

JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

Regular Meeting

June 10, 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, Lawrence Cohen
Lori Harvin, Township Clerk

Absent

Mrs. Harvin said, "Let the record show that Administrator, James Leach, is present."

Salute to the Flag

Notice of Presiding Officer

President Yocum said, "This Regular Council meeting for June 10, 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 June 4, 2015."

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

May 20, 2015 Regular All Members Present

Motion: Sanchelli, second Yocum

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| 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 15-15: ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE BY JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP OF REAL PROPERTY FROM ROBERT HAMANN, KNOWN AS BLOCK 175, LOT 1 IS OFFERED FOR ADOPTION ON SECOND READING AND FINAL HEARING

Yocum opened the meeting up to the public for questions specific to proposed Ordinance 15-15 and Horace Chamberlain came forward. Chamberlain asked where this property is located. Leach said that he has had Green Acres at the location and it is being purchased for \$266,000. The property abuts East Shore at Spring Road. It is the first house on Castlerock that is not in the East Shore Development.

Seeing no other members of the public coming forward, Yocum closed the public portion and asked for a Motion.

Motion: Merz, second Sanchelli

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

Council Reports

Merz had no report this evening.

Sanchelli reported that the Gypsy Moths this year have become a huge problem and it looks as though 50% of Picatinny Mountain is bare. Yocum asked that the Gypsy Moth survey be placed on the Agenda early next year. Leach commented that the State has an 800 number that residents can call to notify the Department of Agriculture of areas where there is a large infestation.

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Dunham reported that he attended the Eagle Scout ceremony this past weekend.

Birmingham reported that he also attended the Eagle Scout Court of Honor.

Birmingham said that he attended the Morris County League of Municipalities meeting in Denville last week. The Rockaway River Coalition is preparing a Resolution in opposition to the Pilgrim Pipeline. Birmingham explained that the pipeline will bring oil down from upstate New York to be refined and then ship the oil back up to New York. Birmingham asked if the Council would like to place this Resolution on a future Agenda.

Administrative Reports of Mayor and Administrator

Leach said that the drainage work is being done on Berkshire Valley Road in the area between Elro Road and the bridge for the paving project. The bid for the Cozy Lake drainage and Weldon Road Drainage has gone out. The solid waste/recycling bid has been advertised. Leach reported that the Public Hearing for the 2015 Open Space project will be held at the next meeting.

Miscellaneous/Public Portion

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

Bagnatti of 30 Summit Road came forward and said that he would like to speak about the Gypsy Moth problem. Leach said that he will provide him with the State's Public information number. Leach said that this year the Department of Agriculture ran the spraying project. This was the first year in a very long time that spraying was done in town. The caterpillar population has exploded. Yocum asked for a report to be prepared by the Township Forester to include the extent of the damage, the trees affected and a recommendation for next year. Yocum also asked for information to be placed on the Township's website.

Chamberlain of 21 Chamberlain Road came forward with a question about the developer that is donating property to the Township as part of a deal to settle a lawsuit. Chamberlain said that this will remove the property from the tax rolls and it does not do anything for the Township. Leach said that the taxes are very low since the property is assessed as part of a woodlands management program. The DEP is a part of this settlement. Leach obtained the tax information on the property, the property is owned by Highlands of Morris, and is assessed in the amount of \$525.00.

Seeing no one else come forward, Yocum closed the public portion of the meeting.

New Business

- Outdoor Gathering/Fireworks Permits for Jefferson Arts Committee for Jefferson

Day: July 11, 2015-Rain Date: July 12, 2015

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| Request Waiver of Fees: Application fee of | \$25.00 |
| Uniform Fire Safety Code Fireworks Fee of | \$42.00 |
| Per Vendor Fee of | \$42.00 |
| Total Not to Exceed | \$3,000.00 |

Reports from: Fire Official, Police Chief, Health Official

Motion: Birmingham, second Dunham

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

Resolutions

Resolution #15-50: Authorize Execution of Utility Easement for Block 299, Lot 62 and Lot 7 for Extension of Water Main

(63-A)

Motion: Sanchelli, second Dunham

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

Resolution #15-51: Approval of Bills

(64-A)

Motion: Yocum, second Merz

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

Motion: Approval of PO No. 15-01527 Headley Lumber - \$316.02

Motion: Birmingham, second Sanchelli

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

Motion: Approval of PO No. 15-01017 Camelback Beach - \$2,354.10

Approval of PO No. 15-00982 Stafford, FEC dba The Funplex - \$1,154.75

Motion: Sanchelli, second Dunham

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

Resolution #15-52: Authorize Passage of Consent Agenda

(64-B)

Motion: Merz, second Dunham

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

Miscellaneous/Public Portion

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

Doyle of Solar Road came forward with a question regarding the Gypsy Moths. Sanchelli commented that the spraying program is finished for this year, however, information is being collected for next year. Yocum added that a report has been requested from the Township Forester to assess the situation in town to help with next year's program.

Seeing no one come forward, Yocum closed the public portion of the meeting.

Adjournment at 8:26 p.m.

Motion: Birmingham, second Dunham

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

Dated: May 20, 2015

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Attested:

Approved:

Lori Harvin, Township Clerk

Debi Merz, Council Vice President