

JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

Regular Meeting

May 9, 2012

Municipal Building, Council Chambers

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Roll Call

Present

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

Absent

President Yocum

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

Salute to the Flag

Vice President Merz asked everyone to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Notice of Presiding Officer

Vice President Merz said, "This Regular Council meeting for May 9, 2012, 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 3, 2012."

Resolution and Proclamation for Gold Award: Sarina Calderone, Jacquelyn Ferguson and Francesca Mundrick

(54-A)

Merz asked Sarina to come forward along with her parents. Merz read the Resolution honoring Sarina on the achievement of her Gold Award and presented her with a Township pin and pen. Felter read the Proclamation congratulating Sarina on her accomplishment.

Merz asked Jacquelyn to come forward along with her parents. Merz read the Resolution honoring Jacquelyn on the achievement of her Gold Award and presented her with a Township pin and pen. Felter read the Proclamation congratulating Jacquelyn on her accomplishment.

Merz asked Francesca to come forward along with her parents. Merz read the Resolution honoring Francesca on the achievement of her Gold Award and presented her with a Township pin and pen. Felter read the Proclamation congratulating Francesca on her accomplishment.

Resolution & Proclamation for Eagle Scout: Thomas DeCarlo

(54-B)

Merz asked Thomas to come forward along with his parents. Felter read the Proclamation congratulating Thomas on the achievement of his Eagle Scout Award. Merz presented David with a Township pin and pen and read the Resolution honoring him for his accomplishment. Merz said that she and the Council recognize the commitment that this has taken and he is an example to the young people of Jefferson Township.

Proclamation to Declare May 2012 Poppy Month

(54-C)

Mayor Felter called forward the Ladies Auxiliary of the American Legion. Mayor Felter read the Proclamation declaring May 2012 Poppy Month.

Resolution and Proclamation for Retirement of Roy Brandell

(54-D)

The Resolution and Proclamation for the Retirement of Roy Brandell were placed on the record.

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

April 25, 2012 Budget/Regular Meeting Merz Absent

Motion: Dunham, second Birmingham

Mr. Dunham Aye

Mr. Sanchelli Aye

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Mr. Birmingham	Aye
Vice President Merz	Not Voting
President Yocum	Absent

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

ORDINANCE #8-12: ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE BY JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP OF REAL PROPERTY FROM 713 COMPANY AND THE TRUST FUND FOR PUBLIC LAND IS OFFERED FOR ADOPTION ON SECOND READING AND FINAL HEARING

Merz opened the meeting up to the public for questions and comments specific to proposed ordinance 8-12 and seeing no one come forward, she closed the public portion of the meeting.

Motion: Sanchelli, second Dunham

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

Council Reports

Dunham reported that he attended the Eagle Scout Award Court of Honor for Christopher Cook and the Eagle Scout Court of Honor for David Swerzinski. Dunham reported that he attended the funeral for Joel Headley.

Birmingham reported that he attended the Morris County Greentable meeting with Leach which was very interesting and attended by a very diverse group of people. Birmingham reported that he attended the Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Christopher Cook. Birmingham reported that he followed the reverse bid auction for electricity. The auction was very competitive and Birmingham said he would like to compliment Eagen and the Administration for preparing the auction. The rate of 6.902 cents per kilowatt hour brings the rate down from 10.7 cents. The overall savings will be 38 percent on the electric for a total savings of about \$178,000 per year. Birmingham said he believes the Township has the best rate in New Jersey.

Sanchelli asked the Administration to pass on his thanks to the Chief of Police for the assistance his wife received from the Police today with her van following a motor vehicle incident at the high school. Sanchelli reported that he attended the Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Swerzinski. Sanchelli remarked on how positive it is to see all the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts in Jefferson receiving awards and showing responsibility.

Merz said she would like to express her condolences to the Headley Family for the loss of their son Joel. Merz said feels the amount of Girls Scouts moving up the ladder shows the firm foundation the Service Unit has made in Jefferson with the leaders and parents cooperation. The Boy Scouts are coming in almost every month and it is a warm feeling to know the Scouts are thriving in Jefferson. Merz reported that it is Mental Health Month. The De-Stress Fest will be held in the Municipal Building on Wednesday, May 16, 2012 and public announcements will be made. The Municipal Alliance's sub-group, Connect will be putting on activities to help people realize what mental health is and to recognize how stress affects health.

Administrative Reports of Mayor and Administrator

Felter congratulated the Falcon High School Golf Team for winning the County Championship yesterday over Delbarton. Felter said he feels they are the favorite to win the State Championship.

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Felter thanked Leach for his work on the purchase of the Baker properties.

Felter left the meeting at 7:38 p.m.

Leach reported that next week milling will begin to prepare the roads to be paved. Leach reported that next week John Joseph Blasting Co. will be on Holland Mountain Road to work on the installation of four cross drains.

Merz said she would like to acknowledge the VanNess family and the loss of Sharon. Mark has been a longstanding member of the Open Space Advisory Board.

Miscellaneous/Public Portion

No one came forward.

Resolution:

Resolution #12-47: Authorize 2012 Capital Budget Amendment

(56-A)

Motion: Dunham, second Sanchelli

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

Ordinances for First Reading:

ORDINANCE #10-12: 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 \$124,611.04 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 23, 2012

Motion: Dunham, second Sanchelli

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

ORDINANCE #11-12: ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF NEW AND ADDITIONAL COMPUTER EQUIPMENT FOR USE BY THE WATER UTILITY OF THE TOWNSHIP OF JEFFERSON, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY, AND APPROPRIATING \$10,000 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 23, 2012

Motion: Sanchelli, second Dunham

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

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ORDINANCE #12-12: ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF MUNICIPAL PARKS IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF JEFFERSON, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY, AND APPROPRIATING \$10,000 THEREFOR FROM THE RECREATION TRUST FUND OF THE TOWNSHIP IS OFFERED FOR ADOPTION ON FIRST READING WITH SECOND READING AND FINAL HEARING SCHEDULED FOR MAY 23, 2012

Motion: Sanchelli, second Dunham

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

ORDINANCE #13-12: ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR IMPROVEMENT OF THE SANITARY SEWERAGE SYSTEM OF THE TOWNSHIP OF JEFFERSON, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY, AND APPROPRIATING \$10,000 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 23, 2012

Motion: Sanchelli, second Dunham

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

ORDINANCE #14-12: 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 \$210,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$200,000 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 23, 2012

Motion: Birmingham, second Sanchelli

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

ORDINANCE #15-12: BOND ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$1,776,000, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,691,000 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 23, 2012

Motion: Sanchelli, second Birmingham

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

Resolutions

Resolution #12-48: Person to Person/Place to Place Transfer of Plenary Retail Consumption License 1414-33-003-006 to Oak Ridge Bar & Liquors, Inc., 5716 Berkshire Valley Road, Unit D, Oak Ridge

No tax clearance for the transfer of this license has been received.

Motion: Table Resolution 12-48 to May 23, 2012 meeting.

Motion: Sanchelli, second Dunham

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

Resolution #12-49: Approval of Bills

(58-A)

Motion: Sanchelli, second Birmingham

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

Motion: Headley Lumber Purchase Orders:

P O No. 12-01045 - \$125.47

P O No. 12-01092 - \$16.17

Motion: Birmingham, second Sanchelli

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

Motion: Municipal Alliance Purchase Orders:

P O No. 12-01102 - \$2,000.00

P O No. 12-01134 - \$211.85

P O No. 12-00765 - \$149.50

P O No. 12-01106 - \$100.00

P O No. 11-04581 - \$3,550.00

P O No. 12-01104 - \$100.00

Motion: Sanchelli, second Dunham

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

Resolution #12-50: Authorize Passage of Consent Agenda

(58-B)

Dunham commented that he would like the Council to consider a Resolution supporting Assembly Bill 1503 requiring School Districts and the County to pay their Fair Share of Tax Appeals. Dunham also asked the Council to consider a Resolution opposing Assembly Bill 2168, New Jersey Residential Foreclosure Transformation Act. Merz asked the Clerk to send the bills to the Council for consideration.

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Motion: Birmingham, second Dunham

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

Resolution #12-51: Resolution in Opposition to NJ Water Supply Fluoridation Act **(59-A)**

Motion: Dunham, second Birmingham

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

Felter returned to the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Miscellaneous/Public Portion

No one came forward.

Adjournment at 7:51 p.m.

Motion: Dunham, second Sanchelli

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

Dated: May 9, 2012

Attested:

Approved:

Lori Harvin, Township Clerk

Richard W. Yocum, Council President