

JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

Regular Meeting

March 4, 2015

Municipal Building, Council Chambers

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Roll Call

Present

Mr. Dunham
Mr. Birmingham
Vice President Merz
Township Attorney, Lawrence Cohen
Lori Harvin, Township Clerk

Absent

Mr. Sanchelli
President Yocum

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

Salute to the Flag

Notice of Presiding Officer

Vice President Merz said, "This Regular Council meeting for March 4, 2015, 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 February 26, 2015."

Resolution and Proclamation Recognizing Mary Parr's 55 Years of Service (29-A) On the Milton First Aid Squad

Merz asked Mary Parr and her family to come forward. Eagen presented the Proclamation recognizing Mary Parr for her 55 years of services to the Township on the Milton First Aid Squad and presented her with the Mayor's pin. Dunham read the Resolution honoring Mary and presented her with a Township pin and pen. Mary received individual congratulations from the Council.

Charles Ferraioli, Township Auditor - Presentation of 2015 Municipal Budget

Ferraioli began the annual presentation with the Annual Debt Statement. The net debt this year was \$21,115,528 versus last year's debt of \$17,847,591. Ferraioli explained that the water utility was not operating in the black, so \$2,815,000 of that debt fell into the net debt. The net debt is divided by the three year average of equalized value. The equalized value is the true real estate value of all pieces of property in town. Ferraioli stated that the equalized value of real property this year is \$2,640,520,725 versus last year of \$2,605,599,152. Ferraioli stated that the real estate values are going up. The net debt is 0.800%

Felter arrived at 7:13 p.m.

Ferraioli said that the amount under the Tax Levy CAP is \$95,866. The amount under the Appropriation CAP is \$708,157.67. Ferraioli said that the surplus started on January 1, 2014 with \$2,959,976 and \$1,679,914 was added; for the 2014 Budget \$1,650,000 was added and the year ended with \$2,989,891. Ferraioli detailed the various accounts where the surplus was generated.

Ferraioli said that this year the net taxable value is \$2,508,395,300 and a tax point is \$250,839. Last year is it was \$247,989. Ferraioli said the budget that is being proposed tonight would show an increase in the garbage, the municipal, the library and open space taxes of \$482,000; 2.29 percent. A Tax Point on the average home (\$283,820) this year is \$28.38.

Dunham asked if the town is totally reassessed and Cohen said that this is an ongoing program. Cohen said that the town has stayed current and because of that program money has been saved on appeals.

Eagen said that the Budgets will be introduced as presented tonight and the public hearing will be April 22. There will be a Capital discussion prior to the March 18th

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Regular meeting. Eagen said that the Capital budget will be introduced at the April 1st meeting with the Adoption at the same time as the regular Budgets.

Introduction of 2015 Municipal Budgets

Ordinances for First Reading:

ORDINANCE #7-15: TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL CAP BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45:14) IS OFFERED FOR ADOPTION ON FIRST READING WITH SECOND READING AND FINAL HEARING SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 18, 2015

Motion: Dunham, second Birmingham

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

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

February 11, 2015	Budget	President Yocum	Absent
February 18, 2015	Regular	Sanchelli	Absent

Motion: Dunham, second Birmingham

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

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

ORDINANCE #6-15: ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE BY JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP OF REAL PROPERTY FROM KRYSZYNA DREWNIAK, KNOWN AS BLOCK 272, LOT 2 IS OFFERED FOR ADOPTION ON SECOND READING AND FINAL HEARING

Merz opened the meeting up to the public for questions or comments specific to proposed Ordinance 6-15 and upon seeing no one come forward, she closed the public portion of the meeting.

Motion: Dunham, second Birmingham

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

Introduction of 2015 Municipal Budgets

Resolutions

Resolution #15-13: Authorize that Budgets be Read By Title Only **(30-A)**

Motion: Birmingham, second Dunham

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

Resolution #15-14: Municipal Budget of the Township of Jefferson, County of Morris for the Fiscal Year 2015 **(30-B)**

Motion: Dunham, second Birmingham

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

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President Yocum Absent

Resolution #15-15: Solid Waste Collection District Budget **(31-A)**
of the Township of Jefferson, County of Morris for the Fiscal Year 2015

Motion: Birmingham, second Dunham

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

Council Reports

Dunham had no report this evening.

Birmingham reported that he attended the Rotary Club's 50th Anniversary dinner. Birmingham said that the dinner was held at Casa Bianca on the location of the original Rudy's and the Club had obtained a copy of the original meeting Agenda. Birmingham commented on all the community service projects completed by the Rotary.

Birmingham said that a number of years ago he and Leach went to Newark Regional Postal Headquarters to try to resolve the issues that residents have as a result of the zip code 07438 belonging to West Milford and Passaic County. Birmingham said that the subsequent satellite annex has straightened out many of the problems. Birmingham said that numerous residents, including members of his family received jury duty notices from Passaic County. Birmingham feels something should be done by the Passaic County Court to target only the small 9 percent of actual residents. Cohen commented that drivers licenses are used for jury duty. The Council and Administration felt that the notices from Passaic County should just be returned with the appropriate box checked. Cohen suggested that information can also be placed on the Township website or newsletter.

Merz reported that the Teen Scene event is coming up on March 20. Mayor Felter said that it is up on the website and sign up is required to attend.

Merz reported that CONNECT is holding a dog walk for wellbeing and Mental Health Awareness Month and there will be a yoga session also. Merz said that every day there are issues with mental health faced by the families in town.

Administrative Reports of Mayor and Administrator

Felter reported on conditions for the upcoming snowstorm.

Felter reported that there will be two pothole crews out working and cracksealing early in the Spring.

Eagen asked for a Motion to use Open Space Funds of \$6854.10 for the Gypsy Moth Spray Program which would include 87 acres off Notch Road area and 47 acres off Paderewski Road area. Eagen explained that this payment is just to get the paperwork processed.

Motion to Approve Payment of \$6854.10 for Gypsy Moth Spray Program

Motion: Dunham, second Birmingham

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

Felter commented that the new light on Route 15, is causing some confusion for motorists as to where to stop. Felter said that his office has contacted the State and requested some new signage and striping on the roadway.

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Miscellaneous/Public Portion

No one came forward.

Resolutions

Resolution #15-16: Temporary Budget Amendment (32-A)

Motion: Birmingham, second Dunham

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

Resolution #15-17: Approval of Bills (32-B)

Motion: Birmingham, second Dunham

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

Motion: Approval of PO 15-00433 Headley Lumber \$1,129.00

Motion: Merz, second Dunham

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

Resolution #15-18: Authorize Passage of Consent Agenda (32-C)

Motion: Birmingham, second Dunham

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

Miscellaneous/Public Portion

No one came forward.

Adjournment at 7:44 p.m.

Motion: Dunham, second Dunham

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

Dated: March 4, 2015

Attested:

Approved:

Lori Harvin, Township Clerk

Richard W. Yocum, Council President