

# JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

## Regular Meeting

April 11, 2012

Municipal Building, Council Chambers

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### Roll Call

#### Present

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

#### Absent

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

### Salute to the Flag

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

### Notice of Presiding Officer

President Yocum said, "This Regular Council meeting for April 11, 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 April 5, 2012."

### Appointment of Jefferson Township Rescue Squad Members, Philip Jones, Kate Wienski and Paul Zorn

Yocum asked Chief Jacobi to come forward with new squad members, Philip Jones, Kate Wienski and Paul Zorn. Mayor Felter administered the Oath of Office to Wienski as Chief Jacobi held the Bible. Yocum presented Wienski with a Certificate of Appreciation and a Township pin and pen. Mayor Felter administered the Oath of Office to Jones as Chief Jacobi held the Bible. Yocum presented Jones with a Certificate of Appreciation and a Township pin and pen. Mayor Felter administered the Oath of Office to Zorn as Chief Jacobi held the Bible. Yocum presented Zorn with a Certificate of Appreciation and a Township pin and pen. The Council offered the new Rescue Squad members individual congratulations.

### Proclamation and Resolution for Gold Award Recipient: Kerriann Noel O'Boyle

Yocum asked Kerriann and her family to come forward. Merz read the Resolution and presented Kerriann with a Township pin and pen. Felter read the Proclamation congratulating her on attaining her Gold Award. Yocum said that he and the Council recognize the commitment that this has taken and that Kerriann is an example to the young people of Jefferson Township.

### Proclamation and Resolution for Eagle Scout, Christopher John Cook

Yocum asked Christopher and his family to come forward. Yocum presented Christopher with a Township pin and pen and read the Proclamation congratulating him on attaining his Eagle Scout Award. Felter read the Resolution honoring Christopher on this achievement. Yocum said that he and the Council recognize the commitment that this has taken and he is an example to the young people of Jefferson Township.

### Jr. Women's Club Presentation of Plans for the Robin Carlson Reading Garden

Yocum asked Kim Reid of the Junior Women's Club to come forward. Leach explained that the Jr. Women's Club approached the town about working on the area of land next to the Creative Playground. Reid explained the Club's yearly Wrobo Run and the plans that followed for the project to create a reading garden as a memorial for Robin Carlson, a White Rock School teacher who lost her battle with cancer last year. Reid told the Council and Administration that the project involved a local architect, a local landscaper and community volunteers. Reid invited everyone to visit the Garden and said there will be a dedication/ribbon cutting ceremony in May.

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### Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

March 20, 2012                      Regular Meeting                      Sanchelli Absent

**Motion:** Merz, second Sanchelli

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

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

ORDINANCE #6-12: TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL CAP BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45:14) IS OFFERED FOR ADOPTION ON SECOND READING AND FINAL HEARING

Yocum opened the meeting up to the public for questions and comments specific to proposed Ordinance #6-12 and seeing no one come forward, he closed the public portion of the meeting.

**Motion:** Sanchelli, second Dunham

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

ORDINANCE #7-12: ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 460 OF THE JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL CODE ENTITLED "TRAILERS AND MOBILE HOMES" AND MORE PARTICULARLY REGULATIONS PERTAINING THERETO IS OFFERED FOR ADOPTION ON SECOND READING AND FINAL HEARING

Yocum opened the meeting up to the public for questions and comments specific to proposed Ordinance #7-12 and seeing no one come forward, he closed the public portion of the meeting.

**Motion:** Birmingham, second Sanchelli

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

### Council Reports

Sanchelli had no report this evening.

Merz had no report this evening.

Birmingham commented that his daughter had Mrs. Carlson as a teacher and she was truly a wonderful teacher. Birmingham said that what the Jr. Women's Club is doing is a testimony not only to the people who knew Mrs. Carlson but to all those who have had teachers that made a good impression on their lives.

Birmingham reported that he attended the Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Krisinski and it was very well attended. Birmingham commented on his project at Ridge Road and said it makes the area safer for those utilizing the parking lot.

Birmingham said he spoke with Eagen regarding investigating a co-op for electrical service to reduce rates. Leach said the town will be going through a new

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process called a reverse auction. Leach explained that companies will bid down to supply the electricity for the municipality.

Dunham reported that he also attended the Krisinski Eagle Scout Award Court of Honor. Dunham said he attended the March 26 Board of Education Budget meeting. Dunham said the new ramps at the Senior Center turned out very nice and are greatly appreciated. Dunham commented on the disaster funds that were received. Leach said the funds go into the general account and some money may go back to the Fire Department for equipment that was damaged.

### Administrative Reports of Mayor and Administrator

Leach reported that he has emailed the Council a list of the tax appeals for this year. Leach said the net equalized value for Jefferson Township is \$2,732,000,000. This year there were 154 filed tax appeals on roughly \$54,000,000 worth of assessed property. Leach said this is about 2 percent of the town's total value. Leach said that 15 of the appeals are for vacant land, a few are commercial properties and the rest are residential. Leach said the Tax Assessor feels the town will prevail on a majority of the appeals.

Leach requested another Budget meeting to go over Capital items including, Public Safety, Fire and Rescue and DPW, Recap Roads. Leach said the Fire Chiefs have developed a capital plan that goes out to 2029. Leach said the request will be for one fire truck, one ambulance and some work on one fire house.

### Motion: Schedule a Budget Meeting for April 25, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.

Motion: Yocum, second Sanchelli

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

### Miscellaneous/Public Portion

No one came forward.

### Resolutions

Resolution #12-36: Temporary Budget Amendment for 2012

(43-A)

Motion: Sanchelli, second Merz

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

Resolution #12-37: Approval of Bills, removal of PO 12-00665 & 12-00222

(43-B)

Motion: Merz, second Birmingham

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

Motion: Approval PO 12-00665 & PO 12-00222

Motion: Yocum, second Sanchelli

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

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**Resolution #12-38:** Authorize Passage of Consent Agenda  
Item No. 5 Pulled

**(44-A)**

**Motion:** Birmingham, second Sanchelli

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

Consent Agenda Item #5

Resolution: Award of Bid for Sludge Removal to Accurate Waste, PO 90, Ironia, NJ (Cert Avail Funds)

**Motion:** Merz, second Birmingham

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

**Resolution #12-39:** Resolution Calling for the Restoration of Energy Taxes to  
Municipalities

**(44-B)**

**Motion:** Sanchelli, second Dunham

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

### New Business

- **Discussion Solicitor's Ordinance: Amendment ID cards**

Yocum said current licensed solicitors are abusing the licensing process and there is a need for amendments to the Ordinance to better protect the residents. The Council discussed proposed amendments to the Ordinance, including a township issued identification card; a fee change and enforcement of the town's ordinance. Cohen said the problem may not be with the current ordinance, it may be with enforcement. The additional cost for a Police generated id card will be incorporated in the fee for the permit. The proposed amendments will be forwarded to Chief Craig, the Administration and Cohen for review.

- **Mayor's Appointments**

- Appointment of Edward Haack, Assistant Municipal Engineer for a One Year Term expiring on 4/11/13

**Motion:** Birmingham, second Sanchelli

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

- Appointment of Robert Mitchko as Alternate to Lake Hopatcong Commission for a Two Year Term expiring on 12/31/13

**Motion:** Sanchelli, 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.

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

**Motion:** Sanchelli, second Dunham

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

**Dated:** April 11, 2012

Attested:

Approved:

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Lori Harvin, Township Clerk

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Richard W. Yocum, Council President