

JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

Regular Meeting

September 21, 2011

Municipal Building, Council Chambers

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Roll Call

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

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

Salute to the Flag

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

Notice of Presiding Officer

President Yocum said, "This Regular Council meeting for September 21, 2011, commencing at 8:00 p.m. has been properly noticed in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act by notice to the official newspapers of the Township on September 15, 2011."

Jefferson Township Emergency Services Appreciation

Yocum called forward Michael and Maura Ollo and representatives from the Jefferson Township Police, Fire Companies 1 and 2; Jefferson Rescue Squad and Milton Rescue Squad. Maura Ollo read a short statement explaining their daughter's recent serious accident. Michael Ollo said their family would like to express their thanks for the services and skill extended to their family by the Jefferson Township Emergency Services in the rescue of their daughter. Ollo stated that the family will be giving a year of respite services to the Paterson Department of Persons with Disabilities in the name of the Jefferson Township Emergency Services as a thank you. Scott Milliken of the Department of Persons with Disabilities was present to accept the gift.

Resolution and Proclamation Recognizing Retirement of Viola Urban

(88-A)

Yocum asked Viola to come forward and Felter read the Proclamation congratulating her and presented her with flowers. Yocum read the Resolution recognizing her retirement. Yocum presented Viola with a Township pin, pen and a gift from the Administration and Council.

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

September 7, 2011 Regular All Members Present

Motion: Merz, second Sanchelli

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

Closed Session Minutes for Approval Only, Not for Release

September 7, 2011 All Members Present

Motion: Sanchelli, second Dunham

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

Council Reports

- Schedule Special Joint Meeting with Board of Education Committee on 10/5/11 at 6:30 p.m.

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Motion: Birmingham, second Sanchelli

Birmingham asked if the Agenda for this Special Meeting is open for any issues to be added and Yocum said yes, if any Council members have items for the Agenda, they should be forwarded to the Clerk's Office.

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

Dunham reported that he attended the Library Board meeting on Monday afternoon.

Birmingham reported that he attended the Morris County League of Municipalities meeting this evening. Bob Martin the DEP Commissioner spoke at the meeting about the streamlining of the department. Fire Department No. 2 brought the new fire boat and did a rescue demonstration on Lake Hopatcong. Birmingham commented on the quick action the Police and DPW took to open Berkshire Valley Road when Weldon Road was closed last week because of an accident. Their quick action averted a traffic disaster during the school bus route hours.

Merz commented that there have been several terrible accidents over the last several weeks. Merz said that Jefferson Township has a very good program in place for employees to address the lingering emotional affects of dealing with these type of events. Merz reported the Historical Society will be running the Ghosts of Jefferson program during the first week of October to commemorate historical people from Jefferson's past. Merz reported that Jersey Battered Women's Services (JBWS) is hosting an event on October 4 for its 35th anniversary.

Yocum reported that he has been invited to speak in Mercer County to a group of prosecutors and detectives about domestic violence as an elected official and as an animal control officer.

Sanchelli said the League meeting was very entertaining and informative. Sanchelli reported that he attended the meeting for the haunted house event to be held at Camp Jefferson during the Fall Festival on October 22 and 23.

Administrative Reports of Mayor and Administrator

Mayor Felter had no report this evening.

Leach reported that the dilapidated building on Berkshire Valley Road across from Taylor Road has been demolished and removed. Leach said former Mayor Slayton has been tracking the efforts to have this building removed. After years of efforts and the assistance of Senator Bucco who went to Commissioner Martin, the building was finally removed.

Leach reported that a survey was done yesterday with the natural gas company representative to investigate bringing natural gas service to the business area of Milton. Right now the gas ends at the St. Thomas strip mall with the last business hook up being Portofinos. A cost analysis will be done now.

Miscellaneous/Public Portion

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

Anne Augustyn of 41 Paderewski Road came forward and said she is concerned by the lack of signage on the Milton side of town.

Augustyn said the foliage at the end of Dover Milton Road at Berkshire Valley Road is overgrown and is causing a sight problem. Leach said he will have it taken care of.

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Yocum closed the public portion of the meeting.

New Business

- Review/Discussion Energy Audit

(90-A)

Leach explained that three buildings were examined in the energy audit; the Municipal Building, the Moosepac Sewer Plant and the White Rock Sewer Plant. Leach detailed the recommendations for the Municipal Building including; replacement of lighting and occupancy sensors for a cost of \$39,200. This project is eligible for \$23,500 in incentives and the payback would be 1.3 years. The Municipal Building was also recommended for a Smart Thermostat with web control at a cost of \$7,000. The potential incentive is \$4,200 and the payback is 1 year. White Rock Sewer Plant recommendations include new lighting for a savings of \$1,000; new motors for a savings of \$3,600; a new hot water heater for a savings of \$3,600 and replacement of the window AC unit for a savings of \$200.00. The Moosepac Sewer Plant recommendation was installation of a premium efficiency motor for a savings of \$1,800.

Leach explained that 25 percent of the recommended improvements must be completed in 2012 or the energy audit grant money has to be paid back. The town must partner with an energy company to work on the incentives.

Resolutions

Resolution #11-73: Approval of Bills

(90-B)

Motion: Sanchelli, second Birmingham

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

Payment of Purchase Order #11-02992 – List on 10/5/11 Bills List as Pre-Approved

Motion: Sanchelli, second Merz

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

Payment of Purchase Order #11-02788 – List on 10/5/11 Bills List as Pre-Approved

Motion: Sanchelli, second Merz

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

Resolution #11-74: Authorize Passage of Consent Agenda

(90-C)

Motion: Birmingham, second Yocum

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

Miscellaneous/Public Portion

No one came forward.

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Adjournment at 8:45 p.m.

Motion: Sanchelli, second Merz

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

Dated: September 21, 2011

Attested:

Approved:

Lori Harvin, Township Clerk

Richard W. Yocum, Council President