

JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, November 10, 2015

Jefferson Township Municipal Building

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Roll Call

Present

Absent

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

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

Salute to the Flag

Yocum asked everyone to rise to salute the flag.

Notice of Presiding Officer

President Yocum said, "This Regular Council meeting for November 10, 2015, 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, 2015."

Resolution Recognizing James Perrier's Achievement as Outstanding Volunteer Squad Member by The New Jersey State First Aid Council

James Perrier was presented with a Resolution recognizing his achievement and the Council offered James individual congratulations.

Public Discussion

- **Gypsy Moth Survey Results & Spraying Program 2016 Presentation**
Joe Zoltowski and Howard Panton
Department of Forestry and Department of Agriculture

Zoltowski presented a Powerpoint presentation detailing the life cycle of the gypsy moth, the history of the gypsy moth; suppression and eradication programs; the surveying process; and the municipalities' responsibilities and requirements if the town participates in the spraying program. The 2016 program would include 2,545 acres at a cost to participate of \$138,703 and a possible reimbursement of 50 percent. Yocum commented that the answer must be back to the Department of Agriculture by December 18. This item is being placed on the December 2 Agenda for a decision by the Council. The decision will be made to spray the entire area, a smaller portion of the area or none of the area. Merz asked why a recommendation was made for a single application and not a double application. Zoltowski said this decision is made based upon the concentration of egg masses. Birmingham asked if the Forestry Service has ever denied a reimbursement for spraying. Zoltowski said that the reimbursements are subject to the level of funding that the Department receives from the Federal Government. Yocum said that the reimbursements seem to range from 50 percent to 20 percent. Dunham asked if any of the affected acres have the spores that would kill the gypsy moths. Zoltowski said that if there is a wet Spring, then it is good for the fungus to thrive and kill off the gypsy moths. Zoltowski detailed the conditions that must occur for the spray to be effective and the window of time for the planes to fly. Yocum thanked Zoltowski and Panton for the informative presentation.

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

October 21, 2015 Regular All Members Present

Motion: Dunham, second Birmingham

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

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Council Reports

Birmingham reported that the Executive Board of the Morris County League of Municipalities will hold a meeting at the Annual League in Atlantic City and the speaker this year will be County Prosecutor, Fred Knapp. He will be speaking about the spread of heroin addiction and the initiatives his office is taking to combat this.

Birmingham reported that he attended the planning meeting with New Jersey Natural Gas along with the Administration. Birmingham said that the work is set to begin in the White Rock neighborhood. There are very nice incentives to convert to natural gas for the homeowners.

Birmingham reported that the Veterans' Day observance was very nice and very well attended. Birmingham commented that the band and chorus did a wonderful job and he thanked Dunham for his innovation and benediction.

Dunham reported that he attended a meeting at the Senior Center as the liaison for the senior group.

Dunham reported that he attended the Veterans' Day Ceremony on Saturday. As a veteran, Dunham said that he would like to thank everyone who was able to attend. Dunham thanked the High School Band and Chorus for performing. He thanked the Council members who were able to attend along with the Mayor and Administrator. Dunham thanked the Administration for the redecorating of the lobby and for using that area to honor the veterans in town.

Dunham reported that he had an opportunity to interact with the Recreation Department regarding software for the summer camp. Headway is being made in the selection of a program.

Dunham thanked the Administration for following up and completing this years' Capital Budget Road Program. Dunham said that he had the opportunity to look at some roads in other towns with the Administrator that had been oiled and chipped. These roads were well done and that technology has advanced and is very cost effective. Felter said that the roads must be carefully selected for that process. Leach added that roads without heavy truck traffic can be done. Dunham thanked the DPW for taking care of the large bumps in the Municipal Parking lot. Dunham thanked the Administration for the new ramp at the Milton First Aid building.

Sanchelli reported that there is a young man who is currently interviewing with the Congressman's office for a spot in the Naval Academy. Sanchelli commented that the Township must encourage and help young people in their endeavors and this young man is an asset to the Township.

Merz commented that the lobby looks great and specifically the area dedicated to the Veterans' is well done. Merz said that it is especially meaningful to have the lobby completed in time for the Veterans' Day ceremony. Merz said it is humbling to see the three Veterans from this generation and those from previous generations all honored in the lobby.

Merz asked the Administration about placing memorial signs renaming or rededicating roads for those who have lost their lives in service to the Country. Leach said that a program for the rededication of the roadways can be started.

Merz announced that the Morris County Clerk's Office will be offering Veteran's IDs on November 12, between 4 pm and 6 pm at the American Legion Post 245 in Lake Hopatcong. Anyone who lives in Jefferson Township or Morris County that would like to obtain their Veteran's ID can apply. Merz said that this is a way to preserve their DD214. If there is ever an issue about their Veteran's Benefits, it is easily accessible by the veteran or their family. Immediately, following there will be the program on Post Traumatic Stress with the gentlemen who provides dogs to veterans who suffer from

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PTSD at no cost.

Merz reported that she attended a Finance Committee meeting and she thanked the Administration for being on top of all the projects.

Merz wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Yocum reported that the Veterans' Day ceremony was very well attended. There have been 10 veterans who have paid the ultimate price in town. Yocum thanked everyone for the Sgt. Brandes poster. Yocum said that it was a very well put together day.

Administrative Reports of Mayor and Administrator

Felter said that he would like to thank Joanne Meyer and Jean Wilson for all the work on the Veterans' Day ceremony. Felter then thanked the members of the DPW and the Recreation Department.

Leach reported that the Mayor and he received notice that the County Open Space Committee approved the \$300,000 grant. Leach reported that the Green Acres legislature appropriations committee did appropriate the money in the amount of \$550,000. Leach said there is now \$850,000 in Open Space Grants available.

Miscellaneous/Public Portion

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

Colleen Wronko of Spotswood, New Jersey came forward. Wronko spoke about concerns regarding the Jefferson Township Municipal Pound. Wronko said that she received a complaint from a volunteer regarding the Municipal Pound and she also received documents through an OPRA request. Wronko detailed deficiencies that she perceives in the Municipal Animal Pound. Yocum asked Wronko to pass along her documentation to the Administrator and he said that her concerns will be addressed in a report from the Administration.

A member of the public from Edison, New Jersey, came forward and stated that the animal shelter is a Township asset. It is in the best interest of the Township to maintain the shelter. Felter said that a report will be prepared.

Yocum said that if there is a problem regarding the animals, it will be addressed. Yocum was asked if euthanasia can be suspended until the Certifications are verified. Yocum said that in actuality, the Administration oversees the workforce and buildings in the Township. Leach said that he will speak with the Mayor regarding this request. Felter said that the animals will be taken care of and everyone will have the answers in a matter of a few days. Yocum said that any problems that may exist will be addressed. Sanchelli commented that a phone call would have helped. Sanchelli offered to be the liaison for this matter. Yocum said that all these matter will be investigated and answers will be provided; plans will be made to rectify any items that need to be addressed; it is fair to ask to hold off on further euthanasia until certifications are verified.

Yocum closed the public portion of the meeting.

New Business

ORDINANCE #20-15: ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE WATER SUPPLY AND DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF JEFFERSON, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY, AND APPROPRIATING \$67,000 THEREFOR FROM THE WATER CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND OF THE TOWNSHIP IS OFFERED FOR ADOPTION ON FIRST READING WITH SECOND READING AND FINAL HEARING SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER 2, 2015.

Motion: Sanchelli, second Dunham

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

Yocum left the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

ORDINANCE #21-15: ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS OR PURPOSES TO BE UNDERTAKEN IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF JEFFERSON, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY, AND APPROPRIATING \$114,000 THEREFOR FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND OF THE TOWNSHIP IS OFFERED FOR ADOPTION ON FIRST READING WITH SECOND READING AND FINAL HEARING SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER 2, 2015.

Motion: Birmingham, second Dunham

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

ORDINANCE #22-15: ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE REPORT OF THE TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR WITH REFERENCE TO THE ASSESSMENT FOR BENEFITS FOR THE REPAIR OF THE LAKE SWANNANOVA DAM AND SETTING SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS THEREFOR IS OFFERED FOR ADOPTION ON FIRST READING WITH SECOND READING AND FINAL HEARING SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER 2, 2015.

Motion: Sanchelli, second Dunham

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

Resolutions

Resolution #15-82: Resolution Of The Township Of Jefferson, County Of Morris, State Of New Jersey, Directing The Township Planning Board To Conduct A Preliminary Investigation As To Whether Or Not Certain Properties Are In Need Of Redevelopment

(107-A)

Motion: Sanchelli, second Dunham

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

Resolution #15-83: Approval of Bills

(107-B)

Motion: Sanchelli, second Merz

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

Motion:

D.E.A., LLC PO No. 15-03190 - \$500.00
Jack Elsmore PO No. 15-02995 - \$500.00
UPS Store PO No. 15-03410 - \$250.00

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Motion: Sanchelli, second Dunham

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

Motion:

Headley Lumber Co. PO No. 15-02981 - \$187.03

Headley Lumber Co. PO No. 15-03168 - \$166.95

Motion: Sanchelli, second Dunham

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

Resolution #15-84: Authorize Passage of Consent Agenda

(108-A)

Motion: Sanchelli, second Dunham

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

Miscellaneous/Public Portion: No one came forward.

Adjournment at 8:43 p.m.

Motion: Birmingham, second Dunham

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

Dated: November 10, 2015

Attested:

Approved:

Lori Harvin, Township Clerk

Debi Merz, Council Vice President