

JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

Regular Meeting

April 16, 2014

Municipal Building, Council Chambers

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Roll Call

Present	Absent
Mr. Dunham	
Mrs. Merz	
Mr. Sanchelli	
Vice President Birmingham	
President Yocum	left meeting at 8:20 p.m.
Lori Harvin, Township Clerk	

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 April 16, 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 April 10, 2014."

Salute to the Flag

Yocum asked Eagle Scout Jeremy J. Ochs and his Boy Scout Troop to come forward and lead everyone in the salute the flag.

Proclamation & Resolution for Eagle Scout: Jeremy J. Ochs

(41-A)

Jeremy J. Ochs came forward along with his parents. Mayor Felter presented the Proclamation congratulating Jeremy on the achievement of his Eagle Scout award. Council President Yocum read the Resolution commending Jeremy on his Eagle Scout Award. Yocum presented Jeremy with a Township pin and pen. Jeremy received individual congratulations from the Council members.

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

April 2, 2014 Regular Sanchelli Absent

Motion: Merz, second Dunham

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

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

ORDINANCE 5-14: TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14) IS OFFERED FOR ADOPTION ON SECOND READING AND FINAL HEARING

Yocum opened the meeting up to the public for any questions of comments specific to Ordinance 5-14 and seeing no one, he closed the public portion of the meeting.

Motion: Merz, second Dunham

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

2014 Budget Presentation by Morris County Freeholder Krickus

(41-B)

Freeholder Krickus presented a Powerpoint presentation with the 2014 Morris Budget Highlights. Krickus stated that for the second consecutive year there has been a 0% tax increase in County operating tax and spending is below the 2012 level. Krickus said that the County is maintaining essential services.

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Yocum asked if the Council has any questions or comments. Birmingham commented that Weldon Road goes through the largest County Park. Birmingham said that Jefferson has the lowest portion of County roadway. Birmingham said that the original purpose for County roads was to bring clean thoroughfares from one County to the next. Berkshire Valley Road is a County Road, however, when it crosses over Route 15, heading into Roxbury, it becomes the Town's road. Birmingham asked Krickus to ask the Freeholders to look at the possibility of taking over that portion of Berkshire Valley Road. Krickus said he would take that back to the Freeholders.

Sanchelli commented on the amount of money spent on snow removal this year. Sanchelli said the County spent over \$4.6 million this year on snow removal. Krickus said that the snow budget is never touched because the weather cannot be predicted.

Yocum commented that there is a group of citizens here this evening with a request for a piece of Township or County property for the placement of a dog park. Yocum asked Krickus if the County has any property, facilities or parks in municipalities, like Jefferson, for the potential placement of a dog park. Yocum asked the group to give their contact information to the Clerk's Office for coordination with the Freeholder.

Yocum thanked Freeholder Krickus and the Freeholder Board for being accessible. Yocum complimented the Morris County Clerk's Office and the Morris County Sheriff's Department. Yocum said Morris County OEM works very well with Municipal OEM. Yocum said the County Parks are well maintained and the Morris County Park Police have wonderful relationships with the residents and the local police. Yocum asked about the outsourcing of the Morris County Golf Courses and he asked who is controlling the revenue. Krickus said the Golf Courses are run autonomously and one Course was outsourced. Krickus suggested having the Park Commission and Dave Helmer report on this issue.

Dunham commented on the County's Library and the services provided. Dunham said this is a tremendous service and he said it is his hope that this system is maintained. Dunham said the reduction in the services of the Sheriff's Office for the transport of prisoners is difficult on the Township. Dunham said the County Park System is one of the finest. Dunham said the town cannot patrol the area that is currently taken care of by the County Park Police. Dunham said that he believes in saving money and cutting costs, however, he and the residents like and enjoy the services. Dunham thanked Krickus for coming to Jefferson tonight.

Dunham commented that the new Morris County Clerk has some ideas to increase a few services and some of these services are revenue generators. Dunham said that he hopes the Freeholders will look at these ideas.

Krickus thanked the Council, Mayor and Administrator.

Council Reports

Sanchelli had no report this evening.

Merz had no report this evening.

Birmingham had no report this evening.

Dunham reported that he attended the Library Board meeting yesterday. Dunham reported that he attended the fundraiser for the Milton First Aid Squad.

Administrative Reports of Mayor and Administrator

Felter had no report this evening.

Leach reported that an analysis was done of the Tanker Truck for Company No. 1 that was replaced. It is not cost effective to rebuild the truck for Road Department

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purposes. Leach said that if the Council is agreement, he will have the information drawn up and the title will be turned over the Fire Department Corporation and they can dispose of the truck.

Leach reported that the Tax Sale will be held on June 4th. Leach said that this year \$1,750,000 was Budgeted as a reserve for uncollected taxes. This is one of the largest items in the Budget. This amount equates to about \$380 for the average homeowner in Jefferson. The County and School Board must be paid on the due date regardless of whether the town collects the taxes or not. Leach said that last year the town was at 98% collection.

Leach said that the Utility has stopped shutting off water services for non-payment. It was not cost effective with the turn on/off fee. Now the Utility payments are left for tax sale. Leach said that last year there was 105% collection rate on the Water and Sewer Utility.

Miscellaneous/Public Portion

Yocum opened the meeting up for questions for comments.

Lori Calderone of 13 Sunset Lane came forward. Nancy Strykar of 7 Sunset Lane came forward. Lindsey Parete came forward with her service dog Blaze. Lindsey said Blaze is a seizure response dog and he is amazing.

Calderone explained that she created a Facebook page called, "Dog Park in Jefferson Township New Jersey" to date it has 131 "likes" or followers. There is also an online petition and a paper petition which was circulated. Calderon presented the petition to the Council and Administration. Yocum said that the Council and Administration think the Dog Park concept is good. Yocum said that at the end of tonight's presentation he would like to make some recommendations as far as next steps and setting up a process to move forward. Calderon said that she has reached out to Dave Helmer.

Strykar presented photos of current dog parks and presented her research on dog parks. Strykar said that dog parks promote responsible ownership and created more socialized dogs. Strykar went over researched rules and for dog parks and the equipment that is needed including: 1-2 acres of property; parking close to site; water access; double gate entry; cleaning supplies/waste dispensers; benches; posted signs; aggressive dogs must leave park; no dogs in heat will be allowed; maximum 2 dogs per person; no children under the age of 10. Strykar said the owners are legally responsible for their dogs and volunteers would assist with the building of the park and sponsorship of benches. Strykar said the town is being asked for the land and any financial support or funding for parks or grants. If grants are available, the volunteers are willing to go after those. Strykar said they feel Snowbowl would be ideal. Strykar said that upon completion of the park, the town will own the park, however, volunteers will assist with maintenance. The group would also like a one on one liaison. Strykar said that the goal for completion is the Fall of 2014.

Yocum said that Sanchelli has volunteered to be the liaison for the group. Yocum asked the group to pick 3 people to attend meetings. Yocum said he is very familiar with dog parks and there are discussions that need to take place. Yocum said that the town would like this to be financially neutral for the Township, so if the town does not have to purchase or install the fencing that would be a good thing. Fundraising opportunities should be talked about at the initial meetings. Yocum said that once the park is built, volunteer groups do a better job at maintaining a safe, clean environment for the animals versus parks where town employees provide maintenance.

Felter said that there are plans for Snowbowl. Felter said that there is a field at the end of Pascoe Road. Felter reviewed the 3 dog parks currently on County property. Felter said that an existing site would be better because of the Highlands.

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Yocum asked Sanchelli to set up a meeting with the Group and Administration. Yocum suggested finding a piece of property and moving on from there. Felter said that he can provide some Open Space maps to review.

Yocum closed the Public Portion.

Merz announced that the Mental Health Group, Connect, has a dog walk coming up on April 27 at Prospect Point Park on Brady Road. Felter said that a few Girl Scouts are going to make the trail dog-friendly with a few benches and waste dispenser holders.

New Business

- **MOTION:** Approve COD Payment to Pierce Manufacturing in the amount of \$344,345.18 for fire truck/Payment of PO #13-02896

Motion: Sanchelli, second Merz

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

- **Outdoor Gathering:** Permit for OPA Racing, LLC May 2nd, 3rd & 4th for Offshore Power Boat Races
Waiver Request \$50.00 Application Fee and \$42.00 Uniform Fire Safety Fee
(Police Chief, Health, Fire Official and Pending Approval from Marine Police)

Felter commented that there is no admission fee charged for this event and it is done to bring business to the Lake area.

Motion: Yocum, second Sanchelli

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

- **Outdoor Gathering:** Permit for JTHS PTSA & JTMS PTA May 28th, 29th 30th & 31st for Carnival
(Police Chief, Health, Fire Official Report)
Waiver Request: \$50.00 Application Fee and \$42.00 Uniform Fire Safety Fee

Motion: Birmingham, second Dunham

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

Trina Thompson, President of the JTHS PTSA came forward and distributed fliers for the Carnival. Thompson thanked the Mayor and Eric Wilsusen. Thompson said that they are involving the DPD and they have backup from the High School. Thompson said they are looking forward to a fun event.

Yocum left the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Resolutions

Resolution #14-38: Temporary Capital Budget of the Township of Jefferson County of Morris, New Jersey, Projects Scheduled for 2014

(44-A)

Motion: Dunham, second Birmingham

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

Ordinances for First Reading:

ORDINANCE #6-14: 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 \$451,620 THEREFOR FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND OF THE TOWNSHIP IS OFFERED FOR ADOPTION ON FIRST READING WITH SECOND READING AND FINAL HEARING SCHEDULED FOR MAY 7, 2014

Motion: Merz, second Sanchelli

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

ORDINANCE #7-14: ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF NEW AND ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT BY THE TOWNSHIP OF JEFFERSON, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY, AND APPROPRIATING \$40,500 THEREFOR FROM THE RECREATION TRUST FUND OF THE TOWNSHIP IS OFFERED FOR ADOPTION ON FIRST READING WITH SECOND READING AND FINAL HEARING SCHEDULED FOR MAY 7, 2014

Motion: Birmingham, second Sanchelli

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

ORDINANCE #8-14: ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF JEFFERSON, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY, AND APPROPRIATING \$93,000 THEREFOR FROM THE CAMP RESERVE FUND OF THE TOWNSHIP IS OFFERED FOR ADOPTION ON FIRST READING WITH SECOND READING AND FINAL HEARING SCHEDULED FOR MAY 7, 2014

Motion: Merz, second Sanchelli

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

ORDINANCE #9-14: ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF NEW AND ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT BY THE TOWNSHIP OF JEFFERSON, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY, AND APPROPRIATING \$125,000 THEREFOR CONSTITUTING PROCEEDS OF A GRANT FROM THE NEW JERSEY OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT IS OFFERED FOR ADOPTION ON FIRST READING WITH SECOND READING AND FINAL HEARING SCHEDULED FOR MAY 7, 2014

Motion: Merz, second Sanchelli

Mr. Dunham	Aye
Mrs. Merz	Aye

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Mr. Sanchelli	Aye
Vice President Birmingham	Aye
President Yocum	Absent

ORDINANCE #10-14: BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF ATHLETIC FIELDS IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF JEFFERSON, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$775,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$738,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP FOR FINANCING SUCH APPROPRIATION IS OFFERED FOR ADOPTION ON FIRST READING WITH SECOND READING AND FINAL HEARING SCHEDULED FOR MAY 7, 2014

Motion: Sanchelli, second Merz

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

ORDINANCE #11-14: BOND ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$923,000, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$878,000 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 MAY 7, 2014

Motion: Merz, second Sanchelli

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

ORDINANCE #12-14: BOND ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$900,000, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$857,000 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, FOR THE WATER SUPPLY AND DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM OF THE TOWNSHIP IS OFFERED FOR ADOPTION ON FIRST READING WITH SECOND READING AND FINAL HEARING SCHEDULED FOR MAY 7, 2014

Motion: Merz, second Sanchelli

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

ORDINANCE #13-14: BOND ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$415,000, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$395,000 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, FOR THE SANITARY SEWERAGE SYSTEM OF THE TOWNSHIP IS OFFERED FOR ADOPTION ON FIRST READING WITH SECOND READING AND FINAL HEARING SCHEDULED FOR MAY 7, 2014

Motion: Merz, second Dunham

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

Resolutions:

Resolution #14-39: Authorize Waiver of Capacity Fee of \$2,400 for Connection to Municipal Water System for American Legion/Tri-County Memorial Post 423 **(47-A)**

Motion: Merz, second Sanchelli

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

Resolution #14-40: Approval of Bills **(47-B)**

Motion: Sanchelli, second Dunham

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

Motion to Approve:

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

Motion: Merz, second Sanchelli

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

Resolution #14-41: Authorize Passage of Consent Agenda **(47-C)**

Motion: Sanchelli, second Birmingham

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

Resolution #14-42: Authorize Purchase of Firefighting Foam from National Foam **(47-D)**

Motion: Sanchelli, second Dunham

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

Resolution #14-43: Approving Settlement with KW Applications, Inc. **(47-E)**

Motion: Sanchelli, second Merz

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

Resolution #14-44: Executive Session – Personnel Interview with Board of Adjustment Candidate **(47-F)**

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Motion: Sanchelli, second Dunham

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

Miscellaneous/Public Portion

No one came forward.

Recess

The Council Adjourned into Executive Session at 8:42 p.m. and reconvened into Open Session at 8:50 p.m.

Motion: Appointed James Jacoby, Sr. to Board of Adjustment as Alternate 2 for unexpired term ending 12/31/15.

Motion: Merz, second Dunham

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

Adjournment at 8:55 p.m.

Motion: Merz, second Dunham

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

Dated: April 16, 2014

Attested:

Approved:

Lori Harvin, Township Clerk

Richard W. Yocum, Council President