

JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

Regular Meeting

September 8, 2010

Municipal Building, Council Chambers

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Roll Call

Present	Absent
Mr. Dunham	
Mrs. Merz	
Mr. Birmingham	
Vice President Sanchelli	
President Yocum	
Kevin Hahn, 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 President Yocum asked everyone to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Notice of Presiding Officer

Council President Yocum said, "This Regular Council meeting of September 8, 2010, 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 September 2, 2010."

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

Felter asked Merz to present the Proclamation in Support of National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month. Merz read the Proclamation and commented that all residents are encouraged to pick up a teal ribbon to display on their property during the month of September.

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings

August 11, 2010 Regular Meeting All Members Present

Closed Session Minutes for Approval Only, Not for Release

August 11, 2010 Executive Session All Members Present

Motion: Birmingham, second Sanchelli

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

Council Reports

Birmingham complimented the paving work that was completed on Espanong and Weldon Roads. Birmingham then commented on how pleased he was with the drainage work being done on Chinopee, Schwartz and Brady Roads.

Birmingham commented that the Hazardous Waste Drop Off Day is coming up on November 7 at the DPW. Birmingham asked the Administration to look into the possibility of incorporating tires into the Drop Off Day. Leach said he will check on this tomorrow. Birmingham then reported that there are many senior citizens and disabled individuals who cannot make the arrangements to transport larger electronic items to the DPW for the Drop Off Day. Birmingham and Dunham offered to pick up this equipment prior to the Drop Off Day. Sanchelli offered his services also. The Clerk's Office was asked to contact the Dial-A-Ride and Senior Center to let individuals know that this service would be available.

Dunham reported that he would also like to compliment the DPW on the paving work being completed on Weldon and Espanong Roads. Dunham reported that he had the occasion to travel through the DPW garage and there is a major cleanup and organization of equipment going on.

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Dunham thanked the Administration and his fellow Council members for all the help and support over the past couple weeks.

Sanchelli had no report this evening.

Merz report that she has just welcomed her eighth grandchild into the family.

Merz commented that there was an issue with accidents on an area of Route 15 by the jug handle and the Administration and Police Department have taken measures to resolve the situation. Leach commented that barrels and signs have been placed at the location and now permission is being sought from the highway department for more striping.

Merz reported that the Council and Township Officials were invited to the dedication of the 2nd Lt. John T. Wroblewski Pyrotechnics Research and Technology Complex this afternoon. Merz that it was an outstanding dedication with excellent speakers.

Merz next reported on the Liquor License Committee's meeting with the owners of the Jefferson Diner regarding the proposed expansion of premises transfer. There will be no package goods sales. Merz said the owners are very conscious about the location for the sale of alcohol in the new section and the time for the sale of alcohol to maintain the family atmosphere in the diner. Each side of the establishment will have a separate entrance. This property is going before the Planning Board next Tuesday. The Council reviewed the floor plan for the expansion.

Yocum reported that he met with a couple members of the Jefferson Arts Committee to discuss potential changes and the revitalization of Jefferson Day. Yocum asked Dunham to join him on a Council Committee to continue to meet with the Jefferson Arts Committee to discuss the changes to Jefferson Day. The Council is supportive of Jefferson Day which has been handled by a small group of volunteers. It is an important event for the Township.

Administrative Reports of Mayor and Administrator

Felter reported that there is property owned by the Township, County and State located within the Township. A Trail Program is being started to connect this property and volunteers are being asked to help with the Trails Committees. Felter explained that the work will begin in Prospect Point Preserve near Lake Forest Beach. Felter referred to a map of the area with trails outlined. The property is roughly 300 acres. Felter pointed out trail head areas and points where trails will be accessed and blazed. The main parking lot will be on Prospect Point Road. Felter explained that the Administration will be applying for a National Trails Grant as part of the process. Felter said that Liffy Island is included in the trail plans. The Lake level will drop again in 2013 and at that time, the permits will be applied for to build a boardwalk to Liffy Island.

Felter reported that a second part of the Trail Program will start by Oak Ridge Park with walking trails across the dam up to the mountain. The trail can continue along the ridge and above the golf course, with a possible trail over to Craigmere. Felter said a trail will also be proposed from the old A&P site to Water's Edge along Chamberlain Road.

Leach reported that paving will begin again around October 4 or 5 and then again around the last week in October. This will complete all the paving projects for the year. In the meantime, the main focus of the Road Department has been catchbasin repair.

Birmingham asked about the parking for the Prospect Point Park and Leach said the main place to park would be on Prospect Point Road. Felter said the main access would be on Prospect Point Road and by the basketball courts.

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Miscellaneous/Public Portion

Yocum opened the meeting up to the public for questions and comments.

Charlie Stesh of Berkshire Valley Road came forward with a comment regarding the Local Government Best Practices Checklist. Stesh asked to have the Checklist posted on the Township website after it is completed and Yocum agreed. Stesh said that the Town's Budget is currently not posted. Leach said that the Budget is available in electronic format and it will be posted on the website.

Joel Minch of 5 Pueblo Trail came forward regarding the Lake Swannanoa Dam (101-A) and stated that Kathy Gorman has come to this meeting with him from Wantage with information from the Lake Neepaulin Dam case to share with the Council. Gorman provided the Council with a copy of legislation, Senate 2176. Gorman stated that this legislation was written specifically because of Judge Bosinella's decision regarding Lake Neepaulin. Gorman also passed along a letter from the Deputy Council for the NJ Legislature.

A Wantage resident came forward and explained to the Council that he feels this is not a Wantage problem, but it is in fact a State problem. Any municipality with a dam will have this problem.

John Pendergast of 5 Yuma Trail came forward and displayed pictures to illustrate that there is no access to the lake from his home. Pendergast noted that there is parking for 5 cars at the beach and no dock. Pendergast said he feels it is not a viable lake community unless your home is located directly on the lake. Pendergast said that the newspaper stories portray the residents as not wanting to belong to the association, however, it should be noted there is no access to the lake.

Yocum commented that everyone on the Council is extremely familiar with the area and the situation. Yocum said that this is a very serious decision.

Anne Augustyn of 41 Paderewski Road came forward and inquired about the application of the sign ordinance and if it only applied to political signs. Leach commented that part of the sign ordinance refers to political campaign signs. Augustyn asked about a gathering in the A&P parking lot that included large signs which she felt obstructed the ingress and egress view. Yocum asked the Administration to investigate if a permit had been obtained for the gathering.

Yocum closed the public portion of the meeting.

New Business

➤ Outdoor Gathering Permit for Garden State Wakeoff

Wakeboard Competition, September 25, 2010, Request for fee waiver of \$25 application fee and \$42 Uniform Fire Safety Code fee. Approvals received from Fire Official, Police Chief and Health Inspector. Leach commented that the money is being donated to the Lake Commission or the Lake Hopatcong Foundation.

Motion: Merz, second Sanchelli

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

➤ Discussion Ordinance Change: No Parking On Tierney Road Northbound from Route 15 to Entrance of Route 15 South Plaza

Yocum explained that this was at the request of Sergeant Muller and Chief Craig. Leach said that there were some issues in the area and this is the recommendation. Yocum asked the Township Attorney to prepare the Ordinance and

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Felter said the information will be forwarded.

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING

ORDINANCE #13-10: ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING ARTICLE XVIII OF THE ADMINISTRATION OF GOVERNMENT TO THE JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL CODE AND PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MUNICIPAL PARKS IS OFFERED FOR ADOPTION ON FIRST READING WITH SECOND READING AND FINAL HEARING SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 22, 2010.

Motion: Merz, second Yocum
Mr. Dunham Aye
Mrs. Merz Aye
Mr. Birmingham Aye
Vice President Sanchelli Aye
President Yocum Aye

ORDINANCE #14-10: ORDINANCE MANDATING THE CONNECTION TO THE PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM AND THE SEALING OF POTABLE WELLS FOR PROPERTIES WITHIN THE WOODPORT SECTION OF JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP IS OFFERED FOR ADOPTION ON FIRST READING WITH SECOND READING AND FINAL HEARING SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 22, 2010.

Leach explained that there is a small section that is not covered by Township water except this small original section and that is where the wells are contaminated. Leach said that as part of the DEP Grant to build the water system, it is mandatory that this section of homes hook up to the system.

Motion: Merz, second Yocum
Mr. Dunham Aye
Mrs. Merz Aye
Mr. Birmingham Aye
Vice President Sanchelli Aye
President Yocum Aye

ORDINANCE #15-10: ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 235 OF THE JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL CODE ENTITLED "FEES, GENERAL" AND MORE PARTICULARLY BY AMENDING SUBSECTION 235-16 ENTITLED "HEALTH DEPARTMENT FEES" IS OFFERED FOR ADOPTION ON FIRST READING WITH SECOND READING AND FINAL HEARING SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 22, 2010.

Motion: Merz, second Yocum
Mr. Dunham Aye
Mrs. Merz Aye
Mr. Birmingham Aye
Vice President Sanchelli Aye
President Yocum Aye

Resolutions

Resolution #10-78: Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement Between the State of New Jersey and the Township of Jefferson for the Purpose of Constructing a Water System (NJDEP Contract No. OWR-DS1-09)

(102-A)

Motion: Merz, second Sanchelli
Mr. Dunham Aye
Mrs. Merz Aye

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Mr. Birmingham	Aye
Vice President Sanchelli	Aye
President Yocum	Aye

Resolution #10-79: Resolution Accepting Ownership and Responsibility for a New Water System to be Constructed with Funding from the State of New Jersey, Department of Environmental Protection **(103-A)**

Motion: Sanchelli, second Merz

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

Resolution #10-80: Settlement of a Claim for Damages with Steven and Shauna Colicchio **(103-B)**

Motion: Merz, second Sanchelli

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

Resolution #10-81: Approval of Bills, As Amended **(103-C)**

Motion: Yocum, second Birmingham

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

Resolution #10-82: Authorize Passage of Consent Agenda **(103-D)**

Motion: Birmingham, second Yocum

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

Resolution #10-83: Authorization of Executive Session: Personnel – Clerk's Office **(103-E)**

Motion: Sanchelli, second Merz

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

Miscellaneous/Public Portion

Yocum opened the meeting up to the public for questions and comments.

Charlie Stesh came forward and said that at the recycling center there is no guardrail in the metal scrap area and he feels this is dangerous. Stesh then asked if the Ordinances presented for first reading are on the website. Yocum explained that they are posted on the website, available in the Clerk's Office and published.

Anne Augustyn came forward and asked about Ordinance 13-10. Leach explained that the establishment of the department divides the duties from the Recreation Department. This department and person will be in charge of the actual physical grounds or parks instead of going through the Recreation Director. Felter said

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it will not cost anymore money, the employee is already present. Leach said that person will serve as a department head, meaning the mayor makes the appointment for his term in office.

Yocum closed the public portion of the meeting.

Recess

The Council adjourned into Executive Session at 8:16 p.m. and reconvened into open session at 8:44 p.m.

Adjournment at 8:45 p.m.

Motion: Merz, second Birmingham

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

Dated: September 8, 2010

Attested:

Approved:

Lori Harvin, Township Clerk

Michael J. Sanchelli, Council Vice President