

# JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

## Regular Meeting

September 2, 2015

Municipal Building, Council Chambers

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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 September 2, 2015, commencing at 6:00 p.m. has been properly noticed in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act by notice to the official newspapers of the Township on August 27, 2015."

### Proclamation Declaring September Childhood Cancer Awareness Month in Jefferson Township (84-A)

President Yocum asked Patricia DaSilva to come forward and Mayor Felter read the Proclamation Declaring September Childhood Cancer Awareness Month in Jefferson Township. Mayor Felter presented the Proclamation to Mrs. DaSilva in honor of her son's battle with cancer and encouraged him and wished him well on his remission. Yocum asked Mrs. DaSilva to convey the Council's wishes to commend Nicholas on his bravery in his efforts to bring awareness to this cause despite his own struggle with cancer and his young age.

Birmingham left the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

### Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

August 12, 2015 Regular All Members Present

**Motion:** Merz, second Sanchelli

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

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

ORDINANCE #19-15: ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 7 OF THE JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL CODE ENTITLED "ADMINISTRATION OF GOVERNMENT" AND CREATING WITHIN ARTICLE VIII (DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY) THE DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES IS OFFERED FOR ADOPTION ON SECOND READING AND FINAL HEARING

Yocum opened the meeting up to the public for questions or comments specific to proposed Ordinance #19-15. 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	Absent
Vice President Merz	Aye

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President Yocum

Aye

### Council Reports

- Motion: Schedule Swannanoa Assessment Hearing  
September 24, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.  
Jefferson Township High School Auditorium

**Motion:** Dunham, second Sanchelli

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

Birmingham returned to the meeting at 6:09 p.m.

Merz reported that she has another great-grandchild who was born last Wednesday at 11:11, 11.13 ounces. Atticus and her grand-daughter are doing well.

Sanchelli reported that he was looking over the 2015 Tax Census figures and Jefferson Township is 34<sup>th</sup> out of 39 municipalities. The town has more open space than any other municipality in Morris County with numerous first class facilities for recreation; an incredible Police Department and Public Works Department. Sanchelli said that Jefferson is the best municipality in Morris County.

Sanchelli said that speaking as a County employee, Berkshire Valley Road is completed.

Dunham reported that he was able to attend a Budget Subcommittee meeting with Councilwoman Merz. Dunham said that he received some updates on the Budget and the Township is in very good fiscal shape. Dunham reported that he traveled with the Administrator today to look at a piece of property off of Taylor Road. Dunham said he has also seen the reconstruction of the Windlass Restaurant.

Dunham said that he would like to thank the Administrator and Chief Financial Officer for the good fiscal shape that the Township is in after viewing the 2015 Tax Table Report for Morris County Municipalities.

Birmingham had no report this evening.

### Administrative Reports of Mayor and Administrator

Felter had no report this evening.

Leach reported that Weldon Road has been completed in time for the opening of school.

Leach reported that the Solid Waste and Recycling Contract bid is due to be awarded. Leach said that he emailed the Committee regarding the extension of the current contract to the end of the year. This will be a considerable savings. Leach said that, if the Council agrees, a Resolution will be placed on the next Agenda to extend the existing contract to December 31, 2015. Leach said that at the first meeting in October, the next contract will be awarded for five full years commencing on January 1, 2016. Leach said that co-mingled recycling will begin on November 1.

Leach said that Jefferson has the 6<sup>th</sup> lowest per capita tax rate in the County with garbage service that no other town includes.

### Miscellaneous/Public Portion

No one came forward.

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Ed Mangold spoke as the Coordinator for the OEM and introduced Mr. Obremski, the Township's representative for JCP&L. Yocum recognized the outstanding work that Obremski is doing with communication.

### New Business

#### Ordinances for First Reading:

ORDINANCE #18-15: ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING CHAPTER 125 OF THE JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL CODE ENTITLED "FALSE EMERGENCY CALLS" IS OFFERED FOR ADOPTION ON FIRST READING WITH SECOND READING AND FINAL HEARING SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 23, 2015

**Motion:** Sanchelli, second Dunham

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

### Resolutions

**Resolution #15-67:** Resolution Adopting the Morris County Multi-Jurisdictional Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan Update, as submitted to the New Jersey Office Of Emergency Management and the Federal Emergency Agency in July 2015 by the Morris County Office of Emergency Management **(86-A)**

**Motion:** Sanchelli, second Dunham

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

**Resolution #15-68:** Annual Renewal of Plenary Retail Consumption Licenses For Term 2015-16 **(86-B)**

Sanchelli commented about the renovations to the New Orleans Steakhouse

Sanchelli commented that September 19 is the scheduled date for the volunteers that will be clearing the land for the dog park.

**Motion:** Merz, second Yocum

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

**Resolution #15-69:** Approval of Bills **(86-C)**

**Motion:** Sanchelli, second Dunham

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

**Motion:**

P O No. 15-02425 Headley Lumber Co. - \$215.05  
P O No. 15-02437 Headley Lumber Co. - \$268.61  
P O No. 15-00316 Headley Lumber Co. - \$98.38

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**Motion:** Merz, second Birmingham

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

**Resolution #15-70:** Authorize Passage of Consent Agenda  
**With Item No. No. 11 removed**

**(87-A)**

**Motion:** Birmingham, second Yocum

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

**Table Consent Agenda Item No. 11**

**Motion:** Sanchelli, second Merz

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

### Miscellaneous/Public Portion

No one came forward.

### Recess

The Council adjourned for recess at 6:28 p.m. and reconvened at 7:03 p.m.

### Invocation by Councilman Jay Dunham

### Swearing In of Police Chief William Craig

Mayor Felter gave brief remarks regarding William Craig's career and stated that he is the 10<sup>th</sup> Chief of Police in Jefferson Township. Felter asked William Craig to come forward along with his wife, mother, father, two daughters, brother and sister. Mayor Felter administered the Oath of Office to Chief Craig.

Chief Craig thanked the Mayor, Council and Administrator. Chief Craig then presented his wife, two daughters, mother and sister with flowers.

**Adjournment** at 7:23 p.m.

**Motion:** Merz, second Sanchelli

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

**Dated:** September 2, 2015

Attested:

Approved:

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Lori Harvin, Township Clerk

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Richard W. Yocum, Council President