

JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

Regular Meeting

September 4, 2013

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Roll Call

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

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

Salute to the Flag

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

Notice of Presiding Officer

Council Vice President Sanchelli said, "This Regular Council meeting for September 4, 2013, 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 29, 2013."

Consent Agenda Resolution Item No. 5

Resolution: Authorizing Contracts with Certain Approved State Contract Vendors for Contracting Units Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12a to enter into a Contract in an Amount Not to Exceed \$344,345.18 with Pierce Manufacturing, Inc., State Contract T-8035, A83457 to purchase a 2014 Pierce Custom Pumper, Model 710 plus Options (Cert Avail Funds)

Motion: Merz, second Birmingham

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

Mayor Felter arrived at 7:11 p.m.

Proclamation to Declare and Support National Ovarian Cancer Awareness for the Month of September

Merz read and presented the Proclamation to Declare and Support National Ovarian Cancer Awareness for the Month of September to Janet Boetticher as a member of the support team. Merz presented bracelets and informational cards that will be distributed throughout the town to raise awareness of the symptoms of Ovarian Cancer.

Proclamation to Declare September 8-14, 2013 National Suicide Prevention Week – Changing Minds About Mental Health

Mayor Felter read the Proclamation declaring the week of September 8 through 14th National Suicide Prevention Week and it was presented to Janet Boetticher and Councilwoman Merz as members of Connect. Merz commented on the importance of education and awareness of mental health. Merz announced that Connect will host a table at the Library and Municipal Building with literature and information.

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

August 14, 2013 Regular Meeting Vice President Sanchelli Absent

Motion: Dunham, second Birmingham

Mr. Dunham	Aye
Mrs. Merz	Aye

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Mr. Birmingham	Aye
Vice President Sanchelli	Not Voting
President Yocum	Absent

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

ORDINANCE #13-13: ORDINANCE VACATING A PORTION OF CHABON COURT, IN THE TOWNSHIP OF JEFFERSON, COUNTY OF MORRIS AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY IS OFFERED FOR ADOPTION ON SECOND READING AND FINAL HEARING

Sanchelli opened the meeting up to the public for questions or comments specific to proposed Ordinance 13-13 and seeing no one come forward, he closed the public portion of the meeting.

Motion: Dunham, second Merz

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

ORDINANCE #14-13: ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF WELDON ROAD AND VARIOUS LOCATIONS FOR THE JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION BY THE TOWNSHIP OF JEFFERSON, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY, AND APPROPRIATING \$500,000 THEREFOR FROM THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION GRANT AND FROM BOARD OF EDUCATION MONIES THROUGH A SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT IS OFFERED FOR ADOPTION ON SECOND READING AND FINAL HEARING

Sanchelli opened the meeting up to the public for questions or comments specific to proposed Ordinance 14-13 and seeing no one come forward, he closed the public portion of the meeting.

Motion: Dunham, second Merz

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

Council Reports

Birmingham reported that the Morris County League of Municipalities will be holding a meeting on September 18 at the Lake Hopatcong Yacht Club. Fire Company No. 2 will be doing a Fire Boat demonstration from the water.

Birmingham asked the Administration about the reverse electric auction for tomorrow. Leach said that Eagen has sent out an email with the details to log in to watch the auction which will be held tomorrow at 11:00 a.m. Leach said that an increase is expected. JCP&L's rate is 9.6 and that is going to increase in January. Leach said there will be an increase but the town still expects a substantial savings. Birmingham asked about the residents and Leach said that will be the second phase after the Municipal auction is completed. The residents will be contacted with the information.

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Dunham reported that he attended the Milton First Aid Squad's Open House a few weeks ago. Dunham said he attended the funeral for Fireman Paul Shaller. Dunham commented on the comradeship displayed among the firemen who paid tribute to Paul Shaller. ⁸²

Dunham thanked the Administration for clearing out the lot at the corner of Dover Milton Road and Berkshire Valley Road. Leach said that it was a Girl Scout Project. Dunham said that he appreciates it and the job was very well done.

Dunham said that he noticed that the drainage project on Notch Road is being worked on and it looks like it will be completed shortly. Dunham asked if the Department will be sticking with the plan that was submitted. Leach said he will provide the Council with an update.

Merz commented on the horrific accident that recently occurred on Route 15 and she complemented everyone who responded to the scene. Merz said that she heard of the immediate response and how everything was done exactly by the book. Felter said he had a meeting with the Rescue Squad people and he was at the scene that day for about an hour. Felter said he saw how professionally everyone worked. Merz asked Felter if the emergency personnel are debriefed after there are these types of events. Felter said there is an Apollo Team that gets together to go over the event. Merz said she would like to thank the rescue and fire personnel for all their sacrifice and all the time they devote to their service.

Merz reported that she and Sanchelli were able to complete their visits and review of liquor license establishments with outdoor dining facilities. Merz said that she compiled a preliminary report and that she and Sanchelli are working on a recommendation for the full Council and Administration.

Sanchelli reported that his son is now in college.

Administrative Report of Mayor and Administrator

Felter reported that over the next month a public awareness campaign will begin for the Rescue Squads and the Fire Department for new members.

Leach said that a few months back there was a discussion about the Open Space and the Recreation Trust Funds. After research it was verified that the referendums were non-binding and the Recreation Trust Fund also allows for the purchase of property. Leach said he is waiting for a report from Cohen.

Leach reported that the Town will be receiving a used school bus from the Board of Education which will be used for the Recreation Department.

Leach reported that the project to complete the bridge over Weldon Road is finishing up.

Miscellaneous/Public Portion

Sanchelli opened the meeting up to the public.

Deborah Millikin of 37 Canal Crossing came forward. Millikin said she would like to thank the Council, Administrator Leach and Harvin for the work done to vacate the portion of Chabon Court. Millikin explained that they work to maintain the property and they look forward to having it be part of their property.

Sanchelli closed the public portion of the meeting.

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Resolution

Resolution #13-63: Person to Person Transfer of Liquor License No. 1414-33-002-006, CDZ Properties, LLC to VGB Group, LLC

(83-A)

Motion: Merz, second Dunham

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

New Business

Request: Deed of Easement /Septic Easement on Block 153/Lot 10: Figdore, 56 East Shore Road, Block 153/Lot 9

Leach explained the request for the Deed of Easement for a septic system on Block 153, Lot 10 has been made by Figdore of 56 East Shore Road, Block 153, Lot 9, due to a failing septic system. An engineering report was received by the Health Department which shows no location for a septic on Lot 9. Due to the Public Health Safety issue, the request has been made for the Septic Easement on Lot 10. The Council was in agreement to send the metes and bounds description for the Deed of Easement/Septic Easement to the Township Attorney. Leach said that when Lot 10 is put up for auction to adjoining property owners, it will be sold with the Easement.

Ordinances for First Reading:

ORDINANCE #15-13: ORDINANCE VACATING A PORTION OF MASON STREET, IN THE TOWNSHIP OF JEFFERSON, COUNTY OF MORRIS AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY IS OFFERED FOR ADOPTION ON FIRST READING WITH SECOND READING AND FINAL HEARING SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 25, 2013

Motion: Dunham, second Birmingham

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

Resolutions:

Resolution #13-71: Approval of Bills

(83-B)

Motion: Merz, second Dunham

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

Motion: Approve Purchase Orders for Headley Lumber:

P O 13-02441 - \$261.35

P O 13-02552 - \$4.99

P O 13-02572 - \$400.26

Motion: Merz, second Dunham

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

Resolution #13-72: Authorize Passage of Consent Agenda Item No.5 Removed

(83-C)

Motion: Dunham, second Birmingham

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

Miscellaneous/Public Portion

No one came forward.

Birmingham commented on a property maintenance issue at the Inn at Jefferson Square and Leach said he will have Code Enforcement inspect.

Merz reported on a burned out structure on Mason Street. Leach explained that in many cases there are situations with properties that are bank owned. Leach said he will have someone check on the property.

Sanchelli announced that the next meeting is September 25 at 6:00 p.m. with the Morris County Freeholders holding a meeting afterward at 8:00 p.m. in Jefferson Township.

Adjournment at 7:50 p.m.

Motion: Dunham, second Sanchelli

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

Dated: September 4, 2013

Attested:

Approved:

Lori Harvin, Township Clerk

Richard W. Yocum, Council President