

JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

Regular Meeting

November 12, 2014

Municipal Building, Council Chambers

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Roll Call

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

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

Salute to the Flag

President Yocum asked Eagle Scout, Ross Steven DeBlock, to lead everyone in the salute to the flag.

Notice of Presiding Officer

Yocum said, "This Regular Council meeting for November 12, 2014, 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 6, 2014."

Governor's Proclamation for the Official Observance of Veterans' Day (106-A)

Mayor Felter asked Councilman Dunham to read the Governor's Proclamation in Honor of the Official Observance of Veterans' Day.

Resolution and Proclamation Recognizing Eagle Scout: Ross Steven DeBlock (106-B)

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

Appointment of Firefighters to Fire Company No. 1: Steven J. VanWoudenberg

Yocum asked Chief VanVeen to come forward along with Firefighter VanWoudenberg. Mayor Felter administered the Oath of Office to VanWoudenberg. Yocum thanked Steven for providing his services to the Township and presented him with a Certificate of Appreciation and a Township pin and pen.

Proclamation Declaring the Month of November "Pancreatic Cancer Awareness (106-C) Month" in Jefferson Township

Mayor Felter read the Proclamation Declaring the Month of November "Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month in Jefferson Township."

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

- October 8, 2014 Regular All Members Present
- October 15, 2014 Regular All Members Present

Motion: Sanchelli, second Dunham

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

Council Reports

- **Motion:** Change Start Time of December 17, 2014 Meeting from 7:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Motion: Merz, second Dunham

Mr. Dunham	Aye
Mrs. Merz	Aye

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Mr. Sanchelli	Aye
Vice President Birmingham	Aye
President Yocum	Aye

Birmingham reported that he attended the Library Board meeting at which time the Board went over their budget. Birmingham stated that the Library Budget is flat this year. The Library Board has regular increases that are fixed but they are holding everything else. Birmingham explained that the Board broke up into smaller strategic groups to set goals for planning.

Birmingham reported that he attended the Veterans' Day Ceremony and he thanked Councilman Dunham for all the work he did with the planning committee.

Dunham reported that he attended the Utility Advisory Board meeting; the Veterans' Day planning meetings and the Veterans' Day Ceremony. Dunham said that he would like to thank everyone who was able to attend the Ceremony. The day was very successful and special thanks should go to Joanne Meyer and Jean Wilson for the set up and service of the refreshments on that day. Dunham thanked the Administration for having the Recreation Department set up for the Ceremony. Dunham thanked the Mayor for hosting and he said it was an honor to have so many dignified guests attend.

Dunham thanked Administrator Leach for attending the Utility Advisory Board meeting and for the excellent presentation to the members about the Mountain Shores Water System.

Sanchelli said he would like to apologize for not being able to attend the Veterans' Day Ceremony, however, he had a family medical emergency. Sanchelli said he has been a part of the Haunted House in Jefferson and it is an amazing experience. This year the Haunted House had 1300 visitors. Sanchelli said that Terri Tate has been running the Haunted House for 16 years and she is stepping down. Sanchelli suggested that Tate be recognized for all the years of work and talent she has contributed with a Certificate of Appreciation.

Sanchelli reported that he was able to attend a Horror Film Festival which was held at Camp Jefferson. The Festival featured the indie director/producer Jack Thomas Smith. Sanchelli commented that there will be future indie movie festivals at the Camp. Sanchelli said the festival was fun and there will be better advertising next time.

Merz congratulated the participants who ran the Haunted House. Merz commented that the Smithsonian trailer was also on-site at Camp Jefferson during the Fall Festival and she had the opportunity to visit with her grandchildren. Felter commented that almost 2,000 people went through the exhibit and it was very interactive.

Merz said that the Haunted House has been around for 26 years and it first began as an event that was run by the PTA, then the Municipal Alliance assisted and then the Recreation Department. It is a positive program.

Merz reported that the Committee held a Budget meeting this evening. The Administration has started the 2015 Budget process and the meeting was positive.

Merz reported that tomorrow, CONNECT has a meeting at the American Legion on PTSD. The Morris County Clerk's Office will be there to process Veteran's ID cards for free. The next event for CONNECT will be the Illuminary in remembrance of those lost through suicide.

Yocum reported that the Veterans' Day Ceremony was very successful. Veterans' Day is a very emotional day for many people and there is a good feeling being among so many veterans gathered for the occasion.

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Administrative Reports of Mayor and Administrator

Felter said that he would like to thank everyone for all the work on Veterans' Day. Felter said that it was an honor to have the Commanders from Picatinny in attendance along with Congressman Frelinghuysen; and the Commanders of the American Legions.

Felter reported that as part of the renovations in the Municipal Building, the shadow boxes in the hallway are going to be moved out into the main lobby. Four more Proclamations will be done for two World War I Veterans; one for AJ Prezioso and one for Brandes. There will be 10 altogether. Dunham commented that the plaques and shadow boxes mean so much to the families in the town.

Felter said that he is happy that the United Methodist Church of Milton opened up a thrift shop in the old church building. It is a great idea to make some money to help take care of the building and it is being used for a good cause.

Felter reported that he has a meeting this evening with the committee for the Teen Center.

Leach reported that they are getting close to completion on the renovation of the Council Chambers. Leach said that in 2015, the technology in the Chambers will be updated. Work will also begin on the Lobby. Leach said that he would also like the Council to consider a time period for the return of trophies to each organization after a display period in the trophy case. This is due to lack of space. Yocum said that the idea of display for one year and return to the organization while those individuals are still active is a good one. Leach said that the teams will be contacted regarding the trophies that are currently in the cases.

Leach spoke about the renovations to the lobby and moving the Thomas Jefferson bust into the Council Chambers. Yocum said that the new set up on the dais with the computer monitors is great and he would like to thank Hopkins and the individuals that assisted with the set up. Leach added that the webcam that is being set up for the Court will be a significant savings for both the Township and the Sheriff's Department since prisoners will not have to be transported back and forth from Morristown.

Sanchelli said that he spoke to Bonito and he will supply information on the sound tiles for the walls. These will absorb sound and look like artwork.

Leach commented about the Township logo and Merz said that she feels the logo should remain the same. Leach said he will work with Harvin on a new 3 dimensional version for the back wall.

Miscellaneous/Public Portion

No one came forward.

New Business

- Request for Resolution: Expressing the Importance to Recognize the Strength of Local Pension Funding in Regards to Recommendations from Governor Christie's Pension & Health Study Commission

The Council was in agreement and this Resolution was placed on the Consent Agenda.

- Authorize 2015 Gypsy Moth Control Options – Suppression Program
Leach explained that the main area is the Notch Road area and some funding should be available. In speaking with the inspector, it is a heavy infestation. Yocum asked Leach to obtain information about the materials that will be used during the spraying before a final decision is made. Leach explained that the spraying would be noticed and published.

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Ordinance for Discussion and First Reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 22-14: ORDINANCE VACATING UNNAMED 8' FOOT PATHWAY FROM CASTLE ROCK ROAD TO LAKE HOPATCONG IN THE TOWNSHIP OF JEFFERSON, MORRIS COUNTY, NEW JERSEY IS OFFERED FOR FIRST READING WITH SECOND READING AND FINAL HEARING SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER 17, 2014 AT 6:00 P.M.

Yocum said that both owners of each affected parcel of land have entered into an agreement and would like to see this done. Yocum said that if everyone is in agreement, the first reading can occur this evening. Merz asked if this property had any of the issues with the runoff coming off the mountain. Leach said that the Castlerock Preserve was done and there was a whole network of these little paths on the mountain. Leach said that the paths were removed and there is nothing there but the Township property now. Leach said this will not affect drainage.

Motion: Merz, second Sanchelli

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

Ordinances for First Reading:

ORDINANCE NO.: 21-14: ORDINANCE CREATING CHAPTER 360 OF THE JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL CODE ENTITLED "POLITICAL CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS AND CONTRACTING" IS OFFERED FOR ADOPTION ON FIRST READING WITH SECOND READING AND FINAL HEARING SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER 3, 2014

Yocum said that this Ordinance is being proposed specifically on the Best Practice Checklist. Cohen said that the request was made to adopt this Pay to Play Ordinance which is more stringent than the State's Statute. Cohen said that the Model Ordinance went way overboard and he reviewed several ordinances from surrounding communities.

Motion: Yocum, second Birmingham

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

Resolutions

Resolution #14-100: Certifying the Governing Bodies' Review of the 2013 Annual Audit and the Auditor's General Comments and Recommendations

(109-A)

Motion: Sanchelli, second Birmingham

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

Resolution #14-101: To Approve the 2013 Corrective Action Plan

(109-B)

Motion: Birmingham, second Sanchelli

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

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President Yocum Aye

Resolution #14-102: Appropriation Transfer 2014

(110-A)

Motion: Sanchelli, second Birmingham

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

Resolution #14-103: Approval of Bills

(110-B)

Motion: Birmingham, second Yocum

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

Felter left the meeting at 7:58 p.m.

Motion to Approve:

PO No. 14-03204 Headley Lumber - \$1,464.98

Motion: Merz, second Sanchelli

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

Motion to Approve:

PO No. 14-03464 Municipal Alliance (Terri Tate) - \$588.50

PO No. 14-03465 CONNECT (Melina Caljean) - \$125.19

PO No. 14-03468 CONNECT (Dana Critchlaw) - \$56.00

Motion: Sanchelli, second Birmingham

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

Resolution #14-104: Authorize Passage of Consent Agenda

(110-C)

Motion: Merz, second Sanchelli

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

Miscellaneous/Public Portion

No one came forward.

Adjournment at 8:01 p.m.

Motion: Dunham, second Birmingham

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

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Dated: November 12, 2014

Attested:

Approved:

Lori Harvin, Township Clerk

Robert Birmingham, Council Vice President