

JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

Regular Meeting

April 22, 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, Richard Wenner
Lori Harvin, Township Clerk

Absent

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

Salute to the Flag

Notice of Presiding Officer

President Yocum said, "This Regular Council meeting for April 22, 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 April 16, 2015."

Proclamation for Tourette Syndrome Awareness Day

(46-A)

President Yocum asked Joan Butler and Kyla Butler to come forward. Mayor Felter read the Proclamation for Tourette Syndrome Awareness Day and presented the Proclamation to Joan Butler and her daughter, Kyla.

Resolution & Proclamation Honoring Eagle Scout Matthew C. Burger

(46-B)

Council President Yocum read the Resolution for Matthew on the achievement of his Eagle Scout Award. Mayor Felter presented Matthew with the Proclamation honoring Matthew for attaining the rank of Eagle Scout. Matthew was presented with a Township pin and pen and he received individual congratulations from the Council.

Proclamation Honoring Jefferson Township's Blue Star Salute Day

(46-C)

Mayor Felter asked Councilman Dunham to read the Proclamation honoring Jefferson Township's Blue Star Salute Day. Councilman Dunham read the Proclamation which will be presented at the Blue Star Salute on May 2, 2015.

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

April 1, 2015 Regular All Members Present

Motion: Merz, second Sanchelli

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

Executive Session Minutes for Release

- January 18, 2012; February 1, 2012; December 19, 2012
- March 19, 2014; September 17, 2014; December 3, 2014

Motion: Merz, second Sanchelli

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

Public Hearing

- **2015 Municipal Budget for the Township of Jefferson**

Eagen commented that the Budget was Introduced on March 4, 2015 and this is the Public Hearing. Eagen said that there is a Resolution to Amend the Budget,

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however, the Public Hearing is on the Budget as Introduced.

Yocum opened the meeting up to the public.

Horace Chamberlain came forward and asked what the salary of the Mayor is at this time. Eagen said that the Mayor's salary is \$8,000 plus there is another \$2,500 budgeted for weddings. Chamberlain continued with questions on salaries. Yocum asked that Chamberlain forward all his questions to Eagen and he will be provided with a document of all the salaries. Eagen said that he has the Budget document available now at the meeting.

Chamberlain asked about the paving of Cozy Lake Road. Yocum said that Chamberlain will be provided with the list of 2015 roads to be paved. Chamberlain said that he expected a Budget presentation this evening and Yocum explained that the presentation took place at the Introduction and during the previous Budget meetings. Eagen gave a short overview of the Budget to be Adopted. Budget said that the average home is \$283,000 and this year's municipal increase is \$60.96 on the average home. Chamberlain left the meeting with Eagen to receive requested Budget information. Yocum tabled Budget hearing.

Resolution #15-29: Council Conducted Self-Examination of 2015 Budgets

Motion: Dunham, second Merz

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

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

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 SECOND READING AND FINAL HEARING

Yocum opened the meeting for questions or comments specific to proposed Ordinance 9-15 and seeing no one come forward, he closed the public portion of the meeting.

Motion: Sanchelli, second Merz

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

Council Reports

Birmingham reported that he attended the Morris County League of Municipalities meeting. Birmingham commented that the League is spearheading an effort to restore the eligibility of VFW facilities to receive Community Development Grant funds. Congressman Frelinghuysen has joined the effort to help and it was stated that the legislation for the funds does not specifically list VFW's as qualifying locations.

Dunham reported that he attended the Library Board meeting. Dunham said that he would like to say that it is ill advised on the part of the State to remove a funding source from veterans regarding the elimination of the Community Development funding to VFW's. Dunham said that volunteers are needed to fight for the Country and he

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hopes that this is reversed.

Sanchelli reported that the Solid Waste Committee met with Administration to begin work on the new bid specs. Sanchelli said that both the Administration and Committee feel that when the new specs are complete and after the new contract is bid, it will be a great contract for the town. The old contract expires November 1.

Sanchelli reported that the Liquor License Committee met this evening and a request is being made to the Council for an Executive Session to discuss an issue that has come up with one licensee. Sanchelli said that there are many new things happening with establishments in town.

Merz commented that better communication of the changes and events at the local establishments needs to be conveyed to the Clerk's Office and the Council. Merz said that perhaps the Liquor Licensee Committee needs to meet again. Yocum suggested that the Liquor Licensee Committee reach out to those owners and see if they are interested in a meeting to review any issues in town.

Yocum asked Eagen about the number of foreclosed homes in town and how the town can go after the banks that now own these homes regarding property maintenance issues. Felter commented that the Zoning Officer has been working along with Corsaro on property maintenance. The Council received a list of homes on a foreclosure list last year. Eagen said that he would let the Administration know that the Council was inquiring about the list of foreclosed and vacant properties.

Public Hearing

- **2015 Municipal Budget for the Township of Jefferson**

Yocum re-opened the Budget Hearing and Chamberlain commented on the state of disrepair of Cozy Lake Road. Eagen said that the bid was just advertised for the drainage work on Cozy Lake Road. Yocum said that before the roads are paved, the Town is trying to get to the drainage work.

Yocum closed the Public Hearing

- **2015 Solid Waste Collection District Budget for the Township of Jefferson**

Yocum opened the meeting up to the public for questions or comments and seeing no one come forward, he closed the Public Hearing.

Adoption of 2015 Municipal Budgets

Resolution #15-28: Amend 2015 Municipal Budget of Jefferson Township (48-A)

Motion: Merz, second Sanchelli

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

Resolution #15-30: Authorize 2015 Budgets To Be Read by Title Only (48-B)

Motion: Sanchelli, second Dunham

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

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Resolution #15-31: To Adopt Municipal Budget of the Township of Jefferson, County of Morris for the Fiscal Year 2015 (49-A)

Motion: Sanchelli, second Birmingham

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

Resolution #15-32: To Adopt Solid Waste Collection District Budget of the Township of Jefferson, County of Morris for the Fiscal Year 2015 (49-B)

Motion: Merz, second Dunham

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

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

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 SECOND READING AND FINAL HEARING

Yocum opened the meeting up to the public for questions or comments specific to proposed Ordinance 11-15 and 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

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 SECOND READING AND FINAL HEARING

Yocum opened the meeting up to the public for questions or comments specific to proposed Ordinance 12-15 and 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 #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 SECOND READING AND FINAL HEARING

Yocum opened the meeting up to the public for questions or comments specific to proposed Ordinance 13-15 and seeing no one come forward, he closed the public portion of the meeting.

Motion: Merz, second Dunham

Mr. Dunham	Aye
Mr. Sanchelli	Nay
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 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 14-15 and seeing no one come forward, he closed the public portion of the meeting.

Motion: Merz, second Birmingham

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

Administrative Reports of Mayor and Administrator

Eagen commented that the Administration and Council Budget Committee work very well together and he thanked everyone for their diligence.

Dunham asked Eagen about the turf field at Lakeside and Eagen said that it is now paid off. Dunham then asked about the Note for the turf field at the High School. Eagen said that it is a \$750,000 Note and it will be paid off over a number of years. Dunham asked Eagen for a proposed plan regarding the schedule for the payment of the Note.

Miscellaneous/Public Portion

No one came forward.

New Business

- Request: Septic Deed of Easement for 13 South Lakeside Avenue, Block 52, Lot 10

Yocum advised the Council that approvals for this Easement have been received from the Township Engineer and the Health Department. The Council asked that the Township Attorney prepare the Deed of Easement.

Motion: Merz, second Dunham

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

Resolutions

Resolution #15-33: Approval of Bills (51-A)

Motion: Birmingham, second Dunham

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

Motion: Approval of PO 15-00316 Headley Lumber \$363.05

Motion: Birmingham, second Yocum

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

Resolution #15-34: Authorize Passage of Consent Agenda (51-B)

Motion: Sanchelli, second Dunham

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

Resolution #15-35: Authorizing Mayor to Execute Agreement Between the Mountain Shores Property Owners Association and the Township of Jefferson (51-C)

Motion: Merz, second Dunham

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

Resolution #15-36: Executive Session: Attorney Client/Liquor License Change in Corporate Structure Issue (51-D)

Motion: Sanchelli, second Merz

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

Miscellaneous/Public Portion

Recess

The Council adjourned into Executive Session at 8:04 p.m. and reconvened into Open Session at 8:20 p.m.

Adjournment at 8:20 p.m.

Motion: Merz, second Dunham

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

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President Yocum

Aye

Dated: April 22, 2015

Attested:

Approved:

Lori Harvin, Township Clerk

Richard W. Yocum, Council President