

JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

Regular Meeting

December 18, 2013

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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. Also present is Deputy Chief, William Craig, and CFO, William Eagen.

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 December 18, 2013, 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 12, 2013."

Presentation of Donation to Township Animal Shelter by Brown Belt Candidate, Matthew Rabtzow

Yocum asked Matthew to come forward along with his parents and brother. Matthew presented information to the Council regarding his Brown Belt Project which included a fundraiser to benefit the Township Animal Shelter. Matthew presented Mayor Felter with a check in the amount of \$170 and he also donated \$200 worth of food to the shelter. The Council congratulated Matthew on his hard work and thanked him. The Mayor presented Matthew with a Township pin and pen. Yocum explained that he serves as the President of the New Jersey Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and he is a law enforcement officer for that organization. Yocum said that he will be posting Matthew's story on the Facebook page of the NJSPCA tonight.

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

December 4, 2013	Special/Regular	President Yocum Absent
December 4, 2013	Executive	President Yocum Absent

Motion: Dunham, second Birmingham

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

Council Reports

- **Motion:** To pay PO 13-03977 for Elite Equipment Services, Inc. - \$15,032.17

Motion: Yocum, second Merz

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

Merz said she would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and her hope is that the New Year brings everyone something new and exciting. Merz said she would like to thank the Administration and the Departments for all the help during the year. Merz said she has many good things to say about each Department and all the Emergency Services.

Merz said that she brought this up at the last meeting. Merz said that last year there was some discussion about the rotation of the presidency and there is no disrespect to Yocum. Merz said everyone should have the ability to try new things and

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this is a conversation that should be held at a meeting. The Council and Administration work well together.

Birmingham said he attended the Christmas in the Village and the Tree Lighting. Birmingham pointed out that the town has a Christmas Tree.

Dunham said he would like to thank the Administration for Resolution 13-97, adopting the Flexible Spending Plan for the employees. Dunham said he attended the Library Board meeting the other day. Dunham said he would like to thank the Deputy Chief for enforcing the parking ordinances for the winter months, especially during the times of plowing. Dunham said he would like to thank the Administration again for the beauty of the grounds at the Municipal Complex.

Dunham said he would like to make it clear that he has no intention of taking the Vice President position nor would he ever be interested in the President position. Dunham said he ran to be a Councilman in town and his aspiration is only to be a Councilman.

Dunham said he would like to thank the Administration for working so cooperatively with him at all times. Dunham thanked his fellow Council members along with the Council President.

Yocum thanked the Administrative team and said the town has come very far in making sure the quality of life has been improved year after year. The Open Space issues and Recreation issues have come far. Yocum said that the Council and Administration do a great job working together. Yocum said that the work that is done by the employees of the Township cannot be overlooked.

Yocum said that with regard to the rotation of the Presidency, he is personally not in support of this idea. Yocum said he does not support even the rotation of the Vice Presidency. Yocum said that he does not think that rotating a President's position is in the town's best interest or the Council's best interest. When volatile issues arise, it can be a very difficult position to handle. The Council and himself as Council President have changed the way that business is done in Jefferson. The fact that they do not have the angry crowds there is because people are respected and are given the time to talk. Yocum said that he is proud of how far they have come from where they have been. Yocum said he appreciates the discussion. If someone disagrees, there is never a fear of retaliation. That does not exist here.

Administrative Report of Mayor and Administrator

Felter said he would like to thank the Council for another good year. Felter thanked Harvin and Pivrotto. Felter reported that he held a staff meeting the other day. Felter said he is proud of the people that work for the Township. Felter wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Leach said he would like to thank the Council for their cooperation. Leach said that the Township continues to have a tax rate that is one of the lowest around. Leach said that Merz and Dunham will be beginning work on the Budget review with the Administration. Leach said that all the labor contracts are completed. The debt ratio is still good.

Miscellaneous/Public Portion

No one came forward.

New Business

- **Motion:** Rescind Ordinance 18-13
ORDINANCE VACATING A PORTION OF HILL STREET, IN THE
TOWNSHIP OF JEFFERSON, COUNTY OF MORRIS AND STATE OF
NEW JERSEY

Motion: Dunham, second Birmingham

Mr. Dunham

Aye

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

Ordinances for First Reading:

ORDINANCE #19-13: ORDINANCE VACATING A ROADWAY KNOWN AS HILL STREET, IN THE TOWNSHIP OF JEFFERSON, COUNTY OF MORRIS AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY IS OFFERED FOR ADOPTION ON FIRST READING WITH SECOND READING AND FINAL HEARING SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 2, 2014

Motion: Merz, second Yocum

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

Resolutions:

Resolution #13-90: Resolution to Approve 2012 Corrective Action Plan (113-A)

Motion: Birmingham, second Merz

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

Resolution #13-93: Appropriation Transfer for 2013 (113-B)

Motion: Birmingham, second Yocum

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

Resolution #13-94: Canceling Various Reserves (113-C)

Motion: Merz, second Birmingham

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

Resolution #13-95: Canceling Various Grants (113-D)

Motion: Dunham, second Merz

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

Resolution #13-96: Person to Person Transfer of Liquor License 1414-33-003-007 from Romani Venture LLC to Maria Amiragova (113-E)

Motion: Merz, second Dunham

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

Resolution #13-97: Adopting a Flexible Benefits/Spending Plan and Authorizing the Mayor to Execute the Agreement with Coordinated (113-F)

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Benefits Associates, Inc.

Motion: Dunham, second Birmingham

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

Resolution #13-98: Authorizing Extension of Payment of Capacity Charges For Residents of Pine Street (114-A)

Motion: Dunham, second Merz

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

Resolution #13-99: Approval of Bills (114-B)

Motion: Dunham, second Birmingham

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

Motion to Approve:

P O No. 13-04036 Headley Lumber Co. - \$221.30

P O No. 13-03327 Headley Lumber Co. - \$578.18

Motion: Merz, second Birmingham

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

Motion to Approve:

P O No. 13-01531 Diana St. Lifer - \$375.00

Motion: Dunham, second Birmingham

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

Resolution #13-100: Authorize Passage of Consent Agenda Item No. 1 Removed (114-C)

Motion: Birmingham, second Yocum

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

Motion to Approve:

Consent Resolution, Item No. 1

Motion: Dunham, second Birmingham

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

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Resolution #13-101: Resolution Authorizing Mayor to Execute Use of Rights
Of-Way Agreement with Cross River Fiber, Inc.

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(115-A)

Motion: Birmingham, second Dunham

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

Miscellaneous/Public Portion

No one came forward.

Adjournment at 6:39 p.m.

Motion: Birmingham, second Dunham

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

Dated: December 18, 2013

Attested:

Approved:

Lori Harvin, Township Clerk

Richard W. Yocum, Council President