

JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

Regular Meeting

September 5, 2012

Municipal Building, Council Chambers

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Roll Call

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

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

Notice of Presiding Officer

President Yocum said, "This Regular Council meeting for September 5, 2012, 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 30, 2012."

Salute to the Flag

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

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

(86-A)

Council Vice President Merz asked Kristine Wilsusen to come forward as the Health Educator for Jefferson Township. Merz read the Proclamation for National Ovarian Cancer Awareness for the Month of September. Wilsusen and Merz presented teal ribbons to be distributed and displayed throughout the Township.

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

August 15, 2012 Regular Meeting All Members Present

Motion: Sanchelli, second Dunham

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

Council Reports

Merz had no report this evening.

Dunham reported that he attended the Open Space Dedication, the PSE&G pre-construction meeting, and the funeral for Officer Muller's father. Dunham reported that he was able to attend a conference call with the Administrator, the Health Department and DEP officials concerning the changes to the regulations on Septic Systems.

Birmingham had no report this evening.

Sanchelli reported that he attended the Eagle Scout Ceremony for Connor Masticola last week. Sanchelli said he was able to attend the last day of the summer camp where he and the Mayor cooked. The day camp was very well organized and it was a great summer. Sanchelli said he would like to see upgrades done to the kitchen at the camp.

Yocum reported that he was fortunate to be in New Orleans last week on a work-related matter and during that time he was able to schedule some time with several animal rescue groups in the area. Yocum commented that the coordination efforts and programs that are in place to move animals to areas that are safe during storms are very impressive.

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Administrative Reports of Mayor and Administrator

Leach reported that the 9/11 Memorial is under construction and being coordinated by Jonathan Dobbs an Eagle Scout candidate along with Bill Scenic Landscaping.

Leach reported that the target date for the light at Rt. 15 North and Bowling Green Parkway is October 2.

Leach reported that there was a preconstruction meeting with PSE&G on upgrade to the powerlines. As a result of that meeting there is a Resolution for the Agreements for the access roads which reimburses the Township for any costs and equipment that is needed for the project. The portion of the project in Jefferson is part of the first phase to be completed. On October 1 the lines will be de-energized, the existing cables will come down, the new towers will go up and the new lines must be operational in that section by May 1. Leach reported that the original plan was to use monopoles through Jefferson, however, now lattice towers are being used.

Leach reported that the link for PSE&G/powerline project and the phone number will be posted on the Township website beginning tomorrow. All Township employees will be instructed to refer any questions to that website or phone number to get the information from PSE&G.

Leach reported that the Tax Assessor has prepared a memo on the status of the compliance plan. Leach said the plan is to complete enough inspections this year for 2013 adjustments and continue the program. In 2013 the plan should equalize the town.

(87-A)

Leach reported on the County-wide effort to gather food to restock the shelves of the Interfaith Food Pantry Program, McMatch. Rhinesmith will be running the program in Jefferson.

Miscellaneous/Public Portion

No one came forward.

New Business

- Deed of Easement: DiCastro Request/Block 497/Lot 1

Yocum reported that this request concerns a property that requires a Deed of Easement to install/repair a septic system. Reports have been received from Engineering, Zoning and Health Departments. Mr. Cohen has also been involved in this matter and the recommendation is that this request is approved. Leach explained that the right-of-way is the buffer between the Cozy Lake Community and the County Golf Course.

Motion: Approve Deed of Easement Preparation

Motion: Merz, second Sanchelli

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

- Outdoor Gathering Permit/Garden State Wakeoff: Wakeboard Competition, September 15, 2012 (Fire, Police, Health)

Motion: Sanchelli, second Birmingham

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

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Resolution

Resolution #12-75: Capital Budget Amendment

(88-A)

Motion: Birmingham, second Sanchelli

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

Ordinances For First Reading:

ORDINANCE #16-12: BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF HOLLAND MOUNTAIN ROAD IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF JEFFERSON, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$180,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$171,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP FOR FINANCING SUCH APPROPRIATION IS OFFERED FOR ADOPTION ON FIRST READING WITH SECOND READING AND FINAL HEARING SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 19, 2012

Motion: Dunham, second Sanchelli

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

Resolutions

Resolution #12-76: Approval of Bills

(88-B)

Motion: Merz, second Sanchelli

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

Motion to Approve:

PO 12-02455 Headley Lumber Co. - \$82.39

Motion: Yocum, second Merz

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

Motion to Approve:

PO12-02332 Jinxx Entertainment - \$300.00

PO 12-02333 Colleen Scanlon - \$500.00

Motion: Yocum, second Birmingham

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

Resolution #12-77: Authorize Passage of Consent Agenda

(88-C)

Motion: Sanchelli, second Dunham

Mr. Dunham	Aye
Mr. Sanchelli	Aye

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Mr. Birmingham	Aye
Vice President Merz	Aye
President Yocum	Aye

Miscellaneous/Public Portion

No one came forward.

Adjournment at 7:26 p.m.

Motion: Sanchelli, second Dunham

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

Dated: September 5, 2012

Attested:

Approved:

Lori Harvin, Township Clerk

Richard W. Yocum, Council President