

JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

Regular Meeting

April 1, 2015

Municipal Building, Council Chambers

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Roll Call

Present

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

Absent

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

Salute to the Flag

Notice of Presiding Officer

President Yocum said, "This Regular Council meeting for April 1, 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 March 26, 2015."

Appointment of Firefighter to Fire Department No. 2: Edward Swiskey, Jr.

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

Proclamation for Autism Awareness Month

Mayor Felter read the Proclamation declaring April Autism Awareness Month.

(40-A)

Proclamation for Alcohol Awareness Month: "For the Health of It – Early Education on Alcoholism and Addiction"

Council Vice President Merz read the Proclamation for Alcohol Awareness Month in Jefferson Township and accepted the Proclamation on behalf of the Municipal Alliance.

(40-B)

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

March 18, 2015	Budget/Regular	Sanchelli Absent
March 18, 2015	Executive Session	Sanchelli Absent

Motion: Merz, second Dunham

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

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

ORDINANCE #8-15: ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 235-9 OF THE JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL CODE ENTITLED "HEALTH CENTER FEES" IS OFFERED FOR ADOPTION ON SECOND READING AND FINAL HEARING

Yocum opened the meeting up to the public for questions or comments specific to proposed Ordinance 8-15 and upon seeing no one come forward, he closed the public portion of the meeting.

Motion: Birmingham, second Dunham

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

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ORDINANCE #10-15: ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 7 OF THE JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL CODE ENTITLED "ADMINISTRATION OF GOVERNMENT" AND MORE PARTICULARLY SUBSECTION 7-124 ENTITLED "WATER RATES; SERVICE FEES; CAPACITY CHARGES" BY AMENDING THE FEES FOR METERED WATER SERVICE IS OFFERED FOR ADOPTION ON SECOND READING AND FINAL HEARING

Yocum opened the meeting up to the public for questions or comments specific to proposed Ordinance 10-15 and upon seeing no one come forward, he closed the public portion of the meeting.

Motion: Merz, second Dunham

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

Council Reports

Merz reported that the Township Recreation Department sponsored Egg Hunt was held at the Middle School and there was a great turnout. Merz wished everyone a Happy Spring.

Birmingham reported that he attended the Eagle Scout and Gold Award Ceremony for Swerzenski. Birmingham commented that he also attended the High School musical which was very well done.

Dunham reported that he also attended the Eagle Scout and Gold Award Ceremony with Birmingham.

Administrative Reports of Mayor and Administrator

Felter thanked Councilmen Birmingham and Dunham for representing him at the recent Eagle Scout and Gold Award Ceremony.

Felter reported that the DPW will begin roadway stripping and pot hole repair.

Felter reported that the first Teen Scene was held on Friday at Camp Jefferson. The event was well received and the Committee is looking for additional volunteers.

Leach provided an updated on the Council Chambers renovations and the plans for the audio visual screens to be placed behind the dais and to the right of the dais for presentations and information. Leach commented that the screen behind the dais could also be used to display an image of the Township seal when it is not in use. Merz asked about the status of the molding/strip to be placed on the wall for the hanging of temporary artwork. Leach said that further ideas will be investigated.

Leach reported that he received a call from the Dog Park Committee and he was told that \$10,000 has been raised to date towards the fencing. The group needs \$15,000 for the fence. The Committee would like to begin clearing the property. Leach said that there are a few legal things that need to be done and he will be presenting the paperwork to the Council in a few weeks. Leach said that a meeting will be set up with the Committee and Councilman Sanchelli to go over the details.

Leach reported that he and Councilman Birmingham met with a company regarding electric aggregation for an opt-out program. Leach said that he had a phone conversation with the Business Administrator from Wharton regarding a County-wide program that they are working on. There are 4-5 other towns that are interested. Leach

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said that this may begin within the next 2 months. Leach suggested waiting until then before deciding which company to decide on. Birmingham explained that JCP&L bids for their electric once a year in February. By bringing towns together, there is the benefit of joining the kilowatt hours and bringing in a better rate. JCP&L is in the business of transmission of electricity. Birmingham said that in the future, everyone will have to choose a generator of electricity. Leach said that Wharton has written into the bid specs that there must be a guaranteed 5 percent savings over the power and light rate for a period of time over a year.

Felter displayed photos from the Morris County offices from Jefferson from the early 1950's and 60's which show Weldon Road under construction.

Miscellaneous/Public Portion

Yocum opened the meeting up to the public for questions or comments.

Susan Klemons 139 Longwood Lake Road came forward and explained problems that she and her husband have been experiencing with their neighbor regarding the paving of a Township right of way, Moose paper road. Klemons asked that the laws be upheld and the DEP guidelines be followed. Klemons said that on October 23 the paper road was paved with asphalt millings. Klemons said that she has been dealing with the Deputy Chief. Klemons expressed concern for her well and the wells in the area. Klemons said that she contacted the DEP and the MCMUA determined that the millings had to be removed or paved over by May 20. The Deputy Chief then decided that the millings would be sprayed instead. Klemons said that there was no surface preparation and now it is only going to be sprayed. Klemons said that nowhere in the directive does it say it is okay to spray this material. Klemons said that she believes the liabilities are very great and everyone's well is at risk. Klemons distributed materials from the DEP with the guidelines.

Klemons then asked the Council and Administration to enforce the Township's ordinances on garbage and construction waste which are on her property and the Township property.

Yocum thanked Mrs. Klemons and requested that the Administration provide the council with a report detailing what has been done and what their plan is to be done. Yocum asked for the plan to include the DEP issues. Yocum said that this issue has been dealt with before regarding millings. Leach provided his business card to Mrs. Klemons.

Yocum closed the public portion of the meeting.

New Business

- Discussion: Resolution Authorizing The Renewal of Agreement to Participate As A Member of the Newark Watershed Coalition to Retain the Services of a Lobbyist

Leach advised that it is the recommendation of the Administration to continue in the Coalition for one more year since legislation has been introduced. Yocum said that there is a resolution on the consent agenda if everyone is in agreement.

Ordinances for First Reading:

ORDINANCE #9-15: ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 114 OF THE JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL CODE ENTITLED "RECORDS, PUBLIC ACCESS TO" AND MORE PARTICULARLY SUBSECTION 114-8 E ENTITLED "ELECTRONIC RECORDS" BY REPEALING SUBSECTION 114-8 E(5) IS OFFERED FOR ADOPTION ON FIRST READING WITH SECOND READING AND FINAL HEARING SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 22, 2015

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Motion: Sanchelli, second Merz

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

ORDINANCE #11-15: ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS OR PURPOSES TO BE UNDERTAKEN IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF JEFFERSON, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY, AND APPROPRIATING \$138,700 THEREFOR FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND OF THE TOWNSHIP IS OFFERED FOR ADOPTION ON FIRST READING WITH SECOND READING AND FINAL HEARING SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 22, 2015

Motion: Dunham, second Birmingham

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

ORDINANCE #12-15: ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS RECREATIONAL IMPROVEMENTS OR PURPOSES TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP OF JEFFERSON, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY, AND APPROPRIATING \$123,000 THEREFOR FROM THE RECREATION TRUST FUND OF THE TOWNSHIP IS OFFERED FOR ADOPTION ON FIRST READING WITH SECOND READING AND FINAL HEARING SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 22, 2015

Motion: Birmingham, second Dunham

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

ORDINANCE #13-15: BOND ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$1,206,050, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,148,619 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP, FOR VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS OR PURPOSES AUTHORIZED TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP OF JEFFERSON, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY IS OFFERED FOR ADOPTION ON FIRST READING WITH SECOND READING AND FINAL HEARING SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 22, 2015

Motion: Sanchelli, second Dunham

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

ORDINANCE #14-15: BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE WATER SUPPLY AND DISTRIBUTION IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF JEFFERSON, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$125,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$119,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP FOR FINANCING SUCH APPROPRIATION IS

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OFFERED FOR ADOPTION ON FIRST READING WITH SECOND READING AND FINAL HEARING SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 22, 2015

Motion: Dunham, second Birmingham

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

Resolutions

Resolution #15-23: Amend Temporary Capital Budget (44-A)

Motion: Sanchelli, second Dunham

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

Resolution #15-24: Approval of Bills (44-B)

Motion: Sanchelli, second Yocum

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

Motion: Approval of PO 15-00797 Headley Lumber \$12.99

Motion: Merz, second Sanchelli

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

Resolution #15-25: Authorize Passage of Consent Agenda (44-C)

Motion: Birmingham, second Dunham

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

Resolution #15-26: Resolution Authorizing the Renewal of Agreement To Participate as a Member of the Newark Watershed Coalition to Retain The Services of a Lobbyist (44-D)

Motion: Merz, second Yocum

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

Resolution #15-27: Person to Person Transfer of Liquor License 1414-33-016-017 Mag Brink LLC to New Club 15, LLC (44-E)

Motion: Merz, second Yocum

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

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President Yocum Aye

Miscellaneous/Public Portion

Adjournment at 7:56 p.m.

Motion: Merz, second Dunham	
Mr. Dunham	Aye
Mr. Sanchelli	Aye
Mr. Birmingham	Aye
Vice President Merz	Aye
President Yocum	Aye

Dated: April 1, 2015

Attested:

Approved:

Lori Harvin, Township Clerk

Richard W. Yocum, Council President