

JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

BOARD OF EDUCATION OFFICE
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**Regular Meeting/
Joint Meeting with Jefferson Township Board of Education
September 20, 2016**

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1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Board President Smith and Council President Sanchelli called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm in the Board of Education Offices.

Board President Smith read the Open Meeting Statement into the record as follows: In accordance with the Open Meeting Law, the Jefferson Township Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time and place thereof, posted in the Jefferson Township Municipal Building, with copies of such notice delivered or mailed or electronically mailed to the Daily Record, AIM Newspaper, and posted on the Jefferson Township Board of Education website (www.Jefftwp.org) and a copy of said notice delivered to the Municipal Clerk of the Township of Jefferson and the Jefferson Township Library.

	Present	Absent
Mr. Cuccio		X
Mrs. Gould		X*
Mrs. Poulas	X	
Mr. Quigley		X
Mrs. Senatore	X	
Mr. Stewart	X	
Mrs. Van Ness	X	
Mr. Millar, Vice President	X	
Mr. Smith, President	X	
Ms. Zeno, Business Administrator	X	

Ms. Zeno called the roll. All Board of Education members were present except for *Mrs. Gould, who arrived late and Mr. Cuccio and Mr. Quigley, who were absent.

Council President Sanchelli read the Open Public Meeting Statement into the record as follows: This meeting is being held in compliance with Public Law 1975, Chapter 231, Sections 4 and 13, as notice of this meeting and the agenda thereof had been reported to the official newspapers of the Township on September 15, 2016 and posted in the municipal building.

	Present	Absent
Mr. Birmingham	X	
Mr. Dunham	X	
Mrs. Finnegan	X	
Vice President Merz	X	
President Sanchelli	X	
Mr. Cohen, Township Attorney	X	
Ms. Reilly, Township Clerk	X	

Ms. Reilly called the roll. All Council members were present. Also in attendance were Township Attorney Larry Cohen, Mayor Russell Felter and Township Administrator James Leach.

2. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Board Member Michael Stewart led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. BOARD OF EDUCATION BUSINESS

Ms. Zeno asked Mr. Smith to consider Item D on the Agenda in reference to Suicide Prevention. The motion was made by Mr. Stewart with a second by Mrs. Poulas and the motion carried.

4. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

• **National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month**

Mr. Smith read the joint proclamation and presented it to Council Vice President Merz and Janet **Boetticher**, members of the Municipal Alliance and JT Connect. Council Vice President Merz said that there are many different types of stigma and that the goal of the educators and government in Jefferson is to make sure that the Township is stigma free.

5. NEW BUSINESS
 ORDINANCES – FIRST READING

ORDINANCE 14-16 An Ordinance Regulating the Statutory Authority of Verizon New Jersey Inc., Its Successors and Assigns to Use the Various Public Streets, Roads, Avenues, Highways and Other Public Ways in the Township of Jefferson, Morris County, New Jersey, For Its Local and Through Lines and Other Communications Facilities and Prescribing the Conditions Thereof

Following introduction, the above Ordinance will be published in accordance with the law and a Public hearing will be held on **October 5, 2016**.

Introduced: September 20, 2016

Adopted:

Council Member	By	2 nd	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	By	2nd	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Mr. Birmingham			X									
Mr. Dunham	X		X									
Mrs. Finnegan					X							
Vice President Merz		X	X									
President Sanchelli			X									

6. NEW BUSINESS
 RESOLUTIONS

Prior to the vote on the Consent Agenda, Council President Sanchelli removed the Outdoor Gathering Permit 09-16 for Charley’s Tavern for separate consideration and vote. He stated that Charley’s had recently obtained a temporary Extension of Premises permit from the ABC to be able to serve alcohol during the Outdoor Gathering. He said the Outdoor Gathering Permit was requesting approval for event hours and number of patrons greater than what was stipulated in the ABC permit. Council President Sanchelli recommended the Council consider approval of the permit with conditions as stated in the ABC’s Extension of Premises permit and as stipulated by the Township Police, hours from 11:00 am – 8:00 pm and no more than the pre-established overall occupancy of approximately forty (40) patrons on the property. The Council concurred with the Council President’s recommendations for the approval of the permit.

Outdoor Gathering Permit 09-16 Charley’s Tavern

Council Member	By	2 nd	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Mr. Birmingham			X			
Mr. Dunham			X			
Mrs. Finnegan	X		X			
Vice President Merz		X	X			
President Sanchelli			X			

• **CONSENT AGENDA* – Township Clerk**

*Matters listed on the Consent Agenda Resolution are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion of the Council and one roll call vote. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council member requests an item be removed for consideration.

*MINUTES:

- [August 17, 2016](#)
- [September 7, 2016](#)

*PERMITS/LICENSES:

- **OUTDOOR GATHERING PERMIT** - 09-16 Charley’s Tavern (Outdoor Powerboat Race Gathering) 9/23/16 thru 9/26/16 11:00 AM – 8:00 PM

*CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS:

- [16-175](#) Resolution Authorizing the Approval of Bills Resolution Authorizing the Approval of Bills (Dunham abstain – Purchase Order #16-00290 - \$221.92 Headley Lumber) (Sanchelli abstain - Purchase Order #16-02860 - \$494.55 & #16-02861 -\$249.75 –Michael Sanchelli)
- [16-176](#) Resolution Authorizing a Refund for a Tree Bond – Tree Removal Permit No. 11-11, Block 95, Lot 17.01
- [16-177](#) Resolution Authorizing Change Order No. 1 and Approving Current Estimate No. 2 – Mike Fitzpatrick Equipment Co, Inc. for 2016 Road Paving Program, Contract No. RDE-16-1
- [16-178](#) Resolution Authorizing Contracts with Certain Approved New Jersey State Contract Vendors for Contracting Units – CDW-G for Data Communications Equipment
- [16-179](#) Resolution Authorizing the Overpayment(s) of Taxes
- [16-180](#) Resolution Authorizing the Refund of Overpayment (s) of Recreation Department Fees

Consent Agenda

Council Member	By	2 nd	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Mr. Birmingham		X	X*			
Mr. Dunham			X**			
Mrs. Finnegan			X			
Vice President Merz	X		X			
President Sanchelli			X***			

*Councilman Birmingham abstained from voting on the August 17, 2016 minutes

**Councilman Dunham abstained from voting on Resolution 16-175, Resolution Authorizing the Approval of Bills, Purchase Order #16-00290, Headley Lumber

***Council President Sanchelli abstained from voting on Resolution 16-175, Resolution Authorizing the Approval of Bills, Purchase Order #16-02860 and #16-02861, Michael Sanchelli

7. JOINT DISCUSSION WITH JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

Mr. Smith asked if there had been any progress made regarding bathrooms at the High School field. Mayor Felter reported speaking with Dr. Tierney several months ago and that both agreed that bathrooms should replace the port-a-johns. He said they also agreed that building the bathrooms should be a volunteer effort and the Township and School could both contribute some funding. Mr. Smith requested budget figures. Members of both governing bodies reported hearing positive comments made in the community regarding the turf field.

Council Vice President Merz commended the Board of Education for the quality of their Senior Health classes and for bringing topics like suicide and mental health to the forefront. She also applauded the Board for sponsoring the “In Your Shoes” exhibit in conjunction with JT Connect and the Municipal Alliance. Council Vice President Merz announced that the Township has recently partnered with the Center for Addiction Recovery Education and Success (CARES) to provide peer counseling for those suffering from addiction issues and/or their loved ones at the Health Building two times a week.

Mayor Felter announced an upcoming program entitled “Combating the Opiate and Heroin Epidemic” sponsored by the Municipal Alliance, CARES, and the Morris County Prosecutor. He stated that the program will be held on Tuesday, October 25th at the Middle School Media Center from 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm and he encouraged everyone to attend. Dr. Tierney mentioned that the school had just implemented a new website and he asked Mayor Felter to forward the information about the program so that it could be included in the community resources section. Council President Sanchelli said the information could also be posted to the Township website.

Mr. Birmingham commented that he and Mr. Dunham had attended the Teen Scene Graduation last June and it was nice to see the High School kids acting as mentors and interacting with the younger children. Mrs. Gould mentioned the importance of the peer group and mentioned the High School’s Teen Pep program, which provides High School Senior and Junior mentors for incoming High School Freshmen. She suggested promoting this program on the 25th.

Council Vice President Merz said that the Township Council used to have interaction with the student government and suggested to Dr. Tierney that he consider resurrecting Student Government Day. She said this used to be scheduled in May and involved students shadowing Council members, department heads and the administration. Members of both boards were supportive of this type of interaction and Dr. Tierney said he would look into this.

In response to Council questions about the new Student Resource Officer, Dr. Tierney said Officer Fabian is acclimating well and related well to the students. Dr. Tierney said he has already seen students gravitating to Officer Fabian. Members of both Boards also commented on the success of the Police trading card program with the students.

Members of both Boards discussed ideas for addressing the drug epidemic, including continuing education of parents, better communication to all residents regarding services and opportunities available, and developing community, arts or recreation programs for young adults, specifically targeting youth between the ages of 16-22. Mayor Felter mentioned the difficulty in obtaining volunteers to run programs and cited next years limited Jefferson Day activities as an example of an event that is suffering due to low volunteerism. He said that the Township can assist by providing facilities for the programs.

Mr. Leach stated that over the last few years, the Board and Township have done some good things together, citing as examples the joint venture for the renovation of the Board of Education building and the shared service of the Board mechanic, who services the Township buses. He said he would like to propose that the Board and the Township consider a shared service for IT, as the Township’s IT Director will be retiring in 2019. He also mentioned that he would like Jefferson Highlights and the High School students to work together to produce shows and to be involved in the programming.

Council Vice President Merz mentioned a community pool in the Township. Board members commented that the swim team enrollment continues to rise. Discussion ensued about the pros and cons of a community pool and the options available for swimming in some of the lake communities and at nearby Picatinny Arsenal. Mayor Felter said that both the County and Park Commission have explored a community pool option but it is a very expensive undertaking and there is an enormous amount of liability incurred.

8. ADJOURNMENT at 8:18 PM

Motion made by Mrs. Poulas, second by Mr. Millar, to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 pm with all members in favor signifying by “Aye”.

Motion made by Vice President Merz, second by Mrs. Finnegan, to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 pm, with all members in favor signifying by “Aye”.

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ATTEST: September 20, 2016

Michele Reilly, Township Clerk

Michael J. Sanchelli, Council President