

# JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

## Regular Meeting

December 3, 2014

Municipal Building, Council Chambers

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### Roll Call

#### Present

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

#### Absent

Mr. Sanchelli  
President Yocum

Mrs. Harvin said, "Let the record show that Mayor Felter and Administrator James Leach are present. Also present this evening are Assemblyman Webber, Freeholder Krickus, Freeholder Cesaro and Freeholder DeFillippo.

### Salute to the Flag

Vice President Birmingham asked everyone to rise for the salute to the flag.

### Notice of Presiding Officer

Birmingham said, "This Regular Council meeting for December 3, 2014, 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 26, 2014."

### Joint District 26<sup>th</sup> Legislative Resolution

(112-A)

#### Morris County Freeholders' Resolution

#### Jefferson Township Council Resolution

#### Honoring Bridgette Hobart's Successful Swim Across the English Channel

Assemblyman Webber presented the Joint District 26<sup>th</sup> Legislative Resolution in Honor of Bridgette's achievement. Freeholder Cesaro presented the Freeholders' Resolution to Bridgette. Council Vice President Birmingham read the Council's Resolution honoring Bridgette.

### Mayor's Acknowledgement of Young Authors, Christian and Hunter Warner

(112-B)

Mayor Felter presented Christian and Hunter Warner with Certificates of Achievement for the completion of each of their books by the age of 8. Christian authored the book, "Land of the Free A to Z and Hunter's book is titled, Mama, Mama! What Will I Be?"

### Appointment of Firefighters to Fire Company No. 1: Anthony J. Gaul

(112-C)

Birmingham asked Chief VanVeen to come forward along with Firefighter Gaul. Vice President Birmingham administered the Oath of Office to Gaul. Birmingham thanked Gaul for providing his services to the Township and presented him with a Certificate of Appreciation and a Township pin and pen.

### Certificate of Appreciation Recognizing Terri Tate for Her Years Leading the Jefferson Township Haunted House

(112-D)

Birmingham asked Terri Tate to come forward along with her family. Merz presented the Council's Certificate of Appreciation Recognizing Terri Tate for all the years she has lead the Haunted House in Jefferson. Merz explained the special event that it has become for both the organizers and participants.

### Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

- November 12, 2014 Regular All Members Present

**Motion:** Dunham, second Merz

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

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

- ORDINANCE NO.: 21-14: ORDINANCE CREATING CHAPTER 360 OF THE JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL CODE ENTITLED "POLITICAL CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS AND CONTRACTING" IS OFFERED FOR ADOPTION ON SECOND READING AND FINAL HEARING

Birmingham opened the meeting up to the public for questions and comments specific to proposed Ordinance 21-14 and seeing no one come forward, he closed the public portion of the meeting.

**Motion:** Merz, second Dunham

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

### Council Reports

Dunham reported that he attended the Planning Board meeting as well as the Gold Award Ceremony for Brooke Boetticher.

Merz reported that she attended the Girl Scout Gold Award Ceremony and it is nice to see young women attain the highest status in that organization. Merz reported that the Finance Committee met this evening and began the first step in the 2015 Budget process.

Merz reported that the Christmas In the Village activities will begin this Friday with the lighting of the tree and will run through the weekend. Connect will hold the Illuminary lighting on Sunday evening at 4:30 in memory of those lost to suicide.

Birmingham reported that the New Jersey League of Municipalities Convention was very informative. Birmingham said that about half of the seminars dealt with shared services. Dunham said that some of the sessions offered were very productive and the conference is educational.

Merz commented that she attended the dedication of the Lake Hopatcong Foundation's building in Roxbury/Landing. Merz said that it is great to see the building being restored and used for such a purpose.

Birmingham said that he was invited to the New Jersey Family Policy Council's event in Parsippany last week. Congressman-elect Tom McArthur attended along with Col. Alan West who gave a very dramatic speech. Assemblyman Webber was acknowledged for his fight for Jessica's Law. It is an important law that monitors predators and it is nice to know that our Assemblyman was acknowledged for his efforts to fight for families.

### Administrative Reports of Mayor and Administrator

Felter thanked Administrator Leach for all his hard work on the Grant for Beasley Ridge. Felter said that only 9 projects were funded. Felter thanked Meyer for her hard work on the Grant.

Leach said that the next step on the Grant is an Ordinance and a Contract with the seller. Leach said that he will also proceed with the environmental survey. This Grant is for \$200,000.00 and another \$260,000.00 or \$270,000.00 may be forthcoming. Leach said that less than \$100,000.00 will be coming from the town's Open Space money.

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Leach asked Cohen about the next step to merge the Recreation and Open Space Trust Funds. Cohen said that an Ordinance has to be passed. Cohen said that he can prepare the Ordinance for January.

### Miscellaneous/Public Portion

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

Joseph Michaelian of 29 Maryann Road came forward and asked for the Council and Administration to help him contact legislators to change laws regarding the licensing and breeding of animals. Michaelian explained that animal shelters and volunteers work very hard to help with the problem of overpopulation of animals, however, legislation is needed, such as the taxing of pet stores and animal breeders. Leach asked Michaelian to forward information on his ideas to him and he will help get that information to the local Assembly people.

Birmingham closed the public portion of the meeting.

### New Business

- Authorize Fee Waiver of \$331.00 for Fire Permit Funds to Sars Auto Wreckers, Inc. in Lieu of Using Their Property for Jefferson Township Recreation

**Motion:** Dunham, second Merz

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

- Discussion: Direct Deposit Ordinance – Mandating All Full Time; Part Time; Seasonal and Temporary Employees Who Receive Compensation From The Township of Jefferson To Have Direct Deposit

Leach explained the importance of mandating direct deposit for all payment to employees. The Ordinance will help with bank errors and check cashing problems. The Council agreed to have the Township Attorney prepare the Ordinance for the January Council meeting. Leach said that the PBA, White Collar and Blue Collar Unions will be notified regarding the Ordinance prior to the Introduction and Public Hearing. The Township Attorney was directed to prepare the Ordinance for Introduction in January.

### Ordinances On Second Reading for Correction:

ORDINANCE NO. 22-14: ORDINANCE VACATING UNNAMED 8' FOOT PATHWAY FROM CASTLE ROCK ROAD TO LAKE HOPATCONG IN THE TOWNSHIP OF JEFFERSON, MORRIS COUNTY, NEW JERSEY – UNNAMED PATH BETWEEN LOT 1, BLOCK 172 AND LOT 2, BLOCK 173 IS OFFERED FOR ADOPTION ON SECOND READING WITH FINAL READING AND PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER 17, 2014.

**Motion:** Merz, second Dunham

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

### Resolutions

Resolution #14-105: Approval of Bills

(114-A)

**Motion:** Merz, second Dunham

Mr. Dunham	Aye
Mrs. Merz	Aye

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Mr. Sanchelli	Absent
Vice President Birmingham	Aye
President Yocum	Absent

Motion to Approve:

P O No. 14-02233 Headley Lumber - \$605.20

P O No. 14-03604 Headley Lumber - \$247.37

P O No. 14-03655 Headley Lumber - \$48.74

P O No. 14-03726 Headley Lumber - \$947.93

**Motion:** Merz, second Birmingham

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

Motion to Approve:

P O No. 14-03769 Municipal Alliance – CONNECT \$44.66

P O No. 14-03773 Municipal Alliance – CONNECT \$48.00

**Motion:** Dunham, second Birmingham

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

Resolution #14-106: Authorize Passage of Consent Agenda

(115-A)

**Motion:** Dunham, second Merz

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

Resolution #14-107: Authorizing Mayor to Execute Septic Deed of Easement For Block 42, Lot 5, 45 South Lakeside Drive, Jefferson Township, Morris County, New Jersey

(115-B)

**Motion:** Dunham, second Merz

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

Resolution #14-108: Executive Session – Interview of Board of Adjustment Members for Reappointment

(115-C)

**Motion:** Birmingham, second Merz

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

### Miscellaneous/Public Portion

No one came forward.

### Recess

The Council adjourned into Closed Session at 7:58 p.m. and reconvened into Open Session at 8:12 p.m.

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

**Motion:** Birmingham, second Dunham

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

**Dated:** December 3, 2014

Attested:

Approved:

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Lori Harvin, Township Clerk

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Richard W. Yocum, Council President