

JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

Regular Meeting

June 11, 2014

Municipal Building, Council Chambers

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Roll Call

Present

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

Absent

Mr. Sanchelli

Mrs. Harvin said, "Let the record show that Mayor Felter and Administrator James Leach are present. Also present is Police Chief, Kevin Craig.

Salute to the Flag

Yocum asked Eagle Scout candidate, Andrew James Verdes, to lead everyone in the salute to the flag.

Moment of Silence

Yocum asked everyone to rise for a Moment of Silence for Sergeant Gene Robert Brandes.

Yocum left the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

Notice of Presiding Officer

Vice President Birmingham said, "This Regular Council meeting for June 11, 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 June 5, 2014."

Yocum returned to the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

Resolution Honoring Deborah "Debi" Merz, Recipient of the Golden Bell Leadership Award

(63-A)

Yocum asked Councilwoman Merz to come forward along with her family. Yocum presented the Resolution congratulating Merz on the achievement of this Award. Merz is being recognized for her contribution to improving mental health awareness in New Jersey. Yocum then read the Resolution stating that Merz founded the organization CONNECT and she continues to work to educate and support the residents of Jefferson Township. Merz thanked her fellow Municipal Alliance and CONNECT members and expressed her wishes for future increased understanding and improved mental health awareness.

Resolution and Proclamation to Eagle Scout Recipient: Andrew James Verdes

(63-B)

Yocum asked Andrew James Verdes to come forward along with his family. Yocum presented the Resolution congratulating Andrew on the achievement of his Eagle Scout Award. Yocum then read the Proclamation commending him on his Award. Yocum presented Andrew with a Township pin and pen. Andrew received individual congratulations from the Council members.

Resolution Honoring Chief Kevin Craig's Appointment to School Security Task Force

(63-C)

Yocum asked Chief Craig to come forward along with his father, William Craig. Yocum read the Resolution recognizing Craig on his appointment by the Governor and commended him on his achievements. Craig spoke briefly on the work of the Task Force and the implementation of school security standards. Chief Craig received individual congratulations from the Council members.

Resolution to Promote the Preservation, Growth and Development of Our New Jersey Military Facilities

(63-D)

Mayor Felter presented the Resolution to Promote the Preservation, Growth and Development of Our New Jersey Military Facilities. The Council commented on the vital

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economic impact that Picatinny Arsenal has on New Jersey and the surrounding municipalities.

Approval of Minutes from Previous Meetings

May 7, 2014 Regular Yocum and Merz Absent

Motion: Birmingham, second Dunham

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

May 21, 2014 Regular All Members Present

Motion: Dunham, second Merz

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

Council Reports

Merz had no report this evening.

Birmingham reported that he attended the Memorial Day Ceremony at the Milton American Legion Post. Birmingham said it was a very good turnout and he was happy to see so many participants. Birmingham reported that General Elam spoke at the Morris County League of Municipalities meeting. There was a good turnout at that meeting.

Dunham reported that he was able to attend the Memorial Ceremony at the American Legion Post along with the Council President and Councilman Birmingham and Councilwoman Merz. It was one of the largest turns in several years. Dunham said that he was also able to attend the meeting at Picatinny Arsenal for the Morris County League and he was surprised to hear that they employ over 6,000 people. Dunham reported that he was able to attend the Eagle Scout Ceremony for Ochs and the Funeral for Sergeant Brandes. Dunham thanked the Administration for the Electronic Sign on Berkshire Valley Road for Sergeant Brandes.

Administrative Reports of Mayor and Administrator

Mayor Felter said he was able to attend the Memorial Day Service at the Post in Lake Hopatcong. There were two Marines who attended the Parade and it was a very good turnout.

Mayor Felter reported that there has been a request for a public presentation of some funds to the Alonzo Fund at the next meeting. The family and Aaron are very appreciative of all the support.

Leach reported that the State has passed a new law that requires certain maintenance of homes that are in foreclosure. The town has been working on this project. If there is a code violation the town is required to take care of the violation and follow up with the bank that is foreclosing. Leach said that there is now a tool to take care of these properties.

Leach reported that the Administration is moving forward with the Open Space Application for 2014 and the hearing will be held at the next meeting. The Road Department is gearing up for this year's projects. Leach commented that the Bond Sale was held and the town received a rate of 2.006 for 15 year bonds which was lower than 15 year treasury notes.

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Miscellaneous/Public Portion

Yocum opened the meeting up for questions for comments.

Frank Bagnatti of Summit Road came forward and asked about a non-functioning fire hydrant on Summit Road. The hydrant is covered with a black plastic bag. Leach said he will find out tomorrow and give him a call.

Antoinette Scognamiglio came forward and said that she was sent to the meeting by the officers of the Jr. Women's Club. Scognamiglio said that this evening and place has been designated as the time and place for the drawing of the raffle. Mayor Felter drew the winners for the raffle.

Felter said he would like to recognize the town's JCP&L representative who is here this evening. Felter commented that communication has improved and the town is receiving all the alerts.

New Business

- Request: Amendment to Ordinance 403-1 – Tobacco Products to include Electronic Cigarettes, Personal Vaporizers or Nicotine Delivery Systems

Yocum commented that this request was received from the Police Department for Amendment to the Ordinance. The Council was in agreement to send this to the Township Attorney for Amendment to the Ordinance.

- Outdoor Gathering/Fireworks Permits for Jefferson Arts Committee for Jefferson Day: July 12, 2014-Rain Date: July 13, 2014

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: Dunham, second Birmingham

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

- Request: Amendment RA-3 Redevelopment Zone to Include:
Block 249, Lot 3.18 Tierney Road
Block 249, Lot 3.19 Tierney Road

Motion: Dunham, second Birmingham

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

Resolutions

Resolution #14-59: Authorizing Execution of a Facilities Use Agreement By and Between the Jefferson Township Board of Education and Jefferson Township for High School Athletic Complex

(65-A)

Motion: Birmingham, second Yocum

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

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Resolution #14-60: Authorize Mayor and Administrator to Execute an Agreement between the Township of Jefferson and OPEIU Local 32 Jefferson Township Foreman Unit for Period 1-1-13 through 12-31-16

(66-A)

Motion: Dunham, second Merz

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

Recess

The Council adjourned for Recess at 7:44 p.m. and reconvened at 7:49 p.m.

Resolution #14-61: Annual Liquor License Renewals for the Period 07-01-14 through 06-30-15

(66-B)

Motion: Merz, second Birmingham

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

Resolution #14-62: Emergency Resolution to Authorize Stop Signs to be Erected At the Intersections of Virginia Avenue and Georgia Avenue; New Hampshire Street and Georgia Avenue and Utah Street and Georgia Avenue

(66-C)

Motion: Merz, second Dunham

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

Resolution #14-63: Approval of Bills

(66-D)

Motion: Dunham, second Birmingham

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

Motion to Approve:

PO No. 14-01152 Headley Lumber \$71.62

PO No. 14-00484 Headley Lumber \$303.16

Motion: Merz, second Yocum

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

Resolution #14-64: Authorize Passage of Consent Agenda

(66-E)

Motion: Birmingham, second Yocum

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

Miscellaneous/Public Portion

No one came forward.

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Adjournment at 7:56 p.m.

Motion: Dunham, second Birmingham

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

Dated: June 11, 2014

Attested:

Approved:

Lori Harvin, Township Clerk

Richard W. Yocum, Council President