

JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

Regular Meeting

May 1, 2013

Municipal Building, Council Chambers

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Roll Call

Present

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

Absent

Vice President Sanchelli

Mrs. Harvin said, "Let the record show that Mayor Felter is present."

Notice of Presiding Officer

Council President Yocum said, "This Regular Council meeting for May 1, 2013, 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 25, 2013."

Salute to the Flag

Council President Yocum asked everyone to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Proclamation to Declare May 2013 Poppy Month

Mayor Felter asked the American Legion Auxiliary members to come forward and he read the Proclamation Declaring May 2013 Poppy Month. Felter then presented the Proclamation to the American Legion Auxiliary.

Proclamation Parents Who Host Lose the Most

Councilwoman Debi Merz read and presented the Proclamation for Parents Who Host Lose the Most to Municipal Alliance Coordinator, Teri Tate and MAC Member, Lucille Flatt. Tate detailed the efforts of the Municipal Alliance to promote the Parents Who Host Program and Mayor Felter thanked the Municipal Alliance for all their work.

Proclamation for National Day of Prayer, May 2, 2013

Council President Yocum read the Proclamation for the National Day of Prayer, May 2, 2013.

Presentation by Col. John Elam of Ceremonial Flag to the Mayor and Council

Mayor Felter asked Colonial John Elam to come forward. Elam presented the Mayor Felter and the Council with a Ceremonial Flag which was flown over the 411th Engineer Brigade in Afghanistan. Elam thanked the Township for all the support and Ed Haack for the outstanding work in his absence.

Recognition and Thank You to Ed Haack for his Engineering Services to the Township

Mayor Felter asked Ed Haack, Assistant Township Engineer, to come forward. Haack received individual recognition and appreciation for his outstanding assistance to the Township during the past year.

Recess

The Council adjourned for Recess at 7:22 p.m. and reconvened at 7:35 p.m.

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

April 10, 2013 Special Budget Meeting Council President Yocum Absent

Motion: Merz, second Dunham

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

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

ORDINANCE #4-13: ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL CAP BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-4514) IS OFFERED FOR ADOPTION ON SECOND READING AND FINAL HEARING

Yocum opened the meeting up to the public for any questions specific to proposed Ordinance #4-13 and seeing no one come forward, he closed the public portion of the meeting.

Motion: Dunham, second Birmingham

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

Council Reports

Dunham had no report this evening.

Birmingham had no report this evening.

Merz had no report this evening.

Miscellaneous/Public Portion

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

Doyle of 58 Valley Trail came forward and said he is here about the construction of the powerlines. Doyle said the towers are not the 85' towers that were previously there, they are now 180' to 190'. Doyle said that houses for sale in the neighborhood are not selling even though they are dropping their price. Doyle said he pays \$6700 in property taxes and he would like to know what the town is going to do to their assessed values because this is a unique occurrence. Doyle said their assessed value is not accurate with these 200' towers. Yocum suggested that Doyle contact Tax Assessor, Shawn Hopkins, to obtain information about appealing his assessment. Yocum then advised Doyle that PSE&G has committed to having a representative at the May 15 Council meeting which is being held at Camp Jefferson to address concerns from the public. Yocum said that the Township of Jefferson has little say over the construction of projects such as this.

Doyle spoke about the change in the construction from monopoles to lattice towers. Doyle spoke about the April 1 tax appeal deadline. Cohen advised that the April 1 tax appeal deadline is set by State Law. Cohen said if an appeal is not filed by April 1, there is nothing that the town can do even if the Tax Assessor agrees. Cohen suggested that Doyle make an appointment to meet with the Tax Assessor. Dunham told Doyle that he might want to contact the BPU with his concerns. Merz said it is also a good idea to contact his legislative representatives, Senator Pennachio; Assemblyman Jay Webber and Assemblywoman BettyLou DeCroce and urge them to contact the BPU to inquire on behalf of their constituents for an explanation on the change in the construction.

Doyle said his second concern is Cablevision. Doyle said he is aware that they cannot receive services from Fios. Doyle said Cablevision has been out to his house and his neighbors' homes too many times to count because their service is terrible. Doyle asked if the Cable Television Committee can do anything about this problem. Doyle said this has been going on for years. Felter said they will call the representative tomorrow.

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Resolution:

Resolution #13-37: Temporary Capital Budget of the Township of Jefferson, County of Morris, New Jersey for Projects Scheduled for 2013

(47-A)

Motion: Merz, second Dunham

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

Ordinances for First Reading

ORDINANCE #5-13: ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 20-08 WHICH WAS AMENDING ORDINANCE 10-05, ESTABLISHING SALARIES, HOLIDAYS, BENEFITS AND CERTAIN JOB REGULATIONS OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF JEFFERSON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY IS OFFERED FOR ADOPTION ON FIRST READING WITH SECOND READING AND FINAL HEARING SCHEDULED FOR MAY 15, 2013

Motion: Dunham, second Birmingham

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

ORDINANCE #6-13: 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 \$190,700 THEREFOR FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND OF THE TOWNSHIP IS OFFERED FOR ADOPTION ON FIRST READING WITH SECOND READING AND FINAL HEARING SCHEDULED FOR MAY 15, 2013

Motion: Dunham, second Birmingham

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

ORDINANCE #7-13: ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF NEW AND ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT FOR USE BY THE WATER UTILITY OF THE TOWNSHIP OF JEFFERSON, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY, AND APPROPRIATING \$25,000 THEREFOR FROM THE WATER CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND OF THE TOWNSHIP IS OFFERED FOR ADOPTION ON FIRST READING WITH SECOND READING AND FINAL HEARING SCHEDULED FOR MAY 15, 2013

Motion: Birmingham, second Dunham

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

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ORDINANCE #8-13: ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR IMPROVEMENT OF THE SANITARY SEWERAGE SYSTEM OF THE TOWNSHIP OF JEFFERSON, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY, AND APPROPRIATING \$15,000 THEREFOR FROM THE SEWER CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND OF THE TOWNSHIP IS OFFERED FOR ADOPTION ON FIRST READING WITH SECOND READING AND FINAL HEARING SCHEDULED FOR MAY 15, 2013

Motion: Birmingham, second Dunham

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

ORDINANCE #9-13: ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF NEW AND ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT BY THE TOWNSHIP OF JEFFERSON, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY, AND APPROPRIATING \$35,000 THEREFOR FROM THE RECREATION TRUST FUND AND THE CAMP RESERVE FUND OF THE TOWNSHIP IS OFFERED FOR ADOPTION ON FIRST READING WITH SECOND READING AND FINAL HEARING SCHEDULED FOR MAY 15, 2013

Motion: Merz, second Dunham

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

ORDINANCE #10-13: BOND ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$65,000, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$61,000 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 15, 2013

Motion: Dunham, second Birmingham

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

ORDINANCE #11-13: 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 \$50,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$47,000 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 15, 2013

Motion: Merz, second Dunham

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

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President Yocum Aye

ORDINANCE #12-13: BOND ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$2,450,000, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$2,333,000 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 15, 2013

Motion: Merz, second Dunham

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

Resolutions:

Resolution #13-38: Resolution Determining the Form of Water Refunding Bonds Of 2013 and General Refunding Bonds of 2013 of the Township of Jefferson, in the County of Morris, New Jersey, and Determining Certain Details in Connection Therewith **(49-A)**

Motion: Merz, second Dunham

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

Resolution #13-39: Approval of Bills (remove PO 13-01054 and PO 13-01088)

Motion: Yocum, second Merz

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

MOTION to Approve: PO 13-01054 Headley Lumber - \$206.04

Motion: Yocum, second Merz

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

MOTION to Approve: PO 13-01088 Ivan Rodriguez - \$211.85

Motion: Yocum, second Dunham

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

Resolution #13-40: Authorize Passage of Consent Agenda **(49-B)**

Motion: Dunham, second Birmingham

Mr. Dunham	Aye
Mrs. Merz	Aye
Mr. Birmingham	Aye

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Vice President Sanchelli	Absent
President Yocum	Aye

Resolution #13-41: Executive Session: Pending Litigation

(50-B)

Motion: Yocum, second Dunham

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

Miscellaneous/Public Portion

No one came forward.

Felter commented that he was very pleased with the Township's AA bond rating.

Dunham asked Felter to pass along appreciation for the removal of the house on Russia Road. Dunham also thanked the Administration and the DPW for the quick removal of all the debris from the Sandy storm. Felter said they are working right now grinding mulch if anyone would like to pick up mulch.

Recess

The Council adjourned into Executive Session at 8:05 p.m. and reconvened into Open Session at 8:11 p.m.

Adjournment at 8:11 p.m.

Motion: Merz, second Yocum

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

Dated: May 1, 2013

Attested:

Approved:

Lori Harvin, Township Clerk

Richard W. Yocum, Council President