

JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
 MEETING LOCATION: JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING
 1033 WELDON ROAD
 LAKE HOPATCONG, NJ 07849
 CONTACT: 973-208-6132/33
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**DRAFT – TO
 THE EXTENT
 KNOWN AS OF
 JULY 14, 2023**

JULY 19, 2023
 REGULAR MEETING – 7:00 PM
 AGENDA

**** PLEASE SILENCE ALL CELL PHONES

1. CALL TO ORDER – Presiding Officer

This meeting is called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Law. This meeting of **July 19, 2023** was included in a list of meetings notice sent to the official newspapers of the Township, the Daily Record and the Star Ledger, on **January 6, 2023** and was posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building on **January 6, 2023** and has remained continuously posted as the required notices under the Statute. In addition, a copy of this notice is and has been available to the public and is on file in the office of the Municipal Clerk.

Proper notice having been given, the Township Clerk is directed to include this statement in the minutes of this meeting.

2. ROLL CALL –Township Clerk

	Present	Absent
Mr. Birmingham		
Mr. Kalish		
Mr. Smith		
Vice President Dunham		
President Senatore		
Mr. Ryan, Township Attorney		
Ms. Reilly, Township Clerk		

Let the record reflect the following members of the Administration are present: Mayor Eric Wilsusen.

3. SALUTE TO THE FLAG – Presiding Officer

4. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS – Township Clerk

- None for July 19, 2023

5. PUBLIC COMMENT – Presiding Officer

Please state and spell your name for the record. Each speaker is limited to one (1) comment of no more than five (5) minutes and no yielding of time to another person.

6. ORDINANCES –PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE FOR ADOPTION –Township Clerk

- None for July 19, 2023

7. MUNICIPAL CONSENT HEARING – Presiding Officer

CSC TKR, LLC d/b/a Cablevision of Morris

This hearing will be held for the purpose of evaluating the application of CSC TKR, LLC d/b/a Cablevision of Morris for the renewal of its municipal consent to own, operate, extend, and maintain a cable television and cable communications system in the Township of Jefferson and is held in accordance with N.J.S.A. 48:5A-23, and N.J.A.C. 14:18-11.6, and all other statutory and regulator provisions.

All interested parties are invited to attend and be heard with respect to this application. Please state and spell your name for the record. Each speaker is limited to one (1) comment of no more than five (5) minutes and no yielding of time to another person.

8. COUNCIL AND MAYOR DISCUSSION – Presiding Officer

- None for July 19, 2023

9. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS OF MAYOR AND ADMINISTRATOR – Presiding Officer

10. COUNCIL REPORTS – Presiding Officer

11. ORDINANCES – FIRST READING –Township Clerk

ORDINANCE #23-16 - ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 235, “Fee, General”, SECTION 235-9 HEALTH CENTER FEES

WHEREAS, Section 235-9 of the Township Code entitle Health Center Fees needs to be updated; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council desires to revise Section 235-9 in its entirety and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Jefferson, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, that Chapter 235-9 is amended as follows:

SECTION I

Chapter 235-9 shall be revised by the deletion of the current section and adoption of a new Section 235-9 as follows:

§235-9 **Health Center Fees:**

A. Flu Shot	\$25.00
B. Flu Shot High Dose	\$55.00
C. Foot Clinic Visit	\$15.00
D. Health Screen IV (CBC, CMP, Lipid, T4, PSA)	\$48.00
E. Female Cancer Screening	\$40.00
F. Health Screen III (CBC, CMP, Lipid, T4)	\$27.00
G. Skin Cancer Screening	\$10.00
H. Ne Hemoglobin A1C	\$17.00

SECTION II

All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistencies.

SECTION III

If any article, section, subsection, paragraphs, phrase or sentence is, for any reason, held to be unconstitutional or invalid, said article, section, subsection, paragraph, phrase or sentence shall be deemed severable.

SECTION IV

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final publication as provided by law.

Following introduction, the above Ordinance will be published in accordance with the law and a Public hearing will be held on August 16, 2023.

INTRODUCED:

ADOPTED:

Council Member	By	2 nd	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	By	2 nd	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Mr. Birmingham												
Mr. Kalish												
Mr. Smith												
Vice President Dunham												
President Senatore												

ORDINANCE #23-17 - ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 142 OF THE JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL CODE ENTITLED "ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES"

WHEREAS, the Township Council desires to amend Chapter 142 of the Jefferson Township Municipal Code entitled "Alcoholic Beverages" in order to amend Section 142 to regulate, when appropriate, establishments that permit Bring Your Own Beverage ("BYOB").

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Jefferson, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, that Chapter 142 of the Jefferson Township Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

142-19 Purpose

- A. The Township of Jefferson wants its restaurants to remain economically viable and as well as competitive with the restaurants in other municipalities which permit the BYOB practice while concurrently safeguarding residents, visitors and patrons through the establishment of BYOB regulations.
- B. The Township through the use of requirements and established regulations, will be able to monitor the dispensation of alcohol more effectively through the use of BYOB regulation. As such, the Jefferson Township Council has determined that it would be appropriate, proper and in the best interest of the residents and visitors to the Township to amend Chapter 142, through the addition of regulations permitting, but regulating BYOB consumption.

142-20 Permitted establishments

The following establishments may offer BYOB and are defined as follows:

- A. Restaurant: an establishment regularly and principally used for the purpose of preparing, cooking and serving meals to the public, having an adequate kitchen and dining room equipped for the preparing, cooking and serving of food for its customers and in which no other business, except such as is incidental to such establishment, is conducted. In order to qualify as a restaurant, a location shall meet the following conditions:
 - (1) A restaurant location must be licensed by the Jefferson Township Health Department for the sale or service of food or liquid refreshments that are sold or served to the general public, and for which a license or permit authorizing the sale and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages has not been issued (even if such license or permit is suspended or in the process of being suspended); and
 - (2) The location regularly employs a wait staff of at least one server; and
 - (3) The location's wait staff service is not confined exclusively to a counter; and
 - (4) The location's business is primarily engaged in the sale or service of food or liquid refreshments to the general public.

142-21 Permitted locations

- A. Indoor premises. The consumption of BYOB alcoholic beverages by patrons may be permitted in fully enclosed indoor dining areas of the premises.
- B. Outside premises. Outdoor consumption of BYOB alcoholic beverages may be permitted, provided:
 - (1) Ingress and egress to the outdoor area shall be through the interior of the main facility, if possible.
 - (2) If ingress and egress cannot be accommodated through the interior of the facility, the outdoor area shall have a single, designated "reception point" at which there shall be stationed an employee, at least 21 years of age.

142-22 Operating regulations

- A. Premises allowing patrons to BYOB must comply with all applicable state, federal and municipal rules, regulations, statutes and ordinances pertaining to the consumption of wine or malt alcoholic beverages on premises that are not licensed to sell or serve alcoholic beverages.
- B. Only the consumption of wine and malt alcoholic beverages shall be permitted.
- C. Any establishment which may allow the patrons to bring their own wine or beer may supply glasses, ice, etc., but may not impose a cover, corkage, or service charge of any kind.
- D. No BYOB establishment or employee shall be permitted to serve, handle, pour or distribute alcoholic beverages on the premises.
- E. The owner or operator shall not permit the consumption of wine or malt alcoholic beverages during the hours of 12:00 midnight, prevailing time, to 12:00 noon, prevailing time.
- F. Persons under the age of 21 years or persons who are visibly or apparently intoxicated are prohibited from consuming wine or malt alcoholic beverages and are prohibited from bringing wine or malt alcoholic beverages onto the premises. No BYOB establishment or employee shall allow, permit or suffer any alcoholic beverages to be consumed by any intoxicated person or by any person under the age of 21 years.
- G. Patrons who desire to consume wine or malt beverages on the premises shall bring such beverages with them to the establishment. No delivery of alcoholic beverages by any person, including a licensed alcoholic beverage establishment, shall be permitted.
- H. The owner or operation allowing patrons to bring their own wine or malt alcoholic liquor shall not allow a patron to bring more than the following amounts of alcohol to a premises for consumption:
 - (1) One bottle of wine shall be allowed for each patron of drinking age;
 - (2) Three malt alcoholic liquors shall be allowed for every one patron of drinking age.
- I. There shall be no consumption of wine or malt alcoholic beverages by employees of the premises, but only by patrons who are seated for meal service at a table. No person waiting to be served for service may consume or possess an open container of an alcoholic beverage while waiting to be seated for table service.
- J. There shall be no storage of alcoholic beverages on the premises except that which is utilized in conjunction with cooking and/or food preparation. Patrons shall not be permitted to deliver alcoholic beverages to the premises in advance or to leave alcoholic beverages on the premises to be consumed or to be picked up at a later time. Additionally, alcoholic beverages shall not be permitted to be stored, displayed or maintained on a service bar or service table, and must be kept by the patron at the table at which the patron is seated.
- K. The owner of the premises must mandate that a patron who brings alcohol to a restaurant under this article take the alcohol with them at the end of their patronage. Under no circumstances may an owner allow alcohol to remain on the premises which does not belong to a patron. For each bottle of alcohol on the premises that does not belong to a patron, the owner shall be liable for a fine of up to \$500 for each bottle found on the premises.
- L. The New Jersey Alcoholic Beverage Control Act provides that holders of plenary winery licenses and farm winery licenses may operate retail outlets within the State of New Jersey. See N.J.S.A. 33:1-10.2a and N.J.S.A. 33:1-10.2b. These retail salesrooms are commonly referred to as "outlets," and any retail establishment ("outlet") seeking to sell alcoholic beverages within the Township must comply with New Jersey state laws regulating the service of alcohol. See, e.g., N.J.S.A. 2C:33-27.

142-23 Violations

Any person or establishment violating this article shall be subject to any and all fines and penalties set forth under any law of the State of New Jersey and Jefferson Township. In addition to any fine or penalty set forth by the State of New Jersey and the Township of Jefferson, the Township of Jefferson may impose a fine of up to \$500 per violation. Each bottle found at the public location shall be considered a separate and distinct violation. The aforesaid regulations can and will be enforced by the Township Code Enforcement Officers and the Officers of the Jefferson Township Police Department.

142-24 Operator/owner consent

Any restaurant that opts to be a BYOB under this article irrevocably consents to allow the designated agent(s) authorized with enforcing compliance with all plenary laws and their designees to conduct random inspections of BYOB restaurants to ensure compliance with this article.

142-25 Severability

Should any paragraph, section, part of any section, or any clause or phrase of this article for any reason be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the remaining provisions of this article, and shall remain in full force and effect, and to that end the provisions of this article are hereby declared to be severable.

142-26 Repealer

All ordinances of the Township of Jefferson which are inconsistent or in conflict with the provisions of this article are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

142-27 Effect on other laws

This article shall supersede and replace any other provisions of the Code of the Township of Jefferson, now or later enacted, which have or may be construed to have differing or contrary terms or conditions relating to the subject matter of this article. This article is not intended to alter the current, or alter enacted amendments to the, Township Zoning/Land Use Code.

142-28

142-29 When effective

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final publication as provided by law.

Following introduction, the above Ordinance will be published in accordance with the law and a Public hearing will be held on **August 16, 2023**.

INTRODUCED:

ADOPTED:

Council Member	By	2 nd	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	By	2 nd	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Mr. Birmingham												
Mr. Kalish												
Mr. Smith												
Vice President Dunham												
President Senatore												

12. NEW COUNCIL BUSINESS – Presiding Officer

✓ **COUNCIL DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- Cannabis Conditional Use Zoning Ordinance
- Cannabis Tax Ordinance
- Cannabis Municipal License Ordinance
- Cannabis Municipal License Application

✓ **RESOLUTION #23-204 – RESOLUTION STATING THE PURPOSE FOR THE ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 142 OF THE JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL CODE ENTITLED “ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES”**

WHEREAS, on June 14, 2023, the Jefferson Township Council introduced Ordinance No. 23-15, which amends Chapter 142 of the Jefferson Township Municipal Code Entitled “Alcoholic Beverages” removing the limit of one (1) liquor, license within a one (1) mile radius while retaining the total number of liquor licenses which may be granted within the Township of Jefferson. A hearing on the Ordinance was conducted on June 28, 2023 and the majority of the Council voted favorably on the amending ordinance, thereby so amending the Jefferson Township Municipal Code; and

WHEREAS, the Jefferson Township Municipal Code regulates the sale of alcoholic beverages in the Township of Jefferson in accordance with the provisions of an Act of the Legislature of the State of New Jersey entitled “ An Act Concerning Alcoholic Beverages,” comprising Chapters 436 of the Laws of 1933, its supplements and amendments, and also comprising N.J.S.A. § 33:1-1, et seq., and in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Director of the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control; and

WHEREAS, the one (1) license limit within a one (1) mile radius was originally enacted prior to the municipality being subject to the restrictions of the Highlands Preservation Act, and the Highlands Preservation Act restrictions, in combination with the one (1) mile radius restriction, placed significant limitations on the transfer and/or location of license premises within the Township; and

WHEREAS, the distance requirement impacted the transfer of existing licenses or the establishment of a new business in the Township, the transfer of such licenses will now be permitted without the geographic restriction; and

WHEREAS, the Jefferson Township Council recognizes that unreasonable restriction of the award of liquor licenses within Jefferson Township has an adverse impact upon our business community at large, and more specifically, upon our restaurants and dining establishments; and

WHEREAS, the limitation of liquor licenses to one within a one (1) mile radius unreasonably discourages the development of restaurants due to the inability to increase revenue and profit margins for those restaurants; and

WHEREAS, unreasonable restrictions may unfairly disadvantage independent restaurateurs and “mom and pop” restaurants that cannot afford the escalating price of a liquor license; and

WHEREAS, Jefferson Township wishes to maintain its business friendly environment that is beneficial to businesses, patrons, residents and taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council has concluded that the Township’s character, development and business climate, as well as the needs of its residents, have changed significantly in the years since the distance restriction was originally adopted and thus felt compelled to eliminate the one (1) miles restriction requirement; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the Township of Jefferson found it to be in the best interests of the Township and its residents to amend the Township Code to do away with the distance restrictions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY the Township Council of the Township of Jefferson, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, that the purpose of the adoption of Ordinance No. 23-15 and the elimination from the Jefferson Township Municipal Code of the limit of one (1) liquor license within a one (1) mile radius within the Township is as set forth herein.

Council Member	By	2 nd	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Mr. Birmingham						
Mr. Kalish						
Mr. Smith						
Vice President Dunham						
President Senatore						

13. MINUTES – Township Clerk

Council Member	By	2 nd	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Mr. Birmingham						
Mr. Kalish						
Mr. Smith						
Vice President Dunham						
President Senatore						

14. 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.

*PERMITS/LICENSES

- None for July 19, 2023

*APPOINTMENTS:

- Fire Company #2 – Jake Melick

*CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS:

- 23-205 Resolution Authorizing the Payment of Bills
- 23-206 Resolution Authorizing the Refund of Overpayment(s) of Taxes
- 23-207 Resolution Authorizing the Reduction of Taxes Due to Successful County Tax Appeals
- 23-208 Resolution Authorizing the Refund of Payment (Health Dept).
- 23-209 Resolution Authorizing Contracts with Certain Approved New Jersey State Contract T-2407-Asphalt Paving Systems
- 23-210 Resolution Authorizing Contracts with Certain Approved Through Morris County Cooperative Pricing Contract (MCCPC) #21-Asphalt Paving Systems
- 23-211 Resolution Authorizing One (1) Year Contract for Water Pipe and Appurtenances – Contract #UTL-23-2 – And Ferguson Waterworks, Brent Material Company, and Core and Main Co., Inc.
- 23-212 Resolution Authorizing Contracts with Certain Approved Through ESCNJ 20/21-22; Co-op #65MCESCCPS for the Purchase of New Playground Equipment for the Creative Playground
- 23-213 Resolution Authorizing Contract with Certain Approved Through ESCNJ 20/21-22; Co-op #65MCESCCPS for the Purchase of Wood Carpet for the Creative Playground
- 23-214 Resolution Authorizing Princeton Hydro, LLC to Complete Lake Hopatcong Trout Habitat Study: Phase 2- Task 6b – Habitat Management Plan through the Amended Plan Conformance Grant #09-033-011-1414
- 23-215 Resolution Cancelling Grant Appropriations and Receivables
- 23-216 Resolution Requesting Approval of Item of Revenue and Appropriation Under N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 for the 2023 Highlands Council Lake Hopatcong Trout Habitat Study, Phase 2, Task 6B in the Amount of \$43,500.00
- 23-217 Resolution Requesting Approval of Item of Revenue and Appropriation Under N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 for the Local Recreation Improvement Grant in the Amount of \$75,000.00
- 23-218 Resolution Approving Submission of a Grant Application and the Execution of a Grant Contract with the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) for Weldon Road Improvements
- 23-219 Resolution Requesting Authorization to Hire Certain Police Officers
- 23-220 Resolution Authorizing the Renewal of Liquor Licenses – Nakul Patel (inactive)
- 23-221 Resolution Adopting a Prototypical Service Agreement with Empower Annuity Insurance Company of America (f/k/a Great-West Life & Annuity Insurance Company)

Council Member	By	2 nd	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Mr. Birmingham						
Mr. Kalish						
Mr. Smith						
Vice President Dunham						
President Senatore						

15. PUBLIC COMMENT – Presiding Officer

Please state and spell your name for the record. Each speaker is limited to one (1) comment of no more than five (5) minutes and no yielding of time to another person.

16. EXECUTIVE SESSION –Township Clerk

RESOLUTION #23-222 - RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR A MEETING NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE NEW JERSEY OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Jefferson is subject to certain requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6, et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12, provides that an Executive Session, not open to the public, may be held for certain specified purposes when authorized by Resolution; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Township Council of the Township of Jefferson to discuss in a session not open to the public certain matters relating to the item or items authorized by N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b and designated below:

- (1) Matters Required by Law to be Confidential: Any matter which, by express provision of Federal law or State statute or rule of court shall be rendered confidential or excluded from the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act.

- (2) Matters Where the Release of Information Would Impair the Right to Receive Funds: Any matter in which the release of information would impair a right to receive funds from the Government of the United States.
- (3) Matters Involving Individual Privacy: Any material the disclosure of which constitutes an unwarranted invasion of individual privacy such as any records, data, reports, recommendations, or other personal material of any educational, training, social service, medical, health, custodial, child protection, rehabilitation, legal defense, welfare, housing, relocation, insurance and similar program or institution operated by a public body pertaining to any specific individual admitted to or served by such institution or program, including but not limited to information relative to the individual's personal and family circumstances, and any material pertaining to admission, discharge, treatment, progress or condition of any individual, unless the individual concerned (or, in the case of a minor or incompetent, his guardian) shall request in writing that the same be disclosed publicly.
- (4) Matters Relating to Collective Bargaining Agreements: Any collective bargaining agreement, or the terms and conditions which are proposed for inclusion in any collective bargaining agreement, including the negotiation of the terms and conditions thereof with employees or representatives of employees of the public body.
- (5) Matters Relating to the Purchase, Lease or Acquisition of Real Property or the Investment of Public Funds: Any matter involving the purchase, lease or acquisition of real property with public funds, the setting of banking rates or investment of public funds, where it could adversely affect the public interest if discussion of such matters were disclosed.
- (6) Matters Relating to Public Safety and Property: Any tactics and techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public provided that their disclosure could impair such protection. Any investigations of violations of possible violations of the law.
- (7) Matters Relating to Litigation, Negotiations and the Attorney-Client Privilege: Any pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiation in which the public body is, or may become a party. Any matters falling within the attorney-client privilege, to the extent that confidentiality is required in order for the attorney to exercise his ethical duties as a lawyer.
 - Liquor Licensing - Contracts
- (8) Matters Relating to the Employment Relationship: Any matter involving the employment, appointment, termination of employment, terms and conditions of employment, evaluation of the performance of promotion or disciplining of any specific prospective public officer or employee or current public officer or employee employed or appointed by the public body, unless all the individual employees or appointees whose right could be adversely affected request in writing that such matter or matters be discussed at a public meeting.
- (9) Matters Relating to the Potential Imposition of a Penalty: Any deliberations of a public body occurring after a public hearing that may result in the imposition of a specific civil penalty upon the responding party or the suspension or loss of a license or permit belonging to the responding party bears responsibility.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Jefferson, in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey, assembled in public session on **July 19, 2023 at 7:00 P.M.** in the Township Municipal Building, 1033 Weldon Road, Lake Hopatcong, New Jersey, that the Township Council shall meet in Executive Session, from which the public shall be excluded, for the discussion of matters relating to the specific items designated above.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it is anticipated that the deliberations conducted in closed session may be disclosed to the public upon the determination of the Township Council that the public interest will no longer be served by such confidentiality.

Council Member	By	2 nd	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Mr. Birmingham						
Mr. Kalish						
Mr. Smith						
Vice President Dunham						
President Senatore						

17. ADJOURNMENT AT _____ PM - Presiding Officer

Michele Reilly, RMC, CMR
 Township Clerk
 973-208-6133 mreilly@jeffersontownship.net

FUTURE MEETINGS will begin at 7:00 p.m. on each of the dates set forth below, at the Jefferson Township Municipal Building, 1033 Weldon Road, Lake Hopatcong, New Jersey, unless otherwise noticed below or as amended during the year by a vote of the Township Council.

REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE

Wednesday, August 16	
Wednesday, September 6	Tuesday, September 19
Wednesday, October 4	Wednesday, October 18
Wednesday, November 1	Wednesday, November 29
Wednesday, December 13	Wednesday, January 3, 2024 - Reorganization

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTION #23-205

“RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF BILLS”

WHEREAS, the Business Administrator has reviewed and approved purchase orders requested by the Township Department Heads; and

WHEREAS, the Finance Office has certified that funds are available in the proper account; and

WHEREAS, the Finance Office has approved payment, upon certification from the Township Department Heads that the goods and/or services have been rendered to the Township; and

WHEREAS, purchases under State Contract or under Morris County Cooperative Purchasing Agreement were made where applicable.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Jefferson, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, that the current bills, dated June 28, 2023 and on file and available for public inspection in the Office of the Treasurer and approved by him/her for payment, be paid.

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTION #23-206

“RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT(S) OF TAXES”

WHEREAS, there appears on the tax records overpayment(s) as shown below; and

WHEREAS, said overpayment(s) were created by the reasons indicated; and

WHEREAS, the Collector of Taxes recommends the refund(s) of such overpayment(s).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Jefferson, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, that the proper officers are hereby authorized and directed to issue checks to refund such overpayment(s) as hereafter shown below:

CODE OF REASONS

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|-----------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Incorrect Payment | 2. Adjustment of Assessment | 3. Homestead Rebate | 4. Overbilled | 5. Third Party Lien |
| 6. Duplicate Payment | 7. Exempt | 8. County/State Board Appeal | 9. Overpayment | |
| 10. Return of Premium | 11. New Jersey Saver | 12. Return of Recording Fee | 13. Vets, Senior Citizen Deduction | |

BLOCK	LOT	NAME	AMOUNT	CODE	YEAR
123	21	TOWER DB XIII	\$3,621.05	5	2023
123	21	TOWER DB XIII	\$3,300.00	10	2023
130	1	BALA PARTNERS LLC	\$2,450.90	5	2023
130	1	BALA PARTNERS LLC	\$3,000.00	10	2023
250.05	7	BALA PARTNERS LLC	\$1,793.70	5	2023
250.05	7	BALA PARTNERS LLC	\$1,700.00	10	2023
264	1	EVOLVE BANK & TRUST	\$22,535.66	5	2023
264	1	EVOLVE BANK & TRUST	\$27,000.00	10	2023
302	20	PRO CAP 8 FBO	\$5,202.40	5	2023
302	20	PRO CAP 8 FBO	\$1,700.00	10	2023
152	8	BALA PARTNERS LLC	\$2,462.21	5	2023
152	8	BALA PARTNERS LLC	\$3,000.00	10	2023
			TOTAL	\$77,765.92	

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTION #23-207

“RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REDUCTION OF TAXES DUE TO SUCCESSFUL COUNTY TAX APPEALS”

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector of the Township of Jefferson has determined that action is required as a result of the 2023 tax reductions granted by the State of New Jersey and the Morris County Board of Taxation; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector has certified to the foregoing as well as to the amount of the tax cancellations, which are set forth along with the Block and Lot and Property location of the taxpayer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Jefferson, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, that the required tax cancellations be made:

BLOCK	LOT	PROPERTY LOCATION	TAX CANCELLATION
11	7	Raccoon Island Rd	\$ 658.35
42	14	65 S. Lakeside Ave	\$ 1,708.78
77	8	20 Arizona Ave	\$ 778.32
142	17	33 Benedict Dr	\$ 1,202.59
195	20	62 Nolans Pt Pk Rd	\$ 1,860.94
219	7	89 Mase Rd	\$ 1,122.85
250	5	400 St Rt 15 S	\$ 1,796.56
444	36	8 Schoolhouse Rd	\$ 1,460.07
453	6.02	7 Ridge Rd	\$ 2,926.00
477	12.05	9 Quincy Dr	\$ 1,901.90
457	7	5627 Berkshire Valley Rd	\$17,734.49

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTION #23-208

“RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF PAYMENT”

WHEREAS, there Heidi Fatula had requested 3 certified copies of her Marriage License and were mailed; and

WHEREAS, said Heidi Fatula has not received the certified copies to date; and

WHEREAS, the Health Department recommends the refund(s) of the Certified copies of the Marriage License.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Jefferson, County of Morris, State of New Jersey that the proper officers are hereby authorized and directed to issue checks refund such overpayment(s) as hereafter shown below:

CODE OF REASONS

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|----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Incorrect Payment | 2. Duplicate Payment | 3. Service not rendered |
| 4. Program Cancelled | 5. Expelled Participant | |

PAYEE	PROGRAM	AMOUNT	CODE
Heidi Fatula	Not receiving the 3 certified Marriage Licenses	30.00	3
	Total Refunds:	30.00	

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTION #23-209

“RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACTS WITH CERTAIN APPROVED NEW JERSEY STATE CONTRACT T-2507 ASPHALT PAVING SYSTEMS”

WHEREAS, the Township of Jefferson may by resolution and without advertising for bids, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11 of the Local Public Contracts Law, purchase goods or services under the **State of New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Program for any state contracts entered into on behalf of the State of the Division of Purchase and Property in the Department of the Treasury;** and

WHEREAS, the Township of Jefferson has the need on a timely basis to purchase goods or services utilizing **State Contracts;** and

WHEREAS, **State Contract T-2507** was awarded to **Asphalt Paving Systems, P.O. Box 530, Hammonton, New Jersey 08037** for cape seal micro-surfacing treatment; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Jefferson desires to **cape seal and micro-surfacing treatment** in an amount not to exceed **\$179,261.56 NJ State Contract #T-2507**, through this resolution and properly executed contract, which shall be subject to all the conditions applicable to the current **New Jersey State Cooperative Purchasing Program;** and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.5 (b) a certificate showing availability of funds has been provided to the Township by the Chief Financial Officer of the Township, certifying that funds for said contract are available and are designated to a line item appropriations designated below and totaling **\$179,261.56**.

C-04-55-923-012-907

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Jefferson, County of Morris, State of New Jersey that the Township Administrator is authorized to purchase **cape seal micro-surfacing treatment from Asphalt Paving Systems, P.O. Box 530, Hammonton, New Jersey, 08037 in an amount not to exceed \$179,261.56.**

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTION #23-210

“RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACTS WITH CERTAIN APPROVED THROUGH MORRIS COUNTY COOPERATIVE PRICING CONTRACT (MCCPC) #21 ASPHALT PAVING SYSTEMS.”

WHEREAS, the Township of Jefferson may by resolution and without advertising for bids, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11 of the Local Public Contracts Law, purchase goods or services under the **State of New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Program for any state contracts entered into on behalf of the State of the Division of Purchase and Property in the Department of the Treasury;** and

WHEREAS, the Township of Jefferson has the need on a timely basis to purchase goods or services utilizing **Cooperative Contracts;** and

WHEREAS, **MCCPC** was awarded to **Asphalt Paving Systems, PO Box 530, Hammonton, New Jersey 08037** for oil and stone; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Jefferson desires to do oil and stone in an amount not to exceed **\$99,897.80 MCCPC #21**, through this resolution and properly executed contract, which shall be subject to all the conditions applicable to the current **New Jersey State Cooperative Purchasing Program;** and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.5 (b) a certificate showing availability of funds has been provided to the Township by the Chief Financial Officer of the Township, certifying that funds for said contract are available and are designated to a line item appropriations designated below and totaling **\$99,897.80**.

**C-04-55-923-012-907
 C-04-55-922-010-910**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Jefferson, County of Morris, State of New Jersey that the Township Administrator is authorized to purchase **oil and stone from Morris Asphalt Co., Inc., P.O. Box 305, Lafayette, New Jersey 07848 in an amount not to exceed \$99,897.80.**

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTION #23-211

"RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ONE (1) YEAR CONTRACT FOR WATER PIPE AND APPURTENANCES - CONTRACT #UTL-23-2 - AND FERGUSON WATERWORKS, BRENT MATERIAL COMPANY AND CORE AND MAIN CO., INC "

WHEREAS, the Township of Jefferson has, in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law of the State of New Jersey, received bids for Water Pipe and Appurtenances - UTL-23-2 on June 28, 2023; and

WHEREAS, three (3) bids were received; and

WHEREAS, Ferguson Waterworks, of Howell, New Jersey, is the lowest responsible bidder for items 1 through 15, 22, 23, 24, and 29; and

WHEREAS, Brent Material Company, of Florham Park, New Jersey is the lowest responsible bidder for items 16 through 20, 25, 26, 27; and

WHEREAS, Core and Main Co., Inc. of Pompton Plains, New Jersey, is the lowest responsible bidder for items 21, 28, 30 through 35; and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer, James S. Lutz, recommends splitting the award of the contract to Ferguson Waterworks, of Howell, New Jersey, Brent Material Company, of Florham Park, New Jersey and Core and Main Co., Inc. of Pompton Plains, New Jersey, in his letter of recommendation dated July 12, 2023; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.5 (b) a certificate showing availability of funds has been provided to the Township by the Chief Financial Officer of the Township, certifying that the funds for said contract are available and are designated to a line item appropriations designated below and totaling \$75,500.00 for 2023.

3-05-55-500-000-556

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of Jefferson, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, hereby awards the contract for Water Pipe and Appurtenances - UTL-23-2 to Ferguson Waterworks, 507 Oak Glen Road, Howell, New Jersey, and Brent Material Company, 325 Columbia Turnpike, Suite 308, Florham Park, New Jersey and Core and Main Co., Inc., 660 State Highway 23, Pompton Plains, New Jersey for the individual items stated above in an amount not to exceed \$75,500.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk are authorized to sign the contracts for Water Pipe and Appurtenances - UTL-23-2.

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTION #23-212

"RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACTS WITH CERTAIN APPROVED THROUGH ESCNJ 20/21-22; Co-op #65MCECCPS FOR THE PURCHASE OF NEW PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT FOR THE CREATIVE PLAYGROUND"

WHEREAS, the Township of Jefferson may by resolution and without advertising for bids, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11 of the Local Public Contracts Law, purchase goods or services under the **State of New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Program for any state contracts entered into on behalf of the State of the Division of Purchase and Property in the Department of the Treasury**; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Jefferson has the need to purchase new playground equipment for the Creative Playground through **Cooperative Contracts**; and

WHEREAS, **ESCNJ 20/21-22; Co-op #65MCECCPS** was awarded to Ben Schaffer Recreation, PO Box 844, Lake Hopatcong, New Jersey 07849 for BCI Burke Company, LLC., playground equipment; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Jefferson desires to purchase the BCI Burke Company, LLC., playground equipment for the Creative Playground in an amount not to exceed \$338,583.02 ESCNJ 20/21-22; Co-op #65MCECCPS through this resolution and properly executed contract, which shall be subject to all the conditions applicable to the current **New Jersey State Cooperative Purchasing Program**; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Jefferson has received a Local Recreation Improvement Grant through NJDCA in amount of \$75,000.00

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.5 (b) a certificate showing availability of funds has been provided to the Township by the Chief Financial Officer of the Township, certifying that funds for said contract are available and are designated to a line item appropriations designated below and totaling \$338,583.02.

C-04-55-923-012-913
G-01-41-795-000-001

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Jefferson, County of Morris, State of New Jersey that the Township Administrator is authorized to purchase BCI Burke Company, LLC., playground equipment for the Creative Playground through Ben Schaffer Recreation, PO Box 844, Lake Hopatcong, New Jersey 07849 in the amount of \$338,583.02.

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTION #23-213

"RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACTS WITH CERTAIN APPROVED THROUGH ESCNJ 20/21-22; Co-op #65MCECCPS FOR THE PURCHASE OF WOOD CARPET FOR THE CREATIVE PLAYGROUND"

WHEREAS, the Township of Jefferson may by resolution and without advertising for bids, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11 of the Local Public Contracts Law, purchase goods or services under the **State of New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Program for any state contracts entered into on behalf of the State of the Division of Purchase and Property in the Department of the Treasury**; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Jefferson has the need to purchase new wood carpet for the Creative Playground through **Cooperative Contracts**; and

WHEREAS, **ESCNJ 20/21-22; Co-op #65MCESCCPS** was awarded to **Ben Schaffer Recreation, PO Box 844, Lake Hopatcong, New Jersey 07849** for wood carpet for the Creative Playground; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Jefferson desires to purchase the wood carpet for the Creative Playground in an amount not to exceed **\$31,150.00 ESCNJ 20/21-22; Co-op #65MCESCCPS** through this resolution and properly executed contract, which shall be subject to all the conditions applicable to the current **New Jersey State Cooperative Purchasing Program**; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Jefferson has received a Local Recreation Improvement Grant through NJDCA in amount of \$75,000.00

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.5 (b) a certificate showing availability of funds has been provided to the Township by the Chief Financial Officer of the Township, certifying that funds for said contract are available and are designated to a line item appropriations designated below and totaling **\$31,150.00**.

C-04-55-923-012-913

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Jefferson, County of Morris, State of New Jersey that the Township Administrator is authorized to purchase **wood carpet for the Creative Playground through Ben Schaffer Recreation, PO Box 844, Lake Hopatcong, New Jersey 07849 in the amount of \$31,150.00.**

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTION #23-214

“RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PRINCETON HYDRO, LLC TO COMPLETE LAKE HOPATCONG TROUT HABITAT STUDY: PHASE 2 – TASK 6b – HABITAT MANAGEMENT PLAN THROUGH THE AMENDED PLAN CONFORMANCE GRANT #09-033-011-1414”

WHEREAS, the Township of Jefferson received a proposal from **Princeton Hydro, LLC** to complete the 2023 study of Lake Hopatcong for Trout Habitat, Phase 2, Task 6b, through the Highlands Grant Funding; and

WHEREAS, the Highlands Council approved the grant request for the study of Lake Hopatcong for Trout Habitat Phase 2 in a letter dated June 27, 2023 in the amount not-to-exceed \$43,500; and

WHEREAS, Princeton Hydro, LLC., has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that they have not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate, committee or employee for those positions listed on the Business Entity Disclosure Certification Form in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit **Princeton Hydro, LLC.,** from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) of the Township has determined and certified in writing that the value of the acquisition by the firm **Princeton Hydro, LLC., will exceed \$17,500;** and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.5 (b) a certificate showing availability of funds has been provided to the Township by the Chief Financial Officer of the Township, certifying that funds for said contract are available and are designated to a line item appropriations designated below and **totaling \$43,500.00.**

T-24-56-860-000-801

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Jefferson, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey that this professional contract is hereby authorized and approved by the Township Council.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED:

Section 1. The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute and agreement **with Princeton Hydro, LLC., 35 Clark Street, Suite 200, Trenton, NJ 08611** for **Environmental Services** to the Township of Jefferson for the study of Lake Hopatcong for Trout Habitat Phase 2 in a proposal dated **June 27, 2023** for an annual fee **not to exceed \$43,500.00.**

Section 2. This contract is awarded as a “Professional Service” in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A: 11-5 (1)(a) of the Local Public Contracts Law because the contract is for a service performed by a person(s) authorized by law to practice a recognized profession that is regulated by law.

Section 3. The term of the agreement shall be for the term Study of Lake Hopatcong for Trout Habitat.

Section 4. A notice of this action shall be printed once in the legal newspaper of the Township of Jefferson.

Section 5. The resolution authorizing the award of the contract for “Professional Services” and the contract itself must be available for public inspection per the requirement of the Local Public Contract Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq).

Section 6. The Business Entity Disclosure Certification and the Determination of Value be placed on file with the resolution.

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTION #23-215

“RESOLUTION CANCELLING GRANT APPROPRIATIONS AND RECEIVABLES”

WHEREAS, there is a need to cancel the following Grant/Budget Appropriations and Receivables:

FUND	ACCOUNT No.	ACCOIUNT TYPE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
GRANT	G-01-41-725-000-004	BUDGET	NJ HIGHLANDS Trout Habitat Study	1,360.00
GRANT	G-01-41-725-004	REVENUE	NJ HIGHLANDS Trout Habitat Study	1,360.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township of Jefferson, Morris County, New Jersey, that the above referenced Appropriations and Receivables be cancelled.

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTION #23-216

“RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF ITEM OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION UNDER N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 FOR THE 2023 HIGHLANDS COUNCIL LAKE HOPATCONG TROUT HABITAT STUDY, PHASE 2, TASK 6B IN THE AMOUNT OF \$43,500.00”

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for an equal amount; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Jefferson, has been awarded a 2023 Highlands Council Lake Hopatcong Trout Habitat Study, Phase 2, Task 6b, in the amount of \$43,500.00 and wishes to amend its 2023 budget to include this amount as an item of revenue.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of Jefferson, County of Morris, State of New Jersey hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2023 in the total amount of \$43,500.00, which will be available as a revenue from:

Miscellaneous Revenues

Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated with Prior Written Consent of the Director of Local Government Services – Public And Private Revenues Offset with Appropriations:
2023 Highlands Council Lake Hopatcong Trout Habitat Study, Phase 2, Task 6b \$43,500.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$43,500.00 be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

General Appropriations

Operations – Excluded from CAPS
Public and Private Programs Offset by Revenues:
2023 Highlands Council Lake Hopatcong Trout Habitat Study, Phase 2, Task 6b \$43,500.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer electronically submit the Chapter 159 certification form and a copy of this resolution to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTION #23-217

“RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF ITEM OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION UNDER N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 FOR THE LOCAL RECREATION IMPROVEMENT GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$75,000.00”

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for an equal amount; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Jefferson has been awarded a Local Recreation Improvement Grant in the amount of \$75,000.00 from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs and wishes to amend its 2023 municipal budget to include this amount as an item of revenue.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of Jefferson, County of Morris, State of New Jersey hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2023 in the total amount of \$75,000.00, which will be available as a revenue from:

Miscellaneous Revenues

Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated with Prior Written Consent of the Director of Local Government Services – Public And Private Revenues Offset with Appropriations:
Local Recreation Improvement Grant \$75,000.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$75,000.00 be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

General Appropriations

A. Operations – Excluded from CAPS
Public and Private Programs Offset by Revenues:
Local Recreation Improvement Grant \$75,000.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer electronically submit the Chapter 159 certification form and a copy of this resolution to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTION #23-218

“RESOLUTION APPROVING SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION AND THE EXECUTION OF A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (NJDOT)FOR WELDON ROAD IMPROVEMENTS”

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer recommends said grant application to the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT); and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer asks the Governing Body that he be and is authorized to apply for said grant.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Jefferson, in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey, formally approves the grant application for the above stated project, **Weldon Road Improvements**.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the **Township Engineer** is hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as **MA-2024-Weldon Road Improvements-00554** to the NJDOT on behalf of the Township of Jefferson.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the Township of Jefferson and that their signatures constitute acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approve the execution of the grant agreement.

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTION #23-219

“RESOLUTION REQUESTING AUTHORIZATION TO HIRE CERTAIN POLICE OFFICERS”

WHEREAS, on April 6, 2022, the Jefferson Township Council adopted Ordinance 2022-03 to amend Chapter 7-37 (Division of Police) of the revised General Ordinances of the Township of Jefferson to adopt the alternative police hiring practices provided under P.L. 2021, Chapter 7 (N.J.S.A. 11A:4-1.3) signed into law on February 4, 2021, which law exempted certain entry-level law enforcement applicants from the examination requirement; and

WHEREAS, on January 18, 2022, N.J.S.A. 11A:4-1.3 was further amended to limit the hiring of entry-level officers without examination to those individuals completing the alternative training within nine months of their dates of hire; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council, having previously adopted the Conflict of Interest and Nepotism policies required under N.J.S.A. 11A:4-13, now seeks to amend Chapter 7-37 of the revised General Ordinances of the Township of Jefferson to permit continued use of the Civil Service alternative hiring practices.

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Township of Jefferson to hire a police officer, and

WHEREAS, members of the Jefferson Township Police Department have conducted background checks and interviewed Police Officer candidates in accordance with Civil Service guidelines; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Jefferson Township Police Department recommend the hiring of the following Police Officer Candidate in accordance with N.J.S.A. 11A:4-1.3:

Joseph Albert Gonzales, as a Temporary Appointment, at \$57,286.00

WHEREAS, the Jefferson Township Chief of Police, Paul Castimore, recommends hiring this officer; and

WHEREAS, the Township's Chief Financial Officer, William Eagen, has certified that funds are available for this purpose; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Jefferson, support the hiring of Joseph Albert Gonzales and approve the Mayor/Public Safety Director to complete all actions related to this appointment.

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTION #23-220

“RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RENEWAL OF LIQUOR LICENSES – PATEL, NAKUL – 1414-33-004-011”

WHEREAS, the Township Council, Township of Jefferson, County of Morris, State of New Jersey has received applications for renewal of liquor licenses; and

WHEREAS, the following establishment has completed the necessary State of New Jersey Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) applications and the correct fees have been paid to the Township Clerk for renewal of liquor licenses for the year **2023-2024**; and

WHEREAS, a Special Ruling (**Docket No. 06-23-405, Job No. 602395**) to permit the renewal of an inactive license pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 33:1-12.39 has been received from the Director of the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control authorizing the municipal issuing authority to consider the application for renewal of the subject license for the **2023-2024** term.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of Jefferson, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, approves the application for renewal of liquor licenses for the following establishment for the period **July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024**:

- Patel, Nakul
- Liquor License Number #1414-33-004-011

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTION #23-221

“RESOLUTION ADOPTING A PROTOTYPICAL SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH EMPOWER ANNUITY INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA (F/K/A GREAT-WEST LIFE & ANNUITY INSURANCE COMPANY)”

WHEREAS, the Township of Jefferson previously adopted a Deferred Compensation Plan and Service Agreement provided by Empower Annuity Insurance Company of America (f/k/a Great-West Life & Annuity Insurance Company for the purposes of:

- the desire to attract and retain qualified employees;
- the accrual of tax benefits to eligible employees through participation in a Deferred Compensation Plan as established pursuant to Section 457 of the *Federal Internal Revenue Code*;
- the fact that there is no cost to the local governmental unit to adopt and implement a Deferred Compensation Plan; and
- the implementation of a Deferred Compensation Plan serves the interests of the local governmental unit by enabling it to provide enhanced retirement security to its eligible employees.

WHEREAS, Empower Annuity Insurance Company of America has assigned the provision of services to its wholly owned subsidiary, Empower Retirement, LLC, who will continue to provide the same services under an updated Service Agreement. The previously adopted Deferred Compensation Plan remains in full effect and is not being changed.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that there is a need for the Execution of a Service Agreement and Contractor Identified:

- The Chief Financial Officer is authorized to execute a Service Agreement with Empower Retirement, LLC, 21-SA-EMPOWER-110121, and to submit all necessary documents to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within the State Department of Community Affairs for approval.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that there is a need to designate a Local Plan Administrator per N.J.A.C. 5:37-5.4:

- **Chief Financial Officer William Eagen** is hereby designated as the Local Plan Administrator for the administration of the Plan.

FOR COPIES OF THE DRAFT BILLS LIST, PLEASE EMAIL JEFFERSONCLERK@JEFFERSONTOWNSHIP.NET OR

CALL TOWNSHIP CLERK MICHELE REILLY AT 973-208-6133.