he and Merz, as the Emergency Services Committee, met this evening with representatives of the Jefferson Township Rescue and Milton First Aid Squad. A Resolution has been prepared to present to the Council for a vote in opposition to Assembly Bill No. 2095. Dunham commented that the Bill is a step backwards. Sanchelli said the Bill places a burden on Municipalities and the volunteers. Cohen said that this could possibly be an unfunded mandate and this should be raised if the Bill is adopted. Cohen said it is an effort to do away with volunteer rescue squads. Birmingham commented that the Bill was introduced on February 11 and all the co-sponsors are from cities, such as; Camden, Passaic, Paterson. Birmingham said he feels the Resolution should be sent to the NJ Council on Mandates. The sponsors of the Bill do not know what it is like to have volunteers who have spent countless hours in training and support and service to the community. Sanchelli said there are two points in the Bill; the creation of a State fund directing the assessment and collection and fees in support of same as well as by default Municipalities in the absence of viable

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volunteers shall remain responsible for providing services through hiring personnel or contracting with service providers. Merz said this Bill does not have bi-partisan support and it has not been posted in committee. There is visible displeasure with the Bill through many of the associations including the NJ League of Municipalities and the NJ State First Aid Council. Merz commented that the monetary printout or exactly how much this is going to cost is also missing from this piece of legislation.

Resolution No. 10-96: Resolution in Opposition to Assembly Bill No. 2095 (124-A)

Motion: Sanchelli, second Birmingham

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

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings

October 20, 2010 Regular Meeting Vice President Absent

Motion: Dunham, second Sanchelli

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

Council Reports

Sanchelli reported that the Veteran's Day commemoration was very well done and nicely attended. Sanchelli reported that the Township's Food Bank is in need of donations of non-perishable food items.

Merz reported that the Veteran's Day singing and speeches were very impressive and enjoyable. Merz said the Veteran's Committee does an excellent job and Merz expressed her thanks. Merz congratulated Mayor Felter, Dunham and Sanchelli on the recent election. Merz said she felt it was a very friendly election and she also thanked the Clerk's Office. Merz thanked Fire Company No. 1 for the annual Halloween Party.

Sanchelli reported that he attended the inspections over at Fire Company No. 2 on Saturday and it was very nicely done.

Birmingham congratulated Mayor Felter, Dunham and Sanchelli on their successful election. Birmingham commented that there was a very good turnout for the Halloween Party. The inspection at Fire Company No. 2 was very interesting. Birmingham said the Veteran's Day Ceremony was very touching and it was great to see the turn out for the occasion.

Birmingham reported that he attended the County Recycling Awards Dinner in Hanover. It was very enlightening to see everything that is going on all over the County. Birmingham gave the program to Harvin for the Council and Administration's information.

Birmingham commented on the redesign of the Township's website. The new design allows for photos to be posted of different events in town. Indirect polling is now an option through the website.

Dunham reported that he attended the Fire Company's Halloween Party for the first time. Dunham congratulated Mayor Felter, Merz and Sanchelli on the election. Dunham thanked the Council and Administration for the continued support throughout the election. Dunham reported that he attended the Veteran's Day Ceremony and he said he would like to thank everyone who attended. Dunham said he also attended Fire Company No. 2's inspection and found it to be very productive and worthwhile. Dunham

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reported that he and Birmingham were able to pick up electronics for two senior citizens and transport the materials for the Hazardous Waste Drop Off Day. Dunham reported that he attended the Cub Scout Troop 49 Pancake Breakfast at the American Legion on Sunday. Dunham reported that he also took a ride over to Garnet Drive and Scenic Drive. Dunham said that the condition of those two roads from their previous condition is greatly improved. Dunham commented that he was able to transport some medical equipment from one Senior Citizen's household that no longer required it to another that was in need. Dunham said he also spent some time today with the Administrator and CFO going over the town finances and budget.

Administrative Reports of Mayor and Administrator

Felter said he would like to congratulate Sanchelli, Merz and Dunham on their recent election. Felter said that all the events spoken of tonight went very well and there are more events planned for the upcoming holidays. On December 4 multiple events are scheduled including: the Christmas Tree Lighting; the visit with Santa; Christmas in the Village; the Menorah Lighting; a Pie Contest; and other events that will be advertised.

Leach reported that the White Rock Water Tank had a leak and the repair required the draining of the tank. Leach said the repair should be finished by tomorrow and the refilling of the tank will begin. The Utility has been working off the Paderewski and Maryann Tanks.

Leach reported that the work has begun on the traffic signal on Route 15 and Bowling Green Parkway.

Leach reported that about 40 more people participated in the Haz Mat cleanup this year than in the prior year. Birmingham commented that next year it will be even more because in January there will be no more pick up of electronics.

Sanchelli reported that he attended the Town's Rabies Clinic at the Health Center on Saturday. Sanchelli said he would like to compliment Cindee, Pam and the staff. Over 200 dogs and cats came through while he was there and a very good job was done.

Miscellaneous/Public Portion

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

Anne Augustyn of 41 Paderewski Road came forward and asked about Assembly Bill 2095. Yocum said that the Bill is accessible online and the Council is concerned because the Bill requires two EMT's in every ambulance before it can move. Yocum explained that right now the squad has a duty crew and with multiple calls, the two EMT requirement can cause staffing issues. Yocum said that the State is also looking to create Emergency Medical positions that would need to be supported financially. All the sponsors of the bill represent city areas that do not have the same type of volunteer ambulance and rescue squads. There is a concern that it could lead to the demise of many volunteer squads.

Augustyn said the Senior Center has a defibrillator and asked if the schools have one. Leach said he does not know about the schools, however, the Police have one in every patrol car. Leach commented that the defibrillator at the Senior Center is being removed because there was an issue with training at that location.

Yocum closed the public portion of the meeting.

Old Business

- Draft Ordinance #18-10: Against Dogs Tethered Outside in Inclement Weather
Yocum asked that this item be moved to a future agenda until further information is received for the proposed ordinance.

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Resolutions

Resolution #10-94: Approval of Bills (126-A)

Motion: Merz, second Sanchelli

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

Resolution #10-95: Authorize Passage of Consent Agenda (126-B)

Motion: Birmingham, 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.

Resolution #10-97: Executive Session: Possible Litigation – Tax Assessment (126-C)

Issues

Motion: Sanchelli, second Dunham

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

Recess

The Council adjourned into Executive Session at 7:54 p.m. and reconvened into Open Session at 8:10 p.m.

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: November 10, 2010

Attested:

Approved:

Lori Harvin, Township Clerk

Michael J. Sanchelli, Council Vice President