

JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

Regular Meeting

August 12, 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, Richard Wenner
Lori Harvin, Township Clerk

Absent

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

Salute to the Flag

Notice of Presiding Officer

President Yocum said, "This Regular Council meeting for August 12, 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 July 6, 2015."

Resolution Honoring Police Chief Kevin Craig As He Retires

(78-A)

President Yocum presented the Resolution honoring Police Chief Kevin Craig. Chief Craig received individual congratulations from Mayor Felter, Administrator Leach and the Council members. Chief Craig thanked Mayor Felter and Administrator Leach. Craig said that Administrator Leach was the Chief during his career and he has been a tremendous asset. Craig said that 25 years has gone amazingly fast and he has enjoyed his time in Jefferson and particularly the past 7 years as Chief. Craig said he has had the privilege of having a Council that is 100 percent supportive. Craig thanked the members of the Jefferson Township Police Department past and present and said it has been a privilege to serve with them.

Proclamation Honoring 2015 Citizens of the Year:

(78-B)

Mayor Felter presented the Proclamation to Kathleen Damerel honoring her as the 2015 Citizen of the Year. Mayor Felter presented the Proclamation to James Perrier as the 2015 Citizen of the Year.

Resolution and Proclamation for Eagle Scouts:

(78-C)

Daniel Clark McCartney & Elliot James Kossove

Yocum read the Resolution commending Daniel Clark McCartney on his investiture to the rank of Eagle Scout. Mayor Felter presented the Proclamation congratulating Daniel on his achievement of this award. Daniel was presented with a Township pin and pen and he was asked to explain his Eagle Scout project. Daniel received individual congratulations from the Council.

Yocum read the Resolution commending Elliot James Kossove on his investiture to the rank of Eagle Scout. Mayor Felter presented the Proclamation congratulating Elliot on his achievement of this award. Elliot was presented with a Township pin and pen and he was asked to explain his Eagle Scout project. Elliot received individual congratulations from the Council.

Appointment of Firefighter to Fire Department No. 2: John F. Malley, Jr.

(78-D)

Mayor Felter asked to come forward with John F. Malley, Jr. Mayor Felter administered the Oath of Office and President Yocum presented John with a Certificate of Appreciation and a Township Pin and Pen.

Appointment of New Members to Jefferson Township Rescue Squad:

(78-E)

Zach Bagnall	Justyna Baldyga
Joseph Dowling	Samantha Kroel
Samantha Schmidt	Sammy Jo Leider
Patty Fallon	Brittany Champion

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Chief Kim Finnegan came forward with the new members of the Jefferson Township Rescue Squad.

Mayor Felter administered the Oath of Office to Zach Bagnall and President Yocum presented Zach with a Certificate of Appreciation and a Township Pin and Pen.

Mayor Felter administered the Oath of Office to Justyna Baldyga and President Yocum presented Justyna with a Certificate of Appreciation and a Township Pin and Pen.

Mayor Felter administered the Oath of Office to Brittany Champion and President Yocum presented Brittany with a Certificate of Appreciation and a Township Pin and Pen.

Mayor Felter administered the Oath of Office to Joseph Dowling and President Yocum presented Joseph with a Certificate of Appreciation and a Township Pin and Pen.

Mayor Felter administered the Oath of Office to Patty Fallon and President Yocum presented Patty with a Certificate of Appreciation and a Township Pin and Pen.

Mayor Felter administered the Oath of Office to Samantha Kroel and President Yocum presented Samantha with a Certificate of Appreciation and a Township Pin and Pen.

Mayor Felter administered the Oath of Office to Sammy Jo Leider and President Yocum presented Sammy with a Certificate of Appreciation and a Township Pin and Pen.

Mayor Felter administered the Oath of Office to Samantha Schmidt and President Yocum presented Samantha with a Certificate of Appreciation and a Township Pin and Pen.

Recess

The Council adjourned for recess at 7:48 p.m. and reconvened at 7:57 p.m.

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

July 15, 2015 Regular All Members Present

Motion: Dunham, second Sanchelli

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

Public Hearing

2014 Open Space and Green Acres Application
Beasley Ridge
State Route 15 North, Block 272, Lot 2, 83.5 Acres, \$510,000

Leach explained that there have been two other hearings on this Application and inadvertently, Green Acres was left out of the Advertisement. A portion of the soft costs will be funded through the Green Acres Fund.

2015 Open Space and Green Acres Application
101 Taylor Road, Block 271, Lot 2
79 Acre Portion of Land, \$300,000

Leach explained that the \$300,000 is the County Open Space Application. This Application is being re-advertised with the 10 day timeframe.

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

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regard to:

2014 Open Space and Green Acres Application
Beasley Ridge
State Route 15 North, Block 272, Lot 2, 83.5 Acres, \$510,000

Yocum opened the meeting up to the public for questions or comments with regard to:

2015 Open Space and Green Acres Application
101 Taylor Road, Block 271, Lot 2
79 Acre Portion of Land, \$300,000

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

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

ORDINANCE #17-15: ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 7 OF THE JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL CODE ENTITLED "ADMINISTRATION OF GOVERNMENT" AND MORE PARTICULARLY SUBSECTION 7-119 ENTITLED "SEWER BILLS" IS OFFERED FOR ADOPTION ON SECOND READING AND FINAL HEARING

Yocum opened the meeting up to the public for questions or comments specific to proposed Ordinance number 17-15 and seeing no one come forward, he closed the public portion of the meeting.

Motion: Merz, second Sanchelli

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

Administrative Reports of Mayor and Administrator

Felter said that the Administration has been in contact with the DEP regarding the Weed Harvesting on Lake Hopatcong and the Administration has a request to use funds from the Landscaping Budget to pay for Weed Harvesting in the Jefferson portion of Lake Hopatcong. Merz asked if the Landscaping line item is for any particular area or if it is a general landscaping account. Leach said that in other years, landscapers have been hired for areas, such as Water's Edge. This year the town is attempting to complete the landscaping in-house. There is \$14,000 budgeted and nothing has been spent. Dunham said that he just has a problem because the State of New Jersey does not do anything about the Lake. Dunham asked if there is any chance of recovering this money. Felter said no and the State put in \$155,000 for the fiscal year on July 1 to June 30, 2016. Felter said that he met with the existing Commissioners and there is not a lot of money. Dunham said that people depend on clean water. Birmingham commented on all the tax revenue that the Lake generates. Yocum said that he thinks it is a good idea to proceed with the \$10,000 for the weed harvesting.

Lake Hopatcong Weed Harvesting

Motion: Authorization of Transfer by Wire of \$10,000.00 from the Recreation O&E Account for Landscapers Budget to the NJ Dept. of Environmental Protection in conjunction with the Lake Hopatcong Foundation conditioned upon all monies being utilized in the Jefferson Township portion of Lake Hopatcong

Motion: Yocum, second Sanchelli

Mr. Dunham	Aye
Mr. Sanchelli	Aye
Mr. Birmingham	Aye

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Vice President Merz Aye
President Yocum Aye

Leach said that he was on the phone today with the engineer for the Berkshire Valley paving work. The plan will be worked out with our Police and it will be put out on our Honeywell system. The plan is to alternate lanes of traffic, not to force people to use Taylor Road. Leach said the information and dates will be forthcoming.

Miscellaneous/Public Portion

No one came forward

New Business

Outdoor Gathering: Permit: Camp Six, Inc., 37 Nolans' Point Park Road, Outdoor Festival to include: Music, Food, Vendors & Children's Activities; September 6, 2015 12 pm – 5 pm

NOTE: Bd of Adj Resolution (4/28/14) Condition: (9) No Tables or kiosks on the boardwalk.

Reports: Police Chief; Health; Fire Official

Motion: Merz, second Sanchelli

Wenner commented that the Outdoor Gathering enables the Council to allow the tables and kiosks only on the date of the event.

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

Ordinance For First Reading

ORDINANCE 19-15: ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 7 OF THE JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL CODE ENTITLED "ADMINISTRATION OF GOVERNMENT" AND CREATING WITHIN ARTICLE VIII (DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY) THE DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES IS OFFERED FOR ADOPTION ON FIRST READING WITH SECOND READING AND FINAL HEARING SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 2, 2015

Motion: Birmingham, second Dunham

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

Resolutions

Resolution #15-62: To Approve the 2014 Corrective Action Plan **(81-A)**

Motion: Birmingham, second Dunham

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

Resolution #15-63: Annual Renewal of Plenary Retail Consumption Licenses **(81-B)**
For Term 2015-16

Motion: Merz, second Sanchelli

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

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President Yocum Aye

Resolution #15-64: Approval of Bills **(82-A)**

Motion: Sanchelli, second Birmingham

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

Motion: PO No. 15-02173 Postnet NJ 129 - \$197.50

Motion: Birmingham, second Yocum

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

Motion: PO No. 15-02182 Headley Lumber Co. - \$240.91

Motion: Merz, second Sanchelli

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

Resolution #15-65: Authorize Passage of Consent Agenda **(82-B)**

Motion: Birmingham, second Yocum

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

Resolution #15-66: Authorize Execution of Agreement Between The Township Of Jefferson and Jefferson Township Police Management for the Period August 12, 2015 through December 31, 2016 **(82-C)**

Motion: Merz, second Sanchelli

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

Miscellaneous/Public Portion

No one came forward.

Birmingham reported that he attended the Junior Police Academy Graduation. Birmingham said that it was the 12th Policy Academy Graduation with 63 students completing the program which is a great program that the Council has supported. Yocum said that he has been an instructor at the Academy for 8 years in a row and it is a wonderful program for the students who attend as well as the community.

Adjournment at 8:14 p.m.

Motion: Merz, second Sanchelli

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

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Dated: August 12, 2015

Attested:

Approved:

Lori Harvin, Township Clerk

Richard W. Yocum, Council President