

JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

Regular Meeting

February 19, 2014

Municipal Building, Council Chambers

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Roll Call

Present

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

Absent

Vice President Birmingham

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

Notice of Presiding Officer

President Yocum said, "This Regular Council meeting for February 19, 2014, commencing at 8:00 p.m. has been properly noticed in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act by notice to the official newspapers of the Township on February 13, 2014."

Salute to the Flag

Yocum asked everyone to rise to salute the flag.

Appointment of Firefighter to Fire Department No. 2: Kaitlin B. Ventrice (17-A)

Yocum asked Kaitlin B. Ventrice to come forward. Mayor Felter administered the Oath of Office to Kaitlin. Yocum thanked Kaitlin for providing her services to the Township and presented her with a Certificate of Appreciation and a Township pin and pen.

Lake Hopatcong Foundation – Block Party in May at State Park

Lee Moreau came forward along with Robin Brystra and Becky Rubenstein. Moreau explained that the Lake Hopatcong Foundation is planning its first Block Party. The event is planned for May 10 in the hopes that the communities surrounding the Lake will enjoy a day with all the net proceeds being devoted to the Lake's water quality. The Block Party will run from 10 am to 5 pm and will include antique and craft vendors, community organizations, local businesses, food vendors, entertainment and children's activities. The Foundation will need the support of the town's surrounding the lake and is asking for the use of their Dial A Ride vehicles for shuttling to off-site parking locations.

Yocum expressed the support of the Council and Administration and said that he feels the Foundation will find that Jefferson will be more than happy to work with them to make this event successful.

Council Reports

Dunham reported that he attended the special meeting that was held on Monday night for fundraisers for Aaron Alonso's family to plan future events. Dunham said he attended the Library Board Meeting on Tuesday. Dunham said he attended the Morris County League of Municipalities meeting this evening.

Merz said that she is happy to hear that so many groups are stepping up to plan fundraising events for the Alonso family and it is good to hear that there is someone coordinating those events. Merz commented that this is long term and it will take commitment.

Sanchelli had no report this evening.

Administrative Reports of Mayor and Administrator

Leach said he would like to give an update on snow and ice removal. Since January 1st there have been 10 storms. Leach said he is still working on the figures but the last storm was roughly a \$120,000 storm. To date around \$450,000 has been spent on snow and ice removal. This year, \$517,000 was budgeted and now there is about

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\$60,000 to carry to the end of the year. Leach explained that a few budget adjustments will have to be made. Yocum asked about the salt situation and Leach said that 3 loads were delivered today. Yocum complimented the Administration on the excellent planning. Merz asked if the State of Emergency would bring in any Federal Funds. Leach said he does not know about that but there may possibly be come FEMA reimbursement.

Felter reported on the roof collapse at Katz Marina. Felter reported that all events that are being held in conjunction with the fundraisers for Aaron Alonso are going to be posted on the Township website along with the donation sites at the PNC Bank. Felter said he would like to thank all the workers at the DPW and the Police Department.

Dunham commented that the Council received a copy of a Resolution calling on the Legislature to make permanent the 2% Cap. Dunham said that if the 2% Cap is not made Permanent it will be a problem. Dunham asked the Council to consider also doing a Resolution to be sent to the Legislature. Yocum asked that a resolution be placed on the March 5 Agenda.

Miscellaneous/Public Portion

No one came forward.

New Business

Motion: Authorize Payment of PO 14-00437 – International Association Of Arson Investigators in the amount of \$450.00/IAAI Training Conference

Motion: Dunham, second Sanchelli

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

Resolutions

Resolution #14-15: Temporary Budget Amendment for 2014

(18-A)

Motion: Merz, second Sanchelli

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

Resolution #14-16: Approval of Bills

(18-B)

Motion: Sanchelli, second Dunham

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

Motion to Approve PO 14-00294 Headley Lumber

Motion: Sanchelli, second Yocum

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

Resolution #14-17: Authorize Passage of Consent Agenda

(18-C)

Motion: Sanchelli, second Dunham

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| Mr. Dunham | Aye |
| Mrs. Merz | Aye |

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| Mr. Sanchelli | Aye |
| Vice President Birmingham | Absent |
| President Yocum | Aye |

Miscellaneous/Public Portion

No one came forward.

Adjournment at 8:27 p.m.

Motion: Dunham, second Merz

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

Dated: February 19, 2014

Attested:

Approved:

Lori Harvin, Township Clerk

Robert Birmingham, Council Vice President