

JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

Regular Meeting

December 17, 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 Acting Administrator, CFO William Eagen are present. Also present this evening is Township DPW Director, Jeff Elam.

Salute to the Flag

President Yocum asked everyone to rise for the salute to the flag.

Notice of Presiding Officer

Yocum said, "This Regular Council meeting for December 17, 2014, commencing at 6:00 p.m. has been properly noticed in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act by notice to the official newspapers of the Township on December 11, 2014."

Jefferson Township Historical Society Member Annual Report of Activities

Christine Williams, President of the Jefferson Township Historical Society, came forward and stated that through the support of the Council and Administration, the Historical Society has been able to foster relationships with other historical societies; restore the museum building; and maintain the Garden Club. Williams said that on behalf of the Historical Society she would like to thank the Council and Administration for that support.

Proclamation and Resolution Recognizing Gold Award Recipient: Brooke Boetticher

(117-A)

Yocum asked Brooke Boetticher to come forward along with her family. Yocum read the Resolution commending Brooke on the achievement of her Gold Award. Felter then presented the Proclamation congratulating Brooke on her Award. Yocum presented Brooke with a Township pin and pen. Brooke received individual congratulations from the Council members.

Appointment of Firefighter to Fire Company No. 1: Michael D. Fisher

(117-B)

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

Alonso Strong Fund Donations

- **Knights of Columbus**

Joseph Ozoniak came forward and presented Ann Marie Douglas, as a representative of the Alonso Family, with a donation from the Knights of Columbus

- **Castle Cove Mini Golf Outing Fundraiser**

Fay and Mike Woomer came forward and presented the donation from the Castle Cove Mini Golf Outing Fundraiser.

- **Afghan Presentation**

Mayor Felter presented Ann Marie Douglas with an afghan knitted by Dawn Gillermy for Aaron Alonso.

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

- December 3, 2014 Regular Yocum & Sanchelli Absent
- December 3, 2014 Executive Yocum & Sanchelli Absent

Motion: Dunham, second Birmingham

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

Public Hearing Upon Adoption For Ordinances on Third Reading and Final Hearing:

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 ADOPTION ON THIRD READING AND FINAL HEARING

Yocum opened the meeting up to the public for questions and comments specific to proposed Ordinance 22-14 and seeing no one come forward, he closed the public portion of the meeting.

Motion: Merz, second Sanchelli

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

Council Reports

Merz reported that the Christmas in the Village activities went very well with great cooperation between Township employees and volunteer organizations. Many people volunteer in so many organizations in town and it is appreciated. Merz commented that it is a very good idea to thank those volunteers. Merz wished her fellow Council members and the Administration a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Birmingham reported that he attended the Eagle Scout Court of Honor for DeBlock. Birmingham commented that Christmas in the Village was well attended and was a great event. Next year will be the 10 year celebration of this event.

Dunham reported that the Tree Lighting was very nice and he thanked Yocum for attending and doing the reading that evening. Dunham reported that he had the opportunity to visit the White Rock Sewerage Treatment Plant and to investigate the cause of the power outage. Dunham reported that the backup generator should be online in the future. Dunham reported that he attended the Eagle Scout Court of Honor for DeBlock as well as the employees' Christmas Luncheon.

Sanchelli wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Sanchelli said that he looks forward to 4 more years on the Council. Sanchelli commented that this is the best Council and the best municipal government in New Jersey and it is an honor to serve with everyone.

Yocum reported that he attended the Christmas Tree Lighting and that there was a very large turnout. Yocum thanked his fellow Council members for all their work over the past year. Yocum said that a good part of their success as a Township is that even disagreements are handled with respect. All the Council members, Administration and employees are amazingly hard working. Yocum noted that in 2015 there will be substantial challenges for the Council, including the Budget, however, he is confident that working together, they will be able to handle anything that comes their way.

- Motion: January 7, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. Reorganization Meeting

Motion: Yocum, second Dunham

Mr. Dunham	Aye
Mrs. Merz	Aye

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Mr. Sanchelli	Aye
Vice President Birmingham	Aye
President Yocum	Aye

Administrative Reports of Mayor and Administrator

Felter commented that Christmas in the Village and the Christmas Tree Lighting went very well. Felter said that the Township has great volunteers and employees and this makes his job easier.

Felter asked everyone present to keep the Rhinesmith Family in their prayers as Sammy undergoes another surgery.

Felter wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Eagen said that he has a short update on the Mountain Shores Water Project. Eagen said that over a year ago the Administration met with the NJ Environmental Infrastructure Trust people. Eagen advised the Council that the project is on the funding list and the terms have been outlined. The engineer's estimate was for \$1.2 million to upgrade the Mountain Shores Water System. Their programs require about a \$90,000 contribution. Eagen said that there is \$500,000 available to the town under a grant or principal forgiveness and another \$203,000 available after that. Eagen said that monies after that go into a partial loan program with zero percent for 50% of the loan and the remainder is at market rate. Eagen said that the bottom line is that there will be \$703,000 for this project as a grant or principal forgiveness. Eagen said that there is a Bond Ordinance on the Reorg for \$1.6 million. One of the key decision for the State was who would be the applicant, the Town or the Mountain Shores Property Association. At this point, Mountain Shores will be the applicant with the Town backing the money. Once the project is completed, the system will be turned over to the Town. The Town will be responsible for the pay back over the period of the loan. Eagen said that by February 1 there has to be authorization from the State to award to the vendor to proceed with the project. So the bid specs must be to Trenton for approval giving authority to go out to bid. Eagen said that the specs were initially sent down last winter, so now it is a matter of making Mountain Shores the Applicant with the town providing guidance. Eagen said that there are looser guidelines with regard to Public Contracts Law since the Association is the Applicant. Eagen said that there will be a three party Agreement between the town, the DEP and the Mountain Shores Property Owners and perhaps another Agreement between the Town and the Mountain Shores Property Owners. The bulk of the project will be financed for free.

Elam came forward with maps of the Mountain Shores area. Elam stated that the Mountain Shores System consists of 39 members and is located on Nolans Point Road, Mountain Shores Ridge and Cove Road area. The Association was established by the developer to run the water system. Recently, the System has been run by one individual. Elam commented that this package from the State is very generous. Elam explained that there will be a 1400 foot interconnection from the daycare up to Mountain Shores Road. The total footage is about 4,000 feet. Elam said that the specifications are about 95 percent done and there are a few comments from the State that have to be addressed.

Eagen commented that the cost to the Mountain Shores residents will be the hook-up fees and the meter charge. Felter said there has been a problem in the area for a long time.

Dunham asked when plans must be in Trenton to move forward with this timeline. Elam said that right now, he is waiting for the State to return a new set of comments and those comments should be back by the middle of next week. Elam said that he anticipates going out to bid by early January. Dunham asked if the plans will have to go back to the State before they can go out to bid. Dunham asked when Elam anticipates his specs going to the State. Elam said less than a week after he receives the final comments. Dunham asked what happens if they drag out, how can the town

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ensure that this gets done in a timely fashion. Elam said that the DEP has a strong interest in the project. Elam said he does not see any problems in with meeting the timelines.

Miscellaneous/Public Portion

No one came forward.

Resolutions

Resolution #14-109: Approval of Bills (120-A)

Motion: Sanchelli, second Dunham

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

Motion to Approve:

P O No. 14-02233 Headley Lumber - \$196.61

Motion: Sanchelli, second Yocum

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

Resolution #14-110: Authorize Passage of Consent Agenda (120-B)

Motion: Sanchelli, second Dunham

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

Resolution #14-111: Canceling Various Reserves and Appropriations (120-C)

Motion: Sanchelli, second Merz

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

Resolution #14-112: Appropriation Transfer for 2014 (120-D)

Motion: Sanchelli, second Dunham

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 6:56 p.m.

Motion: Birmingham, second Dunham

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

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Dated: December 17, 2014

Attested:

Approved:

Lori Harvin, Township Clerk

Richard W. Yocum, Council President