

# JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

## Regular Meeting

June 12, 2013

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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 Mayor Felter and Administrator Leach are present."

### Notice of Presiding Officer

Council President Yocum said, "This Regular Council meeting for June 12, 2013, 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 June 6, 2013."

### Salute to the Flag

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

### Appointment of Firefighter to Fire Dept. No. 2: Joshua P. Herman

Yocum asked Joshua P. Herman to come forward. Mayor Felter administered the Oath of Office while Chief Tovo held the Bible. Yocum thanked Joshua for providing his services to the Township and presented Joshua with a Certificate of Appreciation and a Township pin and pen.

### Proclamation For Jefferson Township Blue Star Salute Day

(62-A)

Yocum asked Jack Kelly to come forward. Jack Kelly introduced the Blue Star Salute Committee members. Felter read the Proclamation declaring July 13, 2013 Blue Star Salute Day.

### Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

May 15, 2013 Regular Meeting Birmingham Absent

<b>Motion:</b> Dunham, second Yocum	
Mr. Dunham	Aye
Mrs. Merz	Aye
Mr. Birmingham	Not Voting
Vice President Sanchelli	Aye
President Yocum	Aye

### Council Reports

- **Motion:** Move September 18, 2013 Council Meeting to September 25, 2013 at 6 p.m.

**Motion:** Yocum, second Birmingham

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

- **Motion:** Move October 16, 2013 Council Meeting to October 23, 2013 at 7 p.m.

**Motion:** Yocum, second Birmingham

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

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Merz reported that she attended a training session on cyber issues at the Sussex County Police and Fire Academy. Merz said she was impressed to see that Jefferson had 8 representatives in attendance at the session. <sup>63</sup>

Merz reported that she attended a working meeting for BRAC and Picatinny Arsenal. Merz commented that the Township may want to investigate a donation to the BRAC 501c especially because of the huge economic impact that the base has on Jefferson and the community. Merz said she will prepare a short report and submit it to the Council and Administration. Leach said he will check on available dollars.

Sanchelli said he would like to thank his fellow Council members, the Administration and the community for all the support. Yocum commended Sanchelli for the way he represented himself and Jefferson. Felter said Sanchelli did a great job representing himself.

Sanchelli reported on a successful After Prom Breakfast and said it is a valuable event and he enjoys taking part in the cooking with the Mayor.

Dunham reported that he attended the Memorial Day commemoration. Dunham said he attended the Morris County League of Municipalities meeting which included a presentation by the Commissioner of the BPU. Dunham said the BPU is confident that the Utilities are prepared for the next big storm, should be a big storm. Dunham said he was able to attend the Cyber Threat Training Course and it was nice to see so many Township employees in attendance. Dunham said he attended the Contract Labor Negotiations with Sanchelli and Leach.

Birmingham reported that he received a call from Art Neff, the Township's representative on the Rockaway River Watershed Coalition. Jefferson has testing sites at four locations and membership in the Coalition has always been beneficial. Birmingham reported that a recent survey of member towns is revealing that a majority of the towns may be leaving the Coalition. Birmingham asked if it is the intention of the Council and Administration to leave the Coalition. The Council and Administration expressed interest in remaining in the Coalition.

Birmingham reported that he attended the Morris County League of Municipalities meeting two weeks ago. The Commission of the BPU spoke at the meeting. There is a new regional coordinator from JCP&L.

Yocum commented that he was very pleased with the professionalism and civility at the recent meeting held at Camp Jefferson to discuss the PSE&G power project. Yocum asked Leach for the status of the well issue that was brought to the attention of the Council. Leach said that a water cooler has been temporarily installed and PSE&G is having a water conditioner installed in the home.

### **Administrative Report of Mayor and Administrator**

Felter reported that he attended the Memorial Day Service at VFW Post 245 and it was well attended.

Felter reported that the enrollment for the Summer Day Camp is up once again this year. The construction of the Tower is finishing up.

Leach reported that the paving of Holland Mountain Road will be finished by possibly this weekend. On Friday the paving of the new driveway at Camp Jefferson will be done. When that is completed, there will be one way in and one way out and safety will be improved.

Felter reported that as Chairman of the Lake Hopatcong Commission, he is reporting that a No Wake Zone has been posted for the entire Lake. The Coast Guard Auxiliary will be out on the Lake to enforce the No Wake Zone and a flag system is going to be posted on Brady Bridge.

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Leach reported that Honeywell held a webinar for the Emergency Alert System and Jefferson was used as an example of the usefulness of the system with Ed Mangold being highlighted for effective use of the Honeywell System. <sup>64</sup>

### Miscellaneous/Public Portion

No one came forward.

### New Business

- Open Space Inventory Report

(64-A)

Leach presented a detailed Open Space Inventory to the Council. The Council discussed the properties on the current ROSI and possible future acquisitions. Leach then proposed an ordinance to abolish the current Recreation Trust Fund and Open Space Trust Fund and a new Ordinance to combine the Open Space and Recreation Trust. Cohen said that he will research this process since the Open Space Trust was created by referendum. Yocum asked if expenditures would still need Council approval. Leach said that any purchase of property must be done by ordinance. Yocum asked if the Council would like to complete this process this year or if this is something that can be researched and moved on later. Sanchelli said he feels it is more important to make sure that everything is done correctly and complete the process next year. Merz said she would like more time to explore the proposal since this is the first time she is hearing about it. Cohen said he will have the research completed by next month. Dunham said this would give the Administration and Council some flexibility and additional options. Yocum asked if the expenditure of any funds would need Council approval. Leach said the purchase of land requires an Ordinance and the Council approves other expenditures on the bills list. Yocum said that now the two things are separate and money in the Open Space Trust Fund is spent on Open Space acquisition and the money in the Recreation Trust Fund is spent on Recreation. Yocum said if the funds are combined, he would like to be assured that the purchase of Open Space will be supported.

Leach reviewed the Open Space Advisory Board's Top Ten List of Properties. Leach detailed that the Township has preserved 959 acres of Township owned Open Space, this does not include 100 acres in front of the Baker Firestone Property that will be closed on within the month. There are also another 100 acres owned along Ridge Road; 15 acres owned along Meredith Court for Utility purposes. Morris County owns about 4400 acres in Jefferson and the State owns the old Jersey City Watershed property. The Newark Watershed is about 4,000 acres and the Paulist Fathers' property is 1,000 acres. Yocum commented that the Administration and Council have remained supportive of Open Space through the years. Yocum said that the Open Space Board has been a passionate group of dedicated volunteers over the years. Felter said the Lake Hopatcong Foundation sponsored a walk on Sunday on the new trail at Prospect Point. Yocum said that the County has done a remarkable job clearing the storm damage from the property at Mahlon Dickerson and he has seen remarkable progress in making the trails safe.

- Outdoor Gathering/Fireworks Permits for Jefferson Arts Committee for Jefferson Day; July 13, 2013 – Rain Date July 14, 2013  
(Request Waiver of Fees: Application fee of \$25.00; Uniform Fire Safety Code Fireworks Fee of \$42.00; Per Vendor Fee of \$42.00 Total Not to Exceed \$3,000) (Fire Official, Police Chief, Health Official)

**Motion:** Sanchelli, second Dunham

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

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President Yocum Aye

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### Resolutions:

**Resolution #13-47:** Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of Not Exceeding \$13,261,518 Bond Anticipation Notes of the Township of Jefferson, in the County of Morris, New Jersey (65-A)

**Motion:** Sanchelli, second Dunham

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

**Resolution #13-48:** Liquor License Renewals for Licensing period July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014 (Health, Police, Fire) (65-B)

**Motion:** Merz, second Yocum

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

**Resolution #13-49 Approval of Bills** (65-C)

**Motion:** Sanchelli, second Dunham

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

### Motion to Approve:

PO No. 13-4125 JTHS PTSA - \$2,200.00  
PO No. 13-001530 New Life Recovery Center - \$500.00  
PO No. 13-01659 Milton Tri-PTA - \$1,250.00  
PO No. 13-01660 JTHS - PTSA - \$1,000

**Motion:** Yocum, second Dunham

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

### Motion to Approve:

PO No 13-01379 Headley Lumber Company - \$168.52  
PO No. 13-01627 Headley Lumber Company - \$586.61

**Motion:** Merz, second Sanchelli

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

**Resolution #13-50:** Authorize Passage of Consent Agenda (65-D)

**Motion:** Birmingham, second Dunham

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

**Resolution #13-51:** Emergency Resolution Temporary No Parking on the North Side of Brady Road Between the Intersection of Cypress (65-E)

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Road and North Beach Roads

**Motion:** Sanchelli, second Merz

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

### Miscellaneous/Public Portion

No one came forward.

**Adjournment** at 8:00 p.m.

**Motion:** Sanchelli, second Yocum

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

**Dated:** June 12, 2013

Attested:

Approved:

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Lori Harvin, Township Clerk

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Michael J. Sanchelli, Council Vice President