

JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

Regular Meeting

March 19, 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	

Mrs. Harvin said, "Let the record show that Mayor Felter and Acting Administrator, Township CFO, William Eagen are present."

Notice of Presiding Officer

Vice President Birmingham said, "This Regular Council meeting for March 19, 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 March 13, 2014."

Salute to the Flag

Birmingham asked everyone to rise to salute the flag.

Library Report of Trustees

(32-A)

Michael Stewart, Library Board Trustee Member, and Seth Stephens, Library Director, came forward and presented the 2013 Statistics for the Jefferson Township Municipal Library. Stewart commented that the installation of the generator has been completed and this will be a benefit to the entire Township. Many improvements to the Building and Equipment were accomplished during 2013.

Stephens said the Library had a Five Year Capital Plan and that is how the Capital projects were accomplished. Sanchelli asked about a timeframe on the Fire Suppression System. Stephens said that Hatch Mott is working on a recommendation and a Sprinkler System is being considered because it can target a specific area. Stephens said that one of the challenges involves the water source for the sprinkler system.

Dunham thanked the Library Board for providing all the services to the Township. Birmingham commented that the Library provides valuable services even though the funding is dropping. Stephens thanked the Council.

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

February 26, 2014 Budget Sanchelli Absent

Motion: Merz, second Dunham	
Mr. Dunham	Aye
Mrs. Merz	Aye
Mr. Sanchelli	Not Voting
Vice President Birmingham	Aye
President Yocum	Absent

Unfinished Business

Budget Status Report

(32-B)

Eagen reported that he has provided the Council with the 2014 Budget changes. A net change of \$171,852.00 was made. This equates to a \$19.86 reduction in the increase to the average assessed home, making the increase \$38.47 on the average assessed home. Eagen said that the only other changes he anticipates will be due to the decrease in the pension payment to the State. Eagen said if he receives any information on grants, he will advise the Council. Eagen said that the State has advised not to pay the pension until further information is received. Eagen said that the Introduction is scheduled for 4/2 and the Adoption is scheduled for 5/21. Sanchelli noted that the Budget is under the 2 percent. Eagen said the Capital Budget is completed and it may be ready for Introduction on 4/2. Eagen said that Ferraioli is working on the Bond sale and so there will be a Resolution coming to authorize the sale.

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Eagen thanked the Budget Committee for their work. Sanchelli said that Eagen is the best CFO in New Jersey. Merz complimented Dunham on his diligent work in going over the details of the Budget. Dunham thanked the Administration for all the cooperation.

Council Reports

- **Motion:** Change Start Time of April 2, 2014 Meeting from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Motion: Sanchelli, second Dunham

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

Sanchelli had no report this evening.

Dunham reported that he attended the Library Board meeting yesterday.

Merz had no report this evening.

Administrative Reports of Mayor and Administrator

Felter reported that the turf field at Lakeside opened today and the High School is using it along with all the Spring Sports. Felter reported that there is a meeting on March 25 of the Alonzo Group here in the Municipal Building. There is a link on the Township website of all the fundraisers. There is a fundraiser on Sunday at the Warehouse Grill.

Sanchelli commented that he had the pleasure to assist the Mayor with the Seniors' Luncheon last week at Camp Jefferson. There were 77 people in attendance and it was a great time. Felter said that there will be another one in April. Felter said the PTA will be holding the Carnival in May this year.

Miscellaneous/Public Portion

Birmingham opened the meeting up for questions or comments.

Michael Stewart of 73 West Shawnee Trail came forward. Stewart commented that there are traffic lights that may not be recognized at night and he suggested reflective tape around the traffic lights. Felter said that the Township will be redoing the traffic light at Berkshire Valley Road and Ridge Road. The lights on the highway are under the control of the State. Stewart suggested blinking arrows on the left turn signal.

Stewart asked the Council to consider an Ordinance to prohibit fracking within Jefferson Township because of the damage to the water table and ecological life.

Birmingham closed the public portion of the meeting.

Resolution

Resolution #14-26: Appropriation Transfers for 2013

(33-A)

Motion: Sanchelli, second Dunham

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

Resolution #14-27: Approval of Bills

(33-B)

Motion: Sanchelli, second Dunham

Mr. Dunham	Aye
Mrs. Merz	Aye
Mr. Sanchelli	Aye

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Vice President Birmingham Aye
President Yocum Absent

Motion to Approve:

P O No. 14-00638 Headley Lumber Co. - \$275.65

P O No. 14-00484 Headley Lumber Co. - \$659.86

Motion: Birmingham, second Merz

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

Resolution #14-28: Authorize Passage of Consent Agenda

(34-A)

Motion: Dunham, second Sanchelli

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

Resolution #14-29: Temporary Budget Amendment

(34-B)

Motion: Sanchelli, second Dunham

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

Mayor Felter made the Appointment of Tom Hantson to the Recreation Advisory Board.

Motion: Birmingham, second Sanchelli

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

Resolution #14-30: Closed Session – Personnel: Interview Board of Adjustment Candidate (34-C)

Motion: Sanchelli, second Dunham

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

Recess

The Council adjourned into Closed Session at 7:42 p.m. and reconvened into Open Session at 7:00 p.m.

Miscellaneous/Public Portion

No one came forward.

Adjournment at 7:01 p.m.

Motion: Merz, second Sanchelli

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

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Dated: March 19, 2014

Attested:

Approved:

Lori Harvin, Township Clerk

Richard W. Yocum, Council President