

JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

Regular Meeting

September 3, 2014

Municipal Building, Council Chambers

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Roll Call

Present

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

Absent

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

Salute to the Flag

President Yocum asked Eagle Scout Doyle to lead everyone in the salute to the flag.

Notice of Presiding Officer

Yocum said, "This Regular Council meeting for September 3, 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 28, 2014."

Marine Aaron Alonso Entered the Council Meeting

Yocum announced that Marine Aaron Alonso has entered the meeting and all those present stood in his honor.

Resolution and Proclamation for Eagle Scout Recipient: Nolan Christopher Doyle (87-A)

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

Resolution for a Stigma-Free Town

(87-B)

Yocum read the Resolution recognizing Jefferson Township's commitment to be a mental health, stigma-free town and he presented the Resolution to the members of CONNECT.

Presentation of Donations to the Alonso Family

Yocum asked Aaron Alonso to come forward along with his parents, Debbie and Dave, and his brother in law.

- **Morris County Young Republicans**

A presentation was made by the members of the Morris County Young Republicans to the Alonso family of \$5,500 from a fundraiser that was organized by their membership. The Club members explained that they wanted to thank Aaron for his service.

Aaron said that he would like to thank everyone for all that has been done for him. Aaron said he would like to be able to reach out and give back to the town. Aaron spoke about the CONNECT group in town and the importance of addressing depression problems. Aaron then spoke about leadership and moral character and he congratulated Nolan on the achievement of his Eagle Scout Award.

- **The American Legion Post 423 Ladies Auxiliary**

The American Legion Post 423, Ladies Auxiliary, came forward; Diana Darko, Bibi Lakhicharran, Andrea Drizyzga and Legion member, Mike Drzyzga. Diana Darko from the American Legion Auxiliary said that May is the Auxiliary's National Poppy Promotion. Each year all of the proceeds go to the Veterans. Darko said that this year,

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a decision was made that the proceeds from the Poppy Promotion should be donated to Aaron. The presentation was made on behalf of the American Post Family Post 423.

Diana Darko announced that on October 25 the Auxiliary participates in their National Make a Difference Day and the Morris County Auxiliary will be donating to the local food banks.

Yocum thanked the Auxiliary for their service.

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

August 13, 2014 Regular Sanchelli Absent

Motion: Dunham, second Merz

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

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

ORDINANCE 16-14: ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR CERTAIN PROPERTIES LOCATED ALONG ROUTE 15 IN THE TOWNSHIP OF JEFFERSON, AND AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 14-11, ESTABLISHING THE REDEVELOPMENT AREA-3 ZONING DISTRICT (RA-3), BY ADDING THE PROPERTIES INCLUDED IN THIS ORDINANCE TO THE RA-3 ZONE. CHAPTER 490 OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF JEFFERSON IS AMENDED TO INCLUDE THE PROPERTIES IN THIS ORDINANCE IN THE RA-3 ZONE; AND AMENDING CHAPTER 490-8, THE ZONING MAP IS OFFERED FOR ADOPTION ON SECOND READING AND FINAL HEARING

Yocum opened the meeting to the public for questions of comments specific to proposed Ordinance 16-14 and seeing no one come forward, he closed the public portion of the meeting.

Motion: Dunham, second Sanchelli

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

Council Reports

- Motion: Change Start Time of September 17, 2014 meeting from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Motion: Yocum, second Birmingham

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

Sanchelli reported that he has just returned to work this week after recuperating from his surgery.

Merz had no report this evening.

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Birmingham inquired about the drainage work scheduled for Berkshire Valley Road and Sanchelli said that the work has begun up higher on the mountain. Felter said that the off-road improvements have begun. Craig said that the traffic will always be maintained and he does not anticipate any lane closures until late September. Birmingham commented that Lower Berkshire Valley Road looks very nice. Birmingham said that he had the opportunity to ride on the loop road that was completed over behind the High School. It should bring about a tremendous change in the traffic at the High School. Birmingham said that the turf field looks great also. Felter said that the base will be down tomorrow and Field Turf will be in Monday or Tuesday to start laying the carpet.

Dunham had no report.

Yocum said he would like to talk about the building and the old picnic grounds at the American Legion in Milton because they are in disrepair. Yocum said that he deals with many Legions in New Jersey and many of them, because of aging membership and lacking funds, have buildings that are somewhat deteriorated. Yocum said that he attended an event at the American Legion a few months ago and he went around the back of the building and the tables are broken, the fire pit is overgrown and the building needs paint. Yocum said he is not sure if the answer is putting together a committee or putting together a group of volunteers. Merz commented that these are good Eagle Scout projects. Yocum said that the leadership Legion would need to be brought in on the meeting to map out the things that need to be done. Felter said that the same assistance was offered to the Legion in Lake Hopatcong on Memorial Day. Felter commented that the Park Commission has Eagle Scouts approaching all the time for project ideas. Yocum asked Felter to set up a meeting with the leadership of both Legions to put a plan in place. Yocum said this would be a great Township Project.

Administrative Reports of Mayor and Administrator

- Mayor's Appointment with Advice & Consent of Council
John Cesaro, Esq., as Public Defender, One Year Term, Expiring 12/31/14

Motion: Birmingham, second Sanchelli

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

Felter reported that there is another Alonso Fundraiser on Sunday at Lake Shawnee.

OEM Report/Superstorm Sandy Recap

(89-A)

Deputy Chief Craig said he would like to thank the Council for their support of the Annual Jr. Police Academy. This year 58 recruits of middle school aged children successfully completed the program. Craig reported that on August 5, the National Night Out Program was held at the Municipal Complex and it was very well attended by the residents. Craig reported that he and the Chief met with the School Administration, the Superintendent and the Assistant Superintendent last week and updated security policies were signed. Officer Hale and Officer Rodriguez will continue their duties at the school this year. Craig reported that Traffic Officer Davis will concentrate his efforts for the next few weeks on the bus stops. Four new police cars were delivered earlier this year; two are fully equipped and are currently on patrol, one is at DPW for final prep and one is at Atlantic Communications to have radios installed. Craig reported that Lt. Conrad has been accepted to the FBI National Academy to a Leadership Course offered to Law Enforcement. Craig said that due to the increasing number of narcotic overdoses all over the Country, Morris County Prosecutor's Office has signed up for a Narcan Program and Sgt. Bush is going for training. This is a nasal spray which helps with the effects of narcotic overdoses. Once Sgt. Bush returns, each patrol car will be equipped.

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Craig referred to his report of Emergency Management and reimbursements from FEMA. The total reimbursements from FEMA over the last five years has been \$817,149 and Craig said that he has to recognize Ed Mangold who has been working on this almost full time.

Dunham thanked Craig on his work with Emergency Management and he asked Craig to extend his thanks to Ed Mangold for all his efforts.

Birmingham said he has a comment on the Junior Police Academy. Birmingham said that he knows that the Program has grown and the students who are participating are entering the Middle School. Birmingham asked about the possibility of expanding the program. Craig said if someone is very interested and cannot get in the program, they are put on the top of the list for the next year.

Miscellaneous/Public Portion

Yocum opened the meeting up to the public for questions and comments. Robert Caruso of 30 Brady Boulevard came forward. Caruso commented that he is concerned about the property taxes. Yocum suggested that Caruso look at surrounding comparable towns and the rate of services. Yocum said that the way to be part of the process and to have your voice heard is to attend some of the Budget meetings. Yocum explained that items are removed from the Budget during those meetings.

Caruso asked about the dump trucks at Weldon Quarry working at 5:15 and 5:30 in the morning and then moving on Route 15 from Pathmark all the way down to Route 80 all across three lanes of traffic doing 5 mph. Deputy Chief Craig said that he will speak with Officer Davis this week about the issue.

Yocum closed the public portion of the meeting.

New Business

- Animal Control Ordinance: Request Council Representative for Committee

Yocum advised that the Administration has asked for a Council representative for a committee to prepare an Animal Control Ordinance. Councilman Sanchelli has volunteered for the committee.

Ordinances for First Reading:

ORDINANCE 19-14: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF JEFFERSON AND TO CREATE ARTICLE XI ENTITLED "HIGHLANDS REGIONAL REQUIREMENTS" FOR THE PURPOSE TO UPDATE PUBLIC NOTICE AND SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS AND INCORPORATE HIGHLANDS COUNCIL CALL-UP PROVISIONS FOR APPLICATIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT IN THE HIGHLANDS PRESERVATION AREA IS OFFERED FOR ADOPTION ON FIRST READING WITH SECOND READING AND FINAL HEARING SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 15, 2014

Motion: Sanchelli, second Merz

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

ORDINANCE 20-14: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF JEFFERSON AND TO CREATE SECTION 490-58 ENTITLED "TOWNSHIP OF JEFFERSON HIGHLANDS PRESERVATION AREA EXEMPTION ORDINANCE" IS OFFERED FOR ADOPTION ON FIRST

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READING WITH SECOND READING AND FINAL HEARING
SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 15, 2014

Motion: Merz, second Sanchelli

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

Resolutions

Resolution #14-86: Authorizing the Sale of 2001 GMC Vacuum Truck to the Borough of Hopatcong **(91-A)**

Motion: Dunham, second Sanchelli

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

Resolution #14-87: Renewal of Plenary Retail Consumption License for Licensing Term 2013-14 and 2014-15 for Espanong Investment Corp., License No. 1414-33-021-010 **(91-B)**

Motion: Merz, second Yocum

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

Resolution #14-88: Approval of Bills **(91-C)**

Motion: Merz, second Dunham

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

Motion to Approve:

P O No. 14-02233 Headley Lumber - \$898.00

Motion: Merz, second Dunham

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

Motion to Approve:

P O No. 14-02593 Milton Tri-PTA - \$500.00

Motion: Dunham, second Birmingham

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

Resolution #14-89: Authorize Passage of Consent Agenda **(91-D)**

Motion: Birmingham, second Dunham

Mr. Dunham	Aye
Mrs. Merz	Aye

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Mr. Sanchelli	Aye
Vice President Birmingham	Aye
President Yocum	Aye

Resolution #14-90: Executive Session: Clerk's Office Personnel

(92-A)

Motion: Sanchelli, second Dunham

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

Miscellaneous/Public Portion

No one came forward.

Adjournment at 8:50 p.m.

Motion: Birmingham, second Dunham

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

Dated: September 3, 2014

Attested:

Approved:

Lori Harvin, Township Clerk

Richard W. Yocum, President