

# JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

## Regular Meeting

December 1, 2010

Municipal Building, Council Chambers

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### Roll Call

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

Mrs. Harvin said, "Let the record show that Administrator James Leach is 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 December 1, 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 November 24, 2010."

### Lt. James Cullen, U.S. Coast Guard, Presentation of U.S. Flag to the Jefferson Township Police, Rescue Squad and Fire Dept. No. 2

Lt. James Cullen came forward and reported that he just returned from a tour of duty in Afghanistan and four other countries. Lt. Cullen explained that while he was in Afghanistan he flew flags for the emergency services of Jefferson Township. Lt. Cullen then presented the flags and plaques to representatives of the Jefferson Township Police, Fire Department No. 2 and Rescue Squad. Lt. Cullen then presented his wife, Cathy Cullen, with a Military Spouse Medal. The Council offered individual thanks to Lt. Cullen for his service.

### Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings

November 10, 2010 Regular Meeting All Members Present

### Closed Session Minutes for Approval Only, Not for Release

November 10, 2010 All Members Present

**Motion:** Birmingham, second Sanchelli

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

### Council Reports

- Change Time of December 15, 2010 meeting to 6:00 p.m.

**Motion:** Merz, second Dunham

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

Merz said she attended the League Conference and was able to attend multiple conferences, luncheons and also walk around the floor to see the vendors and organizations. Merz commented that she was able to see the brine that the Township has recently put into place in the DPW. Merz said it was impressive to be able to see and compare different companies especially when a Capital Budget has to be put together. Merz said that the seminars were all very worthwhile and provided a good grasp on the changes that are coming out of Trenton for 2011.

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Merz reported that there are so many events happening in Jefferson this weekend from Friday over to Sunday. The Arts Committee and the Recreation Department have come together with events along with the Community Band and Chorus. Merz thanked all the Houses of Worship and the Fire House for donating the space and time.

Dunham said he also attended the League Conference and the various seminars. Dunham said he feels he learned quite a bit in a short period of time and it is a valuable event. Dunham reported that he attended the Milton First Aid Squad's vendor sale which was a good fundraiser. Dunham thanked the Administration for the annual snow notice in the Aim newspaper.

Dunham reported that he attended the Utility Advisory Board's meeting and there was a discussion about the UAB working on energy items. Dunham commented that the UAB members are very knowledgeable and dedicated. The UAB put serious forethought into the fee recommendations that they presented to the Administration.

Dunham reported that he visited Camp Jefferson and the Township Animal Shelter with Leach. Dunham thanked Leach for taking the time to accompany him and educate him. Dunham thanked the volunteers at the Shelter who donate their time.

Birmingham commented that he ran into various department heads at League Seminars and he found the Seminars to be very informative. Birmingham reported that he was able to attend 3 Seminars as well as the Morris County League meeting and luncheon where the special guest was a major from the State Police who gave a presentation on Emergency Management. Birmingham commented that Christmas in the Village gives everyone an opportunity to see what Jefferson has to offer in music and the arts.

Birmingham reported that one of the League Sessions concerned Sustainable Energy. Jefferson still has to sign up to participate in the New Jersey Sustainable Energy Council. Birmingham reported that Chatham Township had received \$10,000 for a community garden and several of the towns work with churches and food banks to lease property to use areas for gardening. Some towns are doing composting with the schools to reduce the amount of garbage.

Sanchelli wished everyone a belated Happy Thanksgiving. Sanchelli reported that his family has a new yellow lab, Sir Dallas of Berkshire Valley.

### **Administrative Reports of Mayor and Administrator**

Leach reported that every year a decision has to be made about the 6 week leaf pick-up. This year the pick-up will go to the week after Thanksgiving, however, with the holiday, the leaf pick up is being extended one week. Wednesday, December 8, will be the last day for unlimited leaves and then there will be one more week for 2 bags.

Leach reported that he looked into the Smart Start Grant along with Merz, Birmingham and the Mayor. The grant has been put together and he is just waiting for some propane information for the Municipal Building. Leach reported that the 3 biggest energy users are the 2 sewer plants and the Municipal Building. The Grant has been prepared for these 3 buildings. The White Rock Sewer Plant in the last 12 months used 395,000 kw of electricity for a cost of \$62,622 and Moosepac was 359,000 kw at \$56,834. Leach said that the resolution can be passed tonight. The first stage of the Grant awards the hiring of an engineering company that is on a list of approved vendors. A resolution is done to hire the engineering company and the Grant covers up to \$20,000 in costs and the reports are written for the 3 facilities. The town then has one year to do 25% of the recommended improvements. Leach said that he feels this is worth the effort.

Leach reported that a Sustainable Energy Committee is needed to meet the

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requirements to become Certified by the Sustainable New Jersey Council. Sparta and Hardyston have done a lot with renewable energy. Members of the UAB can be asked to join the Committee along with the members of the Environmental Commission who are interested. The Committee can take a tour of neighboring towns, Leach said he will explain what the program is about and work will begin.

### Miscellaneous/Public Portion

No one came forward.

### New Business

- Outdoor Gathering Permit, Jefferson Township Arts Committee, Christmas in the Village, December 4, 2010, Request Waiver of the \$50.00 fee and Uniform Fire Safety Fee of \$42.00 per vendor. Approvals were received from Health, Police, Fire Officials.

Leach explained that the Arts Committee has applied for event insurance through a private insurance company.

**Motion:** Birmingham, second Merz

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

### Resolutions

**Resolution #10-98:** Authorizing Participation in the State Unemployment Fund (129-A)

Leach commented that the town has always been self-insured for unemployment. The town's contribution will be .7% of the first \$27,000 that an employee earns and this will begin January 1. Leach advised that the town had to supplement funds over the budget this year.

**Motion:** Dunham, second Birmingham

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

**Resolution #10-99:** Approval of Bills (129-B)

**Motion:** Dunham, second Merz

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

**Resolution #10-100:** Authorize Passage of Consent Agenda (129-C)

**Motion:** Birmingham, second Dunham

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

**Resolution #10-101:** Authorizing Deferred Payment of Water Connection Fee (129-D)

**Motion:** Merz, second Birmingham

Mr. Dunham	Aye
Mrs. Merz	Aye
Mr. Birmingham	Aye

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President Yocum	Absent

**Resolution #10-102:** Local Government Energy Audit **(130-A)**

**Motion:** Merz, second Dunham

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

### Miscellaneous/Public Portion

No one came forward.

### Adjournment at 7:50 p.m.

**Motion:** Dunham, second Merz

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

**Dated: December 1, 2010**

Attested:

Approved:

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Lori Harvin, Township Clerk

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Richard W. Yocum, Council President