

JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

Regular Meeting

May 11, 2011

Municipal Building, Council Chambers

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Roll Call

Present	Absent
Mr. Dunham	
Mrs. Merz	
Mr. Sanchelli	
Vice President Birmingham	
President Yocum	
Township Attorney, Larry Cohen	
Lori Harvin, Township Clerk	

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

Salute to the Flag

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

Notice of Presiding Officer

President Yocum said, "This Regular Council meeting for May 11, 2011, 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 May 5, 2011."

Jefferson Falcon Fusion U14 Soccer Team Trophy Presentation

Felter asked Coaches McNabb, Chesney, March and Grace Rhinesmith to come forward. Coach McNabb detailed the history of the team and said last year the team won the championship on their level. Each team-member was presented with a trophy and received individual congratulations from the Mayor and Council.

Appointment of Firefighter for Fire Co. No. 1: Mark J. Thompson

Assistant Fire Chief, Dave VanVeen came forward with firefighter, Mark Thompson. Felter administered the Oath of Office and Yocum presented a Certificate of Appreciation along with a Township pin and pen. Thompson received individual congratulations from the Council.

Appointment of Jefferson Rescue Squad Members: Megan Cottone & Robert Troha

Chief, Kathy Jacoby, came forward with Rescue Squad Member, Robert Troha. Felter administered the Oath of Office and Yocum presented a Certificate of Appreciation along with a Township pin and pen. Troha received individual congratulations from the Council.

Chief, Kathy Jacoby, came forward with Rescue Squad Member, Megan Cottone. Felter administered the Oath of Office and Yocum presented a Certificate of Appreciation along with a Township pin and pen. Cottone received individual congratulations from the Council.

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings

- April 20, 2011 Regular All Members Present

Motion: Sanchelli, second Dunham

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

Closed Session Minutes for Approval Only, Not for Release

- April 20, 2011 President Yocum Absent

Motion: Merz, second Sanchelli

Mr. Dunham	Aye
Mrs. Merz	Aye
Mr. Sanchelli	Aye

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Vice President Birmingham Aye
President Yocum Not Voting

PUBLIC HEARING UPON ADOPTION FOR ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING AND FINAL HEARING:

- Ordinance #8-11: BOND ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$2,889,000, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$2,763,000 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 THIRD READING AND FINAL HEARING

Yocum opened the meeting up to the public for questions or comments specific to Ordinance 8-11 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. Sanchelli Nay
Vice President Birmingham Aye
President Yocum Aye

- Ordinance #10-11: ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 7 OF THE JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL CODE ENTITLED "ADMINISTRATION OF GOVERNMENT" AND MORE PARTICULARLY SUBSECTION 7-37 ENTITLED "DIVISION OF POLICE" BY ESTABLISHING THE POSITION OF POLICE CHAPLAIN IS OFFERED FOR ADOPTION ON SECOND READING AND FINAL HEARING

Yocum opened the meeting up to the public for questions or comments specific to Ordinance 10-11 and seeing no one come forward, he closed the public portion of the meeting.

Motion: Birmingham, second Dunham

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

- Ordinance #11-11: ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 403 OF THE JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL CODE ENTITLED "SMOKING; SALE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS" BY ADDING ADDITIONAL PROPERTIES TO SAID ORDINANCE IS OFFERED FOR ADOPTION ON SECOND READING AND FINAL HEARING

Yocum opened the meeting up to the public for questions or comments specific to Ordinance 11-11 and seeing no one come forward, 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

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Miscellaneous/Public Portion

Yocum opened the meeting up to the public.

Mr. DePasquale of Timberwood Lane came forward and said he is representing the homeowners of Timberwood Lane. DePasquale spoke of the on-going problem with Timberwood Lane. DePasquale explained the poor condition of the roadway from water drainage and debris. Squirrelwood Road was reconstructed with new drainage, however, the drains have been filled with debris and the drains do not have an outlet except Timberwood Lane. DePasquale said he has documents showing that Timberwood is a Township Road and not an easement. DePasquale asked the Council to respond to this issue. Yocum said that Leach will be available to meet with DePasquale to inspect the street. Yocum asked DePasquale to provide copies of his documents to the Clerk's Office.

Leach said the drainage work was done on Squirrelwood. Leach said that within the next 3 weeks that drainage will be connected to the correct outpouring drain.

Yocum closed the public portion of the meeting.

Council Reports

Sanchelli said that Berkshire Valley Road should be paved soon. Lower Berkshire Valley Road Bridge is receiving a new deck.

Merz commented that she was happy to be able to hear all the candidates for the School Board Election at the debate sponsored by the High School PTSA. On May 1, there was a TADA walk held at Lake Shawnee which was sponsored by the Municipal Alliance. Merz said that she attended the Eagle Scout Court of Honor and it was very nice to see numerous Council Members at the event.

Merz asked about the 2 additional lots that were added to the second stage of the Redevelopment Plan. Leach commented that the lots were inadvertently left out. Merz said that the Plan was held and Leach said that the new Plan will come before the Council after it is reviewed by the Planning Board.

Birmingham reported that he attended the Lacrosse Outing which ran all day. The turf field was able to hold up after 8 hours of non-stop play. Birmingham said he attended the Eagle Scout Ceremony on Saturday. Birmingham commented that the Council received the results of the Rockaway River Watershed Cabinet's water monitoring study. Birmingham said that the microinvertebrae sampling showed that the Milton Russia Brook site had the highest water quality and the site by Longwood Lake Dam was also above last year's quality. Birmingham said that one site, Rockaway River 4, by Taylor Road, showed problems. The Cabinet is suggesting that the Township look into this area since the water quality is poor. Yocum suggested that the problems may stem from the volume of runoff coming off the mountain. Birmingham asked the Administration if this site can be investigated. Leach said he has a copy of the report.

Dunham reported that he attended the last Library Board meeting. The Board is progressing and trying to maintain the building. Dunham said he attended the Eagle Scout Court of Honor on Saturday. Dunham asked the Administration how the Township is doing with gasoline. Leach said that fuel costs have increased, however, Elam had the mechanics do an audit of the vehicles. The Township was able to switch from high test gas to mid-grade, which is about 18 cents a gallon lower which will save about \$800 per month. Dunham asked if part time employees receive health benefits and Leach said no. Resolutions are on file stating employees who work 30 hours or less regularly schedule hours per week do not receive health benefits. Dunham asked when most of the town's pot hole work will be completed. Leach said the work is about 80 percent complete now. Dunham said he received a couple compliments on the Dial-A-Ride service. Dunham said he would also like to thank the Administration and Jeff Elam for helping the Library with information and resources.

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Yocum thanked the Administration for handling 2 complex issues over the past week. Yocum said he will not be here for the May 18 Student Government Day meeting since he has to travel for business and he would like to apologize because he enjoys that day. Yocum detailed his trip to the Czech Republic and the Thank You America Day Celebration he attended in honor of the liberation of that Country at the end of World War II.

Administrative Reports of Mayor and Administrator

Felter had no report.

Leach reported that the Township received notice that the Grant with NJ Transit for another Dial-A-Ride bus, a 14 passenger vehicle, was successful. The bus will not be received until mid-year 2012.

Ordinances for First Reading:

Ordinance #12-11: ORDINANCE VACATING A PORTION OF ARIZONA AVENUE IN THE TOWNSHIP OF JEFFERSON, COUNTY OF MORRIS AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY IS OFFERED FOR ADOPTION ON FIRST READING WITH SECOND READING AND FINAL HEARING SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 1, 2011

Motion: Sanchelli, second Dunham

Merz asked if this vacation was resolved with both property holders. Cohen said the Township will record the Ordinance of Vacation and the road will be split down the middle between the abutting property owners. If the property owners would like to divide the property, an application for a lot line adjustment must be made to the Planning Board.

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

Resolutions

Resolution #11-32: Authorizing Mayor to Sign Shared Services Agreement With Board of Education Providing for Drummond School Conversion Project **(59-A)**

Motion: Sanchelli, second Dunham

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

Resolution #11-47: Approval of Bills **(59-B)**

Motion: Sanchelli, second Birmingham

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

Resolution #11-48: Authorize Passage of Consent Agenda **(59-C)**

Motion: Birmingham, second Merz

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

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Sanchelli said he would like to congratulate Councilwoman Merz on becoming the President of the Morris County Women's Republican Club.

Miscellaneous/Public Portion

No one came forward.

Adjournment at 8:11 p.m.

Motion: Merz, second Sanchelli

Mr. Dunham Aye

Mrs. Merz Aye

Mr. Sanchelli Aye

Vice President Birmingham Aye

President Yocum Aye

Dated: May 11, 2011

Attested:

Approved:

Lori Harvin, Township Clerk

Richard W. Yocum, Council President