

JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

Regular Meeting

August 13, 2014

Municipal Building, Council Chambers

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Roll Call

Present	Absent
Mr. Dunham	
Mrs. Merz	Mr. Sanchelli
Vice President Birmingham	
President Yocum	
Lori Harvin, Township Clerk	
Township Attorney, Richard Wenner	

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

Salute to the Flag

President Yocum asked everyone to rise for the salute to the flag.

Notice of Presiding Officer

Yocum said, "This Regular Council meeting for August 13, 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 August 7, 2014."

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

July 16, 2014 Regular Yocum & Birmingham Absent

Motion: Merz, second Birmingham

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

August 1, 2014 Special Yocum & Merz Absent

Motion: Birmingham, second Dunham

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

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

ORDINANCE 15-14: ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 130 OF THE JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL CODE ENTITLED "VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC" AND MORE PARTICULARLY SUBSECTION 130-33 ENTITLED "SCHEDULE VIII: STOP INTERSECTIONS"

Yocum opened the meeting to the public for questions of comments specific to proposed Ordinance 15-14 and seeing no one come forward, he closed the public portion of the meeting.

Motion: Dunham, second Birmingham

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

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ORDINANCE 17-14: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 16-11 ESTABLISHING SALARIES, HOLIDAYS, BENEFITS AND CERTAIN JOB REGULATIONS OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF JEFFERSON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Yocum opened the meeting to the public for questions of comments specific to proposed Ordinance 17-14 and seeing no one come forward, he closed the public portion of the meeting.

Motion: Birmingham, second Dunham

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

Council Reports

Birmingham reported that he attended the graduation ceremony for the Junior Police Academy. Birmingham commented that it was wonderful to see so many young people complete the program.

Dunham said he was able to attend the Junior Police Academy graduation and it was a very well attended event. Dunham reported that he attended the Planning Board meeting. Merz inquired if the Planning Board was working on the Master Plan. Dunham said that the topic of the meeting was the Sun Valley property and Lot Line Adjustments.

Merz commented that the Council has always been very supportive of the Amphitheatre at Camp Jefferson and she is fortunate to have a season pass this year to the concert series. Merz said that the concerts are excellent and very well attended.

Merz reported on last week's meeting of the Liquor License Committee for the transfer of the Windlass License. Merz said that the new owner has not reported any major changes with the structure and the sub-committee does not recommend any restrictions. The new owners are familiar with the town.

Yocum reported that he attended the Junior Police Academy Graduation Ceremony and for the last several years he has been an instructor for the Academy as well as for several other Junior Academies as a representative of the NJSPCA. Yocum said he feels that these programs foster relationships and good will for the town and the youth that participate in them.

Yocum asked the Administration about the exit from Route 15 North onto Berkshire Valley Road and the collapsing catch basin in that area. Yocum said he is not sure if this is the responsibility of the NJ DOT or the County, however, it must be addressed because it is dangerous. Leach said he will contact the DOT tomorrow.

Merz said that due to the recent suicide of actor, Robin Williams, the Mental Health Project in Jefferson, CONNECT, at the next meeting would like the Council to adopt a Resolution for Jefferson declaring it a, "Stigma-Free Town". Merz said that in light of the notoriety that this particular suicide brings to this issue and the fact that the issue has no barriers. The stigma attached to mental health needs to be removed. Mental Health problems and Depression does not have to end in suicide.

Administrative Reports of Mayor and Administrator

Leach reported that the Council Chambers renovations are underway and that the new Council Dais was Phase One. Phase Two will begin with the work on the walls.

Leach reported that a representative from the NJ DOT contacted his office and a meeting was arranged to discuss the Route 15 and Berkshire Valley Road Intersection.

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The DOT has hired an engineering company and a short term and long term plan is being outlined for the intersection. The DOT will first look into the re-programming of the traffic light. Leach said that the DOT took suggestions from the Township during the meeting. Leach advised that the town may have some monetary responsibility for the work and at that point, the town should approach the County. Right now, these plans are all just concepts.

Leach reported that the Solid Waste Committee had a meeting to discuss the Garbage Contract which is over next year. Leach commented that there will be a trial of the one garbage pickup day on the upcoming Holiday week. The instant alert system will be used to advise the residents about the Holiday pickup schedule.

Yocum commented about the success of the Honeywell Alert System and he asked if that System should be re-advertised so more residents can sign up. Leach said more information will be included in an upcoming mailing along with the recycling schedule.

Leach commented that some residents were upset about notices that were sent out regarding failure to put out recycling. Leach said that this was part of an Enforcement Program. Some residents may be taking their recycling directly to the Recycling Center. The next step in the Enforcement Program would be for the hauler to tag garbage bags that contain recyclables.

Birmingham commented on the section of Berkshire Valley Road that is in front of Jefferson Chase. Birmingham asked if that area of the Road is on the County's list for repavement. Leach said he knows of no plans for repaving at this time. Leach said he will obtain a paving schedule.

Dunham commented on the recent outage in the town and he thanked the JCP&L representative, who was present this evening, for the quick response.

Miscellaneous/Public Portion

No one came forward.

New Business

Approval of Application for Survey of Gypsy Moth Egg Masses

(84-A)

Leach explained that there is no cost for this Survey to be completed. The Council approved the application and asked that the application be forwarded to the Department of Agriculture.

Resolutions

Resolution #14-80: Annual Renewal of Plenary Retail Consumption License For Licensing Term 2014-15

(84-B)

Motion: Merz, second Dunham

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

Resolution #14-81: Requesting the Morris County Clerk to Submit a Non-Binding Referendum to the Voters of the Township of Jefferson at the General Election to be Held on November 4, 2014

(84-C)

Motion: Dunham, second Birmingham

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

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Resolution #14-82: Authorizing Mayor and Township Clerk to Execute Land Use Agreement Between the White Rock Association Inc. and the Township of Jefferson for Property Known as Lot 16, Block 452.04, 42 White Rock Boulevard for the period June 1, 2014 through May 31, 2016 **(85-A)**

Motion: Birmingham, second Dunham

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

Resolution #14-83: Person to Person Transfer from The Windlass Inc. to The Rusty Cleat LLC of Plenary Retail Consumption License 1414-33-031-002 **(85-B)**

Motion: Merz, second Dunham

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

Resolution #14-84: Approval of Bills **(85-C)**

Motion: Birmingham, second Dunham

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

Motion to Approve:

P O No. 14-01905 Headley Lumber - \$186.56

P O No. 14-02090 Headley Lumber - \$253.55

P O No. 14-02213 Headley Lumber - \$109.33

P O No. 14-02229 Headley Lumber - \$662.12

Motion: Birmingham, second Yocum

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

Resolution #14-85: Authorize Passage of Consent Agenda **(85-D)**

Motion: Merz, second Dunham

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

Miscellaneous/Public Portion

No one came forward.

Dunham asked the Administration for an updated report on the Township Drainage work and Leach said that he will provide one next week. Dunham asked if the work on the Water's Edge Sewerage Plant will be done this year or next year and Leach said that the final permits have not been received.

Merz expressed her concern as a Councilwoman on the untimely passing of former Morris County Clerk, Joan Bramhall. Merz announced that she learned that there will be a Memorial Service some time in September and she hoped that all could attend.

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Adjournment at 7:40 p.m.

Motion: Merz, second Birmingham

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

Dated: August 13, 2014

Attested:

Approved:

Lori Harvin, Township Clerk

Richard W. Yocum, President