

JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

Regular Meeting

June 27, 2012

Municipal Building, Council Chambers

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Roll Call

Present	Absent
Mr. Dunham	
Mr. Sanchelli	
Mrs. Merz	
Mr. Birmingham	Arrived 7:05 p.m.
President Yocum	
Township Attorney, Lawrence Cohen	
Maria Pivrotto, Deputy Clerk	

Mrs. Pivrotto said, "Let the record show that Mayor Felter and Deputy Chief William Craig are present this evening.

Salute to the Flag

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

Notice of Presiding Officer

President Yocum said, "This Regular Council meeting for June 27, 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 June 21, 2012."

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

June 13, 2012	Regular Meeting	Merz Absent
Motion: Sanchelli, second Dunham		
Mr. Dunham	Aye	
Mr. Sanchelli	Aye	
Mr. Birmingham	Absent	
Vice President Merz	Not Voting	
President Yocum	Aye	

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

ORDINANCE #9-12: ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 359 OF THE JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL CODE ENTITLED "PEDDLING, HAWKING AND SOLICITING" AND MORE PARTICULARLY SUBSECTIONS 359-6, 7, AND 12 IS OFFERED FOR ADOPTION ON SECOND READING AND FINAL HEARING

Yocum opened the meeting up to the public for questions and comments specific to proposed Ordinance #9-12 and seeing no one come forward he closed the public portion of the meeting.

Birmingham arrived at 7:05 p.m.

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

Miscellaneous/Public Portion

No one came forward.

Council Reports

Sanchelli had no report this evening.

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Merz said she hopes to see everyone at Jefferson Day this year. Merz reported that her new Grandson and Grand-daughter, Neyland and Rhealyn, arrived on the 12th of June and both are doing well.

Birmingham reported that the DOT meeting was very informative. The plan for the reconstruction of the bridge over 15 on Weldon Road sounds good. Birmingham asked the Administration about having the DOT readdress the turning lanes at Route 15 and Berkshire Valley Road. Felter said the new Assembly people that represent Jefferson will try to have this issue resolved, however, the DOT will not allow 2 left-hand turns lanes onto Route 15. The DOT's plan is to block traffic from coming across 15 and restructure the lanes and move traffic down to a jug handle. Birmingham said that Leach presented a plan to the engineers similar to the 2 right-turn lanes that were created on Route 23.

Dunham reported that he attended the DOT meeting on the bridge repair; the Morris County League of Municipalities meeting; and the Library Board meeting. Dunham said he received a call from Assemblyman Webber regarding the new Septic Regulations and Assemblyman Webber said he would contact Commissioner Martin.

Administrative Reports of Mayor and Administrator

Mayor Felter said he was able to attend the 8th Grade Graduation and he heard Councilman Birmingham's daughter Kaylah present the Valedictorian address. Felter congratulated Birmingham on Kaylah's success.

Felter reported that he attended a DOT meeting in Rockaway and he learned that some new additions will be made to Route 15 by the new development, Pondview at Morris. Felter said a third lane will be added going southbound and northbound along with a new jughandle at the truck entrance. Felter said there still is no water for that development. Felter reported that there are plans to complete the interchange at Route 15 and Route 80.

Deputy Chief Craig said he would like to present a brief update on the Office of Emergency Management. Craig said he would also like to advise the Council that there will be 2 retirements in the Police Department, Patrol Division, this month; Officer Braun and Officer Chibookian. Both officers have been replaced. William Carroll and Andrew Ingram will be starting the Police Academy on July 16.

Craig reported Detective Ottina was assigned to a Morris County Prosecutor's Office, Multi-County Gang Task Force. Several weeks ago the Task Force concluded and items seized included:

- 2 45 caliber hand guns;
- 1 9mm hand gun;
- 2,000 packets of heroin ready for distribution
- 1 oz of heroin not yet packaged
- 7 oz of cocaine
- Various drug paraphernalia
- Several vehicles and 24 arrests

Craig highlighted recently completed cases from the Jefferson Township Detective Bureau: \$80,000 theft from an elderly woman; \$7700 theft from Rt. 15 Dunkin Donuts; \$25,000 theft from a resident; 2 arrests resulting from home burglaries; Guilty plea in Nolans Point Murder case; Sentencing in Gas Station Homicide on Rt. 15.

Craig highlighted the activities of the Services Bureau: Graduations; prom; prom breakfast; project graduation; Jr. Police Academy; National Night Out.

Craig said that to date over 1400 residents have enrolled in the Honeywell Instant Alert Program. An additional 100 residents enrolled after the Mayor's Newsletter. Craig said that 10 special event emails have been sent out through the instant alert, 4 emergency phone email notifications; there is information on the website on how to

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enroll in the Honeywell Instant alert and residents can call the main number for assistance.

Craig reported that the County Shade Tree Commission was notified of some trees on Berkshire Valley Road in the Taylor Road area. The crew was out last week taking some overhanging trees down.

Craig reported that a local tree service, JP Tree Service, that was stuck on the road during the recent storm assisted with the removal of trees. Andy Schmidt from OEM asked for their assistance and they were very instrumental in clearing the roadways. A thank you letter was sent to the company.

Craig reported that OEM also attended the DOT's deck replacement meeting at Camp Jefferson.

Resolutions

Resolution #12-60: Renewal of Liquor Licenses for Licensing Term 7-1-12 to 6-30-13 (Police, Health & Fire Official) **(74-A)**

Motion: Merz, second Sanchelli

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

Resolution #12-61: Approval of Bills **(74-B)**

Motion: Sanchelli, second Merz

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

Resolution #12-62: Authorize Passage of Consent Agenda **(74-C)**

Motion: Sanchelli, second Dunham

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

Resolution #12-63: Authorize Application for Loan for Dam Repair for Lake Shawnee Dam **(74-D)**

Eric Wilsusen, President of the Lake Shawnee Club came forward along with Marc Sanderson, Treasurer, Gerry Remsen, Engineer, Milt Felter, Vice President. Yocum asked the Council if there are any questions regarding this Application. Wilsusen said the Dam at Lake Shawnee had a breach on March 13 of 2010. The Club was able to secure a small business administration loan of \$680,000 and the repairs were paid out of the Club's funds. Since 1994 there had been studies done on the Dam's structure that said the standards of flow design were not being met. On March 1 of 2010, a letter was received from DEP stating that the repairs had to be done or the organization would be fined. On March 13, the Dam was breached. Since the Dam was breached, the DEP will give the Permit only if the entire structure is fixed. As part of the Agreement to get the Permit, the Club has to apply for funding as it becomes available through the DEP loan program. Wilsusen said that about a month ago the DEP announced \$16,000,000 in their Dam Program. The Lake Shawnee Club must apply for the loan as a Class II Dam which is a significant hazard. The Lake Shawnee Dam is classified as Class II because of the hazard to Route 15 and the bridges.

Sanchelli commented that the town is a co-signer for the application. Sanchelli

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asked if all the residents that are affected have been notified and are all in agreement. Wilsusen said everyone within Lake Shawnee reservation is tied to a deed to the Lake. Wilsusen said that it is very clear to every member and resident that phase one is the breach repair and phase two is the restructure of the dam when more money becomes available. The DEP will not allow simple modifications, it must be brought up to standard. Remsen spoke about the classification of dams and the funding for the repairs.

Yocum commented that the Lake Shawnee Club's communication with the residents has been outstanding.

Motion: Sanchelli, second Birmingham

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

Miscellaneous/Public Portion

No one came forward.

Dunham complimented the Police on being flexible with their scheduling and for the excellent work. Birmingham asked if there will be any information at the National Night Out regarding Neighborhood Watch. Craig said the Services Bureau will have information to distribute.

Adjournment at 7:29 p.m.

Motion: Dunham, second Merz

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

Dated: June 27, 2012

Attested:

Approved:

Lori Harvin, Township Clerk

Richard W. Yocum, Council President