

JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

Regular Meeting

May 21, 2014

Municipal Building, Council Chambers

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Roll Call

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

Mrs. Harvin said, "Let the record show that Administrator James Leach is present. Also present is Township Auditor, Charles Ferraioli and Township CFO, William Eagen.

Notice of Presiding Officer

President Yocum said, "This Regular Council meeting for May 21, 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 May 15, 2014."

Salute to the Flag

Yocum asked everyone to rise for the salute to the flag.

Proclamation & Resolution for Gold Award: Haley Morgan James

(56-A)

Yocum asked Haley Morgan James to come forward along with her family. Yocum presented the Proclamation congratulating Haley on the achievement of her Gold Award. Yocum then read the Resolution commending Haley on her Gold Award. Yocum presented Haley with a Township pin and pen. Haley received individual congratulations from the Council members.

Appointment of Firefighter to Fire Company No. 2: Kevin A. Lee

(56-B)

Yocum asked Chief Tovo to come forward along with Firefighter Kevin A. Lee. Township Clerk, Lori Harvin, administered the Oath of Office to Lee. Yocum thanked Kevin for providing his services to the Township and presented him with a Certificate of Appreciation and a Township pin and pen.

Public Hearing/Adoption of 2014 Municipal Budgets Resolutions

- * Resolution #14-52: Authorize that Budgets be Read By Title Only (56-C)
- * Resolution #14-53: Council Conducted Self-Examination of 2014 Budget (56-D)
- * Resolution #14-54: Municipal Budget of the Township of Jefferson, County of Morris for the Fiscal Year 2014 (56-E)

Yocum opened the public hearing for the Municipal Budget for the Fiscal Year 2014 and seeing no one come forward, he closed the public hearing.

Motion: Sanchelli, second Birmingham
Mr. Dunham Aye
Mrs. Merz Aye
Mr. Sanchelli Aye
Vice President Birmingham Aye
President Yocum Aye

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- * Resolution #14-55: Solid Waste Collection District Budget of the Township of Jefferson, County of Morris for the Fiscal Year 2014

(57-A)

Yocum opened the public hearing for the Solid Waste Collection District Budget for the Fiscal Year 2014 and seeing no one come forward, he closed the public hearing.

Motion: Merz, second Dunham

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

Approval of Minutes from Previous Meetings

April 16, 2014 Regular All Members Present

Motion: Sanchelli, second Dunham

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

Public Hearing Upon Adoption For Ordinances on Third 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 THIRD READING AND FINAL HEARING

Merz left the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Yocum opened the meeting up to the public for questions or comments specific to Ordinance 6-14 and seeing no one come forward, he closed the public portion of the meeting.

Motion: Birmingham, second Dunham

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

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 THIRD READING AND FINAL HEARING

Yocum opened the meeting up to the public for questions or comments specific to Ordinance 7-14 and seeing no one come forward, he closed the public portion of the meeting.

Motion: Birmingham, second Dunham

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

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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 THIRD READING AND FINAL HEARING

Yocum opened the meeting up to the public for questions or comments specific to Ordinance 8-14 and seeing no one come forward, he closed the public portion of the meeting.

Motion: Sanchelli, second Dunham

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

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 THIRD READING AND FINAL HEARING

Yocum opened the meeting up to the public for questions or comments specific to Ordinance 9-14 and seeing no one come forward, he closed the public portion of the meeting.

Merz returned at 7:33 p.m.

Motion: Birmingham, second Dunham

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

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 THIRD READING AND FINAL HEARING

Yocum opened the meeting up to the public for questions or comments specific to Ordinance 10-14 and seeing no one come forward, he closed the public portion of the meeting.

Motion: Sanchelli, second Dunham

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

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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 THIRD READING AND FINAL HEARING

Yocum opened the meeting up to the public for questions or comments specific to Ordinance 11-14 and seeing no one come forward, he closed the public portion of the meeting.

Motion: Dunham, second Merz

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

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 THIRD READING AND FINAL HEARING

Yocum opened the meeting up to the public for questions or comments specific to Ordinance 12-14 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

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 THIRD READING AND FINAL HEARING

Yocum opened the meeting up to the public for questions or comments specific to Ordinance 13-14 and seeing no one come forward, he closed the public portion of the meeting.

Motion: Birmingham, second Sanchelli

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

Council Reports

Merz reported that the Council Liquor License Committee met with the owner of the Mason Street Pub and asked for specific information to be submitted prior to the next Council meeting so a specific recommendation can be made to the entire Council.

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Merz asked that all the information be provided to the entire Council.

Merz expressed her sympathy to the entire Dougherty family on the loss of Michael.

Sanchelli reported that a preliminary meeting of the Dog Park Committee was held. The Committee has a large amount of funds to raise and background work to do to find a location for the placement of the park.

Dunham reported that he attended the meetings for the Planning Board and the Library Board. Dunham thanked Fire Company No. 2 for their cooperation with the purchase of the new fire truck under the State Co-op Contract.

Dunham reports that the Memorial Day commemoration at the Legion Post #423 will begin with the visits to the cemeteries followed by the Ceremony at the Legion at noon.

Birmingham reported that he spoke to the Morris County Surrogate along with Seth Stephens regarding a program that the Surrogate would like to run in town to explain the services that his office provides.

Birmingham reported on the current report of Dr. Pollack for the Rockaway River Watershed Coalition. Jefferson Township has the largest water area and 3 testing sites. Birmingham explained that the site at Russia Brook is listed as pristine. Birmingham asked Harvin to distribute the Report to the entire Council and Administration.

Yocum reported that the Tri-County Motor Cycle Run will begin at the Municipal Complex on Sunday, May 25, with sign up at 9 a.m. and the ride beginning at 10 a.m. Yocum stated that this Morris County Club is a very active group.

Administrative Reports of Mayor and Administrator

Leach commented on the cooperation between the Administration and the Council's Budget Committee, Merz and Dunham, during this Budget process. Leach said that there has been good communication for the overall good of the Township. Leach said that the Administration continues to try to put more cash into the capital projects each year.

Yocum thanked Merz and Dunham for all their efforts and time. Yocum stated that they were a perfect fit for the Budget Committee. Merz was able to work through the Budget and is very inquisitive and does not just take things at face value without delving deeper. Dunham was tireless in educating himself on the Budget and became proficient in understanding the sometimes complicated workings of the process.

Dunham asked the Administration about the inspection of the trees on the A&P property. Leach stated that attempts have been made to contact Chamberlain and they will continue to try to contact him with the available inspection times in the Forester's schedule.

Leach reported that the Shared Services Agreement with the Board of Education for the Athletic Field will be on the June 11, 2014 Agenda and a copy of the Agreement will be in the Clerk's Office tomorrow.

Miscellaneous/Public Portion

Yocum opened the meeting up for questions for comments.

New Business

Ordinance #2-14: ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING CHAPTER 370 OF THE JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL CODE ENTITLED "RIPARIAN ZONES" FOR THE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING RIPARIAN ZONES WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF JEFFERSON AND

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REGULATING THE USE THEREOF IS OFFERED FOR ADOPTION ON FIRST READING WITH SECOND READING AND FINAL HEARING SCHEDULED FOR JULY 16, 2014

Motion: Merz, second Yocum

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

Ordinance #3-14: ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING CHAPTER 417 OF THE JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL CODE ENTITLED "STEEP SLOPES" IS OFFERED FOR ADOPTION ON FIRST READING WITH SECOND READING AND FINAL HEARING SCHEDULED FOR JULY 16, 2014

Motion: Sanchelli, second Dunham

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

Ordinance #4-14: ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 436 OF THE JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL CODE ENTITLED "SUBSURFACE SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM MANAGEMENT" IS OFFERED FOR ADOPTION ON FIRST READING WITH SECOND READING AND FINAL HEARING SCHEDULED FOR JULY 16, 2014

Motion: Merz, second Dunham

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

Resolutions

Resolution #14-56: Authorizing the Township of Jefferson Tax Collector to Prepare and Mail Estimated Tax Bills in Accordance with P.L. 1994, C.72

(61-A)

Motion: Dunham, second Yocum

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

Resolution #14-57: Approval of Bills

(61-B)

Motion: Merz, second Sanchelli

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

Motion to Approve:

PO No. 14-01441 Headley Lumber \$84.39
PO No. 14-01152 Headley Lumber \$29.62
PO No. 14-00209 Headley Lumber \$44.24
PO No. 14-00484 Headley Lumber \$195.51

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Motion: Sanchelli, second Birmingham
Mr. Dunham Not Voting
Mrs. Merz Aye
Mr. Sanchelli Aye
Vice President Birmingham Aye
President Yocum Aye

Resolution #14-58: Authorize Passage of Consent Agenda

(62-A)

Motion: Birmingham, second Dunham
Mr. Dunham Aye
Mrs. Merz Not Voting
Mr. Sanchelli Aye
Vice President Birmingham Aye
President Yocum Aye

Miscellaneous/Public Portion

No one came forward.

Adjournment at 8:18 p.m.

Motion: Sanchelli, second Dunham
Mr. Dunham Aye
Mrs. Merz Aye
Mr. Sanchelli Aye
Vice President Birmingham Aye
President Yocum Aye

Dated: May 21, 2014

Attested:

Approved:

Lori Harvin, Township Clerk

Richard W. Yocum, Council President