

JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

Regular Meeting

April 2, 2014

Municipal Building, Council Chambers

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Roll Call

Present

Mr. Dunham
Mrs. Merz
Vice President Birmingham
President Yocum
Lori Harvin, Township Clerk

Absent

Mr. Sanchelli

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

Notice of Presiding Officer

President Yocum said, "This Regular Council meeting for April 2, 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 27, 2014."

Salute to the Flag

Yocum asked former Mayor Slayton to lead everyone in the salute the flag.

Resolution Commending Richard W. Yocum on his Induction into the Elected Officials Hall of Fame

(36-A)

Vice President Birmingham and the Council presented President Yocum with a Resolution congratulating him on over 20 years of service as an Elected Official in the Township of Jefferson. President Yocum's wife, Susan and his daughter, Michelle, joined him as he was presented with the Resolution and the Certification from the New Jersey League of Municipalities. Former Mayor Slayton joined the Council and Mayor Felter in congratulating and thanking Yocum on his many years of self-less service.

Appointment of Firefighter to Fire Department No. 2: Erin L. Schmitt

Yocum asked Chief Tovo to come forward along with Firefighter Erin L. Schmitt. Mayor Felter administered the Oath of Office to Schmitt. Yocum thanked Erin for providing her services to the Township and presented her with a Certificate of Appreciation and a Township pin and pen.

Proclamation for Autism Awareness Month

(36-B)

Yocum asked Antoinette Dominici-Fifoot and her son, Peter, to come forward. Yocum read the Proclamation declaring April as Autism Awareness Month. Ms. Fifoot presented the Mayor and Council with blue lights and explained that the blue light is to raise Autism awareness. Mayor Felter thanked Ms. Fifoot for their efforts to raise awareness about autism through education and presented Peter with a Township pin and pen.

Ordinances for First Reading:

ORDINANCE #5-14: 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 APRIL 16, 2014

Motion: Merz, second Dunham

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

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Introduction of 2014 Municipal Budgets

Resolutions

Resolution #14-31: Authorize that Budgets be Read By Title Only (37-A)

Motion: Merz, second Birmingham

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

Resolution #14-32: Municipal Budget of the Township of Jefferson, County of Morris for the Fiscal Year 2014 (37-B)

Motion: Dunham, second Birmingham

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

Resolution #14-33: Solid Waste Collection District Budget of the Township of Jefferson, County of Morris for the Fiscal Year 2014 (37-C)

Motion: Dunham, second Merz

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

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

March 5, 2014	Budget/Regular	Yocum Absent
March 19, 2014	Executive & Regular	Yocum Absent

Motion: Merz, second Birmingham

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

March 12, 2014	Budget	Sanchelli Absent
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Motion: Dunham, second Birmingham

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

Council Reports

Merz reported that she attended the Morris County League of Municipalities meeting tonight and had the tour of the Morris County Emergency Operations Center. Merz commented that these meetings are a great place for elected officials to interact with the individuals that work with the County. Merz commented that the Alonso Fundraisers are moving ahead and it is great that there are so many. Merz said that she has a blue porch light for Autism Awareness and she has an 11 year old grandson who is autistic.

Dunham reported that he was able to attend a meeting with Administration about the Mount Paul property. Dunham said that the Township and State are hopeful that an agreement will be reached for the utilization of the property in the near future. The property has been dormant for almost 3 years now.

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Dunham commented on the Morris County League of Municipalities meeting and the tour of the Morris County Emergency Center. Dunham said that he was impressed with the building and the emergencies that the County is ready to handle. Dunham said the dispatch center is very impressive.

Birmingham reported that the Morris County League meeting tonight was very interesting. The Morris County Building is referred to as the last building standing because of the specifications that it was built to withstand. Birmingham commented that he spoke with three Morris County Official regarding the maintenance of Berkshire Valley Road. Birmingham said he was assured that it would be a priority on the list.

Administrative Reports of Mayor and Administrator

Felter appointed Rich Terpstra to the Recreation Advisory Board for unexpired term that expires on 12/31/15.

Motion: Birmingham, second Yocum

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

Felter reported on a plan for the use of the Paulist Father property. Felter said that the property was purchased 3 years ago for approximately \$12 million from the Paulist Fathers. Kean University is working with the State on a plan to utilize the property for a Graduate Student Program in Environmental Sciences. Felter said that because this program is for Graduate students it will not involve overnight facilities. The students will be older and should have some interaction with the community businesses. There will also be some use of the facility by the Jefferson High School.

- Redevelopment Study: 20 Tierney Road

Leach asked the Council for a Motion to authorize the Planning Board to review the Redevelopment Study for 20 Tierney Road and make a Determination as to whether the property is in need of Redevelopment and prepare a recommendation for the Council. Leach said that the Council would then prepare a formal Resolution.

Motion: Yocum, second Dunham

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

Yocum commented that the Council had another 6 foreclosure notices in their recent mail. Yocum said that in town there are a large number of homes that have gone into foreclosure along with vacant properties. Yocum asked the Administration to put together a list of homes that are vacant and to evaluate/document the condition of those homes. The ongoing problem that these vacant homes are causing in the various neighborhoods is a quality of life issue for the residents along with an economic issue that is dragging down the value of the other homes in the area. Yocum said that the town needs to take the lead in doing something to keep these properties from becoming a nuisance and in holding the banks accountable for the property maintenance. Leach said he will take the necessary steps to begin putting together a list and begin an inspection process. Yocum said that the town owes it to the residents. There are houses that have been sitting vacant for 3 or 4 years. Felter said that if there are specific properties, then Administration should be made aware of them.

Miscellaneous/Public Portion

No one came forward.

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New Business

Board of Adjustment Appointments:

Tracie Anderson Unexpired 4 Term ending 12-31-16

Guy Bakera Alternate 1 unexpired 2 year Term ending 12-31-15

Motion: Birmingham, second Yocum

Mr. Dunham Aye

Mrs. Merz Aye

Mr. Sanchelli Absent

Vice President Birmingham Aye

President Yocum Aye

Request Waiver Capacity Fee of \$2,400 for Connection to Municipal Water System for American Legion Post 423 and Lake Hopatcong United Methodist Church

Motion: Merz, second Dunham

Mr. Dunham Aye

Mrs. Merz Aye

Mr. Sanchelli Absent

Vice President Birmingham Aye

President Yocum Aye

Resolutions

Resolution #14-19: Authorize Mayor and Administrator to Execute an Agreement between the Township of Jefferson and OPEIU Local 32 Jefferson Township White Collar Unit for period 1-1-13 through 12-31-16 (39-A)

Motion: Merz, second Birmingham

Mr. Dunham Aye

Mrs. Merz Aye

Mr. Sanchelli Absent

Vice President Birmingham Aye

President Yocum Aye

Resolution #14-34: Authorize Mayor to Execute Shared Services Agreement for the Municipalities of Township of Jefferson and Borough of Mount Arlington (39-B)

Motion: Dunham, second Birmingham

Mr. Dunham Aye

Mrs. Merz Aye

Mr. Sanchelli Absent

Vice President Birmingham Aye

President Yocum Aye

Resolution #14-35: Temporary Budget Amendment 2014 (39-C)

Motion: Merz, second Dunham

Mr. Dunham Aye

Mrs. Merz Aye

Mr. Sanchelli Absent

Vice President Birmingham Aye

President Yocum Aye

Resolution #14-36: Approval of Bills (39-D)

Motion: Birmingham, second Birmingham

Mr. Dunham Aye

Mrs. Merz Aye

Mr. Sanchelli Absent

Vice President Birmingham Aye

President Yocum Aye

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Motion to Approve:

P O No. 14-00958 Municipal Alliance – Terri Tate - \$1,000.00

Motion: Dunham, second Birmingham

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

Motion to Approve:

P O No. 14-00757 Headley Lumber - \$87.10

Motion: Merz, second Birmingham

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

Resolution #14-37: Authorize Passage of Consent Agenda

(40-A)

Motion: Birmingham, second Dunham

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

Miscellaneous/Public Portion

No one came forward.

Adjournment at 8:59 p.m.

Motion: Dunham, second Merz

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

Dated: April 2, 2014

Attested:

Approved:

Lori Harvin, Township Clerk

Richard W. Yocum, Council President