

# JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

## Regular Meeting

October 7, 2015

Jefferson Township Municipal Building

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### Roll Call

Present

Absent

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

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

### Salute to the Flag

Yocum asked everyone to rise to salute the flag.

### Notice of Presiding Officer

President Yocum said, "This Regular Council meeting for October 7, 2015, 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 October 1, 2015."

### Proclamation Declaring October 4-10, 2015 Mental Illness Awareness Week

Mayor Felter read the Proclamation Declaring the Week of October 4-10, 2015, Mental Illness Awareness Week and he presented the Proclamation to members of Jefferson Township Connect and Councilwoman Merz.

### Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

September 23, 2015	Regular	All Members Present
September 24, 2015	Special	All Members Present

**Motion:** Sanchelli, second Birmingham

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

### Council Reports

Birmingham commented that he spoke to a few residents at the gypsy moth spraying and if there may be a discount if everyone joins together and has their property sprayed. Yocum said that the Council will be investigating the options for spraying.

Dunham had no report.

Sanchelli reported that next weekend will be the Annual Haunted House at Camp Jefferson. Sanchelli said that he hopes everyone will stop by and all funds collected are returned back into the Camp and next year's Haunted House.

Merz had no report.

### Administrative Reports of Mayor and Administrator

Felter had no report this evening.

Leach reported that work has begun on the 2016 Budget.

Leach reported that paving is still underway. Leach said that he is touring nearby towns that are doing an oiling and chipping process. He is also investigating a microchipping process. Leach explained that the paving process is very expensive and that is the reason for all the investigation. Yocum asked about the Maintenance Bond for roads that are paved by an outside contractor and what can be done when roads begin to crack or sink a few years after that work is completed. Leach detailed the paving process and the warranty that goes with the paving. Sanchelli explained roads

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that are milled and paved versus overlaid. Leach said that the Administration is trying to do things to get more time out of the roads and purchase more pre-made catch basins.

### Miscellaneous/Public Portion

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

Frank Diorio of 55 Crescent Drive came forward and spoke about the Septic Management Ordinance and the requirement to pump a system every 3 years. The Council discussed the issues with the Septic Management Ordinance. Yocum commented that the Council was complying with State Law when the Ordinance was put into place. Leach said that once the system has been pumped once, a professional pumper can certify that the system does not have to be pumped for another five years by writing this on the ticket. Dunham commented that the individual who pumps the septic is the inspector and he can note the timeframe for the next pumping.

Yocum closed the public portion of the meeting.

### New Business

- **Public Hearing/Discussion: 2015 Best Practices Inventory**

William Eagen, Township CFO, came forward to review the draft of answers to the 2015 Best Practices Inventory. Eagen said that the Governing Body is required to hold a public discussion/hearing of this matter. The Township must receive a score of at least 80 percent on this inventory or a percentage of State Aid will be withheld. Currently, the Township's score is at 90 percent. Eagen proceeded to review the answers to the 2015 Best Practices Inventory.

Yocum opened the meeting up to the public for questions or comments specific to the 2015 Best Practices Inventory. Seeing no one come forward, he closed the public portion of the meeting.

- **Outdoor Gathering: Christmas in the Village Event**

**Date:** Dec. 5, 2015, 10 am to 4 pm

**Waiver Request:** \$50.00 Fee; \$42.00 Uniform Fire Safety Fee Per Vendor

**Reports:** Fire Official; Health Officer; Police Chief

**Motion:** Sanchelli, second Dunham

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

- **Discussion: Gypsy Moth Survey Results & Spraying Program 2016**

The Council reviewed the 2015 Gypsy Moth Survey and Map prepared by the Department of Agriculture. The information from the Department stated that the cost of spraying, per acre is \$54.50, a total of 2,545 acres is in need of treatment, for a total cost of \$138,703. Leach commented that in the past there has been 50% reimbursement by U.S. Forest Service, but this is not guaranteed. The Council had questions regarding only treating a portion of the acres that were recommended; if residents can add their properties to the area to be treated and pay the cost; if treatment helps the trees retain their leaves. Leach said he will contact the Department of Agriculture and have a representative attend the October or November meeting to answer questions. Leach said that a decision needs to be made prior to December 1.

### Resolutions

**Resolution #15-75:** Award Contract for Residential Garbage and Refuse Collection and Disposal and Curbside Collection and Disposal of Recyclable Materials for a Five Year Term (1/1/16 to 12/31/20) to Blue Diamond Disposal, Inc., PO Box 267, Succasunna, NJ 07876 in the amount of \$11,227,500.00 (Certificate of Availability of Funds)

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**Motion:** Merz, second Sanchelli

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

**Resolution #15-76:** Annual Renewal of Plenary Retail Consumption Licenses For Term 2015-16 **(98-A)**

**Motion:** Merz, second Sanchelli

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

**Resolution #15-77:** Approval of Bills **(98-B)**

**Motion:** Sanchelli, second Dunham

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

**Motion:**

P O No. 15-02936 Headley Lumber Co. - \$175.89

**Motion:** Birmingham, second Sanchelli

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

**Resolution #15-78:** Authorize Passage of Consent Agenda **(98-C)**

**Motion:** Dunham, second Birmingham

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

### Miscellaneous/Public Portion

No one came forward.

Merz commented that the Morris County Clerk's Office will be coming to Camp Jefferson for a Passport Night which is being sponsored by the Jefferson Township Republican Club. Merz said that all the spots filled up very quickly.

**Adjournment** at 8:12 p.m.

**Motion:** Dunham, second Sanchelli

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

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**Dated:** October 7, 2015

**Attested:**

**Approved:**

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Lori Harvin, Township Clerk

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Richard W. Yocum, Council President