

JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
MEETING LOCATION: JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING
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JANUARY 18, 2023
REGULAR MEETING – 7:00 PM
MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Council Vice President Dunham called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and Township Clerk Michele Reilly read the meeting statement as follows: This meeting is called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Law. This meeting of **January 18, 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.

2. ROLL CALL

Ms. Reilly called the roll. All Council members were present, except for Council President Senatore, who was absent. Also in attendance were Mayor Wilsusen and Administrator Debi Millikin.

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

3. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Council Vice President Dunham led the flag salute.

4. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Council Vice President Dunham invited Mayor Wilsusen to administer the oath of office to:

- **Fire Company #2**
Chief Scott Jenkins
Assistant Chief Steven Shatzel
Captain Kevin Richards
New Member Jared McNamara

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Reilly opened the public comment portion of the meeting with the consent of the members present and asked speakers to state their name and address for the record.

With no one wishing to be heard, Council Vice President Dunham closed the public comment portion of the meeting.

6. ORDINANCES –PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE FOR ADOPTION

There were no Ordinances for Public Hearing of Vote for Adoption listed on the January 18, 2023 agenda.

7. COUNCIL AND MAYOR DISCUSSION

- **Ordinance Concerning Outdoor Wood Burning Stoves**

Mr. Ryan mentioned that all Council members received a copy of his email and draft Ordinance, which he said was based on NJDEP regulations, State Statute and Administrative Code, as well as Ordinances passed by surrounding communities. He said the draft represented a reasonable and appropriate Ordinance in order to regulate outdoor wood burning stove systems in Jefferson. He mentioned that the Ordinance was more stringent than DEP regulations in two (2) areas; first, it allows only the burning of wood as fuel, and second, it prohibits any smoke for more than three (3) consecutive minutes in any thirty (30) minute period.

Ms. Millikin commented that the Ordinance only permits stoves in rear yards and that they must be two hundred (200) feet away from habitable buildings.

Councilman Birmingham said he approved of the two (2) acres lot size provision, which Mr. Ryan explained was the minimum lot size permitted under Section 5 of the draft. In response to other questions by Councilman Birmingham, Mr. Ryan stated that he had utilized Ordinances passed in other communities and had not found any legislation or court decisions to determine these were unreasonable.

Council Vice President Dunham asked Ms. Millikin to pass on the appropriate draft to the departments who will be in charge of enforcement, for any comments. Council consensus was to place this Ordinance on the next meeting agenda for introduction. Council Vice President Dunham announced that the draft Ordinance would be available for the public when it is placed on the agenda.

8. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS OF MAYOR AND ADMINISTRATOR

Mayor Wilsusen mentioned the passing of Fire Company #2 and Jefferson Rescue member Tom McCarthy, and spoke about Mr. McCarthy's dedication to the community.

Mayor Wilsusen told the Council he and Ms. Millikin, as well as West Milford's Mayor and Administrator, met with Senator Bucco to discuss how much the Highlands Act is hurting both towns. Mayor Wilsusen said that part of his goal in his second term is to push reform of the Highlands Act as far as he can, He said he and Ms. Millikin sent the Senator a list of issues and problems the Act has created for Jefferson, such as restricting new building, no new ratables, issues for the school system, and population decline. He mentioned the effect that the Highlands Act has on the Township's budget and said in order to make any real budget cuts there would have to be cuts to personnel, and that in turn cuts services, which no one wants.

Mayor Wilsusen announced a breakfast with the Mayor, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, next Thursday at 7:30 am at the Betsy Ross Diner. He said the cost is \$20.00 per person.

Mayor Wilsusen said he would like to have extra meetings to discuss the budget and that Ms. Millikin would present dates when she gives her report.

Ms. Millikin wished all the Council a Happy New Year. She congratulated the Mayor and Council President Senatore and Councilman Kalish on their re-election and said she looked forward to continuing to work with everyone for the next four (4) years.

Ms. Millikin told Council the RFP's for the auditor position were received and that there will be committee meeting next week to review the submissions. She said the committee will present a recommendation to Council at the first meeting in February.

Ms. Millikin announced that Building Official Tom Mahoney will retire June 30th, 2023.

Ms. Millikin said the Health Center is up and running and the foot care clinic will be held tomorrow. She encouraged everyone to visit the Health Center in order to see the renovations.

Ms. Millikin recommended the following regarding the budget: start the regularly scheduled February 1st Council meeting at 6 pm instead of 7 so the CFO and she and the Mayor can present an overview to the Council, hold a special meeting on February 8th to have departments present to Council, start the regularly scheduled February 15th meeting at 6 pm instead of 7 so the Fire Department and Ambulance Squads can present to Council, and then have another special meeting on February 22nd for a final budget review. She also mentioned the possibility of a Saturday morning special meeting.

Council Vice President Dunham suggested that since the departments have already met with the Mayor and Administrator, they do not need to present directly to Council. Councilman Smith said he agreed one hundred percent. Council Vice President Dunham also mentioned that departments should be following the ten (10) year plan and Mayor Wilsusen confirmed and said there are no surprises except for some fire equipment issues. Ms. Millikin asked that Council members provide budget questions to her prior to the meeting so she will have answers available.

Council consensus was as follows: start the February 1st and February 15th regularly scheduled Council meetings at 6 pm and hold a special meeting on February 8th, also starting at 6 pm.

Ms. Millikin commented that inflation is a huge hit on the budget this year. She reminded Council the Township is not under State review.

9. COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilman Kalish had no report.

Councilman Birmingham spoke about Tom McCarthy's sixty-eight (68) years of volunteering. He said he attended a Community Development (CDBG) meeting with Webex yesterday, and the Rockaway River Watershed Coalition meeting via Zoom today.

Councilman Birmingham commented that choosing the auditor is Council's decision by Code and Statute. He asked Ms. Millikin how many RFP's were received and she said the Township received three (3) submissions. Councilman Birmingham also mentioned that the Council operates as a body of the whole and not with Committees. Mayor Wilsusen said he and Ms. Millikin had included Councilman Smith on their committee.

Councilman Birmingham suggested Jefferson document the costs and deficits associated with the Highlands Act and perhaps send this information to the Council on State mandates.

Councilman Smith said he was reporting as a member of the Lake Hopatcong Commission and told Council that the LHC's focus this year is on the number of geese on the lake. He said they will be implementing an addling program in the spring.

Council Vice President Dunham said he attended the Eagle Scout ceremony that the Mayor and Police Chief also attended. He also mentioned attending services for Al Cannarozzi and Vincent Corasio. He thanked the Director of Public Safety, Mayor Wilsusen, for the Police Department's outstanding response to a recent incident at the DPD. He also thanked the Administration for decorating the municipal building for Christmas and said he thought the decorations were very classy.

10. ORDINANCES – FIRST READING

There were no Ordinances for First Reading/Introduction listed on the January 18, 2023 agenda.

11. MINUTES January 4, 2023 (Regular – All Present)

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

12. CONSENT AGENDA*

*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**

- Animal Care Facility License #22-04
 Masonhaus Kennel
 January 18, 2023 Through June 30, 2023
- Mobile Home Park/Trailer Licenses for the Period January 1, 2023 - December 31, 2023
- 23-01 YB Properties LLC – 39 Trailer Lots
- 23-02 Sandy Point Park & Marina, LLC – 60 Trailer Lots
- 23-03 Lozier's Court – 35 Trailer Lots

***APPOINTMENTS:**

Member/Position	Appointment	Notes	Term	Expires
Land Use Board	Melissa Senatore	Class III	1 year	12/31/23
Economic Advisory Board	Melissa Senatore		1 year	12/31/23
Economic Advisory Board	Ron Smith		1 year	12/31/23

***CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS:**

- 23-52 Resolution Authorizing the Payment of Bills
- 23-53 Resolution Appointing a Member and Alternate Member to Serve on the Community Development Revenue Sharing Committee
- 23-54 Resolution Authorizing Refund of Overpayment(s) of Recreation Fees
- 23-55 Resolution Authorizing the Refund of Planning Department Escrow Fees and the Closure of Certain Escrow Accounts
- 23-56 Resolution Authorizing a Refund for a Road Opening Bond – Road Opening Permit No. 22-141R, Block 511, Lot 14, 10 Mary Ann Road
- 23-57 Resolution Authorizing the Refund of Overpayment(s) of Taxes
- 23-58 Resolution Authorizing a Disabled Veterans Exemption and the Cancellation of Taxes – Block 250.06, Lot 32
- 23-59 Resolution Authorizing a Disabled Veterans Exemption and the Cancellation of Taxes – Block 567, Lot 31.05
- 23-60 Resolution Authorizing a Disabled Veterans Exemption and the Cancellation of Taxes – Block 232.01, Lot 15
- 23-61 Resolution Authorizing a Disabled Veterans Exemption and the Cancellation of Taxes – Block 233.02, Lot 29.13
- 23-62 Resolution Entering into a Cooperative Service Agreement with United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) Wildlife Services (WS) New Jersey Program
- 23-63 Resolution Authorizing Contracts with Certain Approved Educational Services Commission of New Jersey Co-op Contract Vendors for Contracting Units – Mall Chevrolet
- 23-64 Resolution Authorizing the Execution of the 2023 Subgrant Agreement Renewal With the County of Morris – Dial-A-Ride
- 23-65 Resolution Authorizing a Transfer of Appropriations
- 23-66 Resolution Authorizing a Temporary Budget Amendment

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

13. PUBLIC COMMENT

Council Vice President Dunham opened the public comment portion of the meeting with the consent of the members present and asked speakers to state their name and address for the record.

Sheila Brown – 299 Dover Milton Road

Ms. Brown congratulated the Mayor and Council members on their re-election and thanked everyone for the wood burning stove Ordinance. She asked if people who currently have these stoves will be somehow grandfathered, what size smokestack was permitted, and the time limit the stoves can be used throughout the year.

Mr. Ryan said the draft includes burning allowed between October 15th and May 15th, no provision for grandfathering, and a smokestack height of twenty (20) feet above the ground surface. Ms. Brown asked for the rationale behind the October to May time frame, as she was hoping for six (6) months, and Mr. Ryan said in his survey of other communities this seemed like a common and reasonable term. He explained that Council could certainly consider changing the term and even allowing grandfathering.

With no one else wishing to be heard, Council Vice President Dunham closed the public comment portion of the meeting.

14. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ms. Reilly noted that there is no action to be taken by Council after the conclusion of the Executive Session except for Adjournment.

RESOLUTION #23-67 - 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.
- (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 **January 18, 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	X		X			
Mr. Kalish		X	X			
Mr. Smith			X			
Vice President Dunham			X			
President Senatore						X

Council entered Executive Session at 7:46 pm and re-entered Public Session at 8:12 pm.

15. ADJOURNMENT AT 8:12 PM

Motion made by Councilman Kalish, second by Councilman Birmingham to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 pm, with all members in favor signifying by "Aye."

January 18, 2023

 Michele Reilly, RMC, Township Clerk

 Jay Dunham, Council Vice President

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTION #23-52

"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 January 18, 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 #23-53

"RESOLUTION APPOINTING A MEMBER AND ALTERNATE MEMBER TO SERVE ON THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REVENUE SHARING COMMITTEE"

WHEREAS, the bylaws of the Morris County Community Development Program and the Cooperation Agreement the Township has entered into with the County require that the Township Council appoint, on an annual basis, one member to serve on the Community Development Revenue Sharing Committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Jefferson, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, that **Robert Birmingham** be and is appointed as Member to serve on the Community Development Revenue Sharing Committee for the **year 2023**.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that **Michele Reilly** be and is appointed as Alternate Member to serve on the Community Development Revenue Sharing Committee for the **year 2023**.

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTION #23-54

“RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT(S) OF RECREATION FEES”

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

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

WHEREAS, the Recreation Department 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 refund such overpayment(s) as hereafter shown below:

CODE OF REASONS

- | | | |
|----------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Incorrect Payment | 2. Duplicate Payment | 3. Withdrawal from Program |
| 4. Program Cancelled | 5. Expelled Participant | |

PAYEE	PROGRAM	AMOUNT	CODE
Tiffany Coronado	2022 Rental	200.00	3
	Total Refunds:	200.00	

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTION #23-55

“RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF PLANNING DEPARTMENT ESCROW FEES AND THE CLOSURE OF CERTAIN ESCROW ACCOUNTS”

WHEREAS, there appears on the Planning Department records escrow fees as shown below; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Department recommends the refund of such account balances as the projects have been completed; and

WHEREAS, refunding the account balances will result in a zero-dollar balance in such accounts.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Jefferson that the proper officers are hereby authorized and directed to issue checks to refund such escrow fees as hereafter shown below.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer of the municipality is authorized to take such steps as are necessary to close these accounts.

ACCOUNT #	APPLICANT	AMOUNT
22-05	Blissful Wags, LLC	\$301.00
22-10	Fadden	\$407.50
		\$708.50

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTION #23-56

“RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A REFUND FOR A ROAD OPENING BOND - ROAD OPENING PERMIT NO. 22-141R, BLOCK 511, LOT 14, 10 MARY ANN ROAD”

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer recommends a refund of **\$500.00** received as a bond for a road opening permit, as all road improvements to **Block 511, Lot 14** for work done connecting to the town water line at 10 Mary Ann Road has been restored and completed as required by **Permit No. 22-141R**, and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer, has certified that the necessary improvements have been satisfactorily completed.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Jefferson, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, that the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) be and is hereby authorized to issue a check in the amount of \$500.00 to Dikun Enterprises, LLC, 12 Ress Road, Oak Ridge, New Jersey 07438.

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTION #23-57

“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

- | | | | | |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 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
436	1	PRO CAP 8 FBO FIRSTRUST BANK	\$973.20	5	2023
436	1	PRO CAP 8 FBO FIRSTRUST BANK	\$600.00	10	2023
364	9	WELLS FARGO	\$20,232.14	2&6	2023
260.01	8	EVOLVE BANK & TRUST	\$14,329.34	5	2023
260.01	8	EVOLVE BANK & TRUST	\$26,000.00	10	2023
			TOTAL	\$62,134.68	

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTION #23-58

“RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A DISABLED VETERANS EXEMPTION AND THE CANCELLATION OF TAXES –BLOCK 250.06, LOT 32”

WHEREAS, the Tax Assessor has approved an application for a totally Disabled Veteran Exemption for a resident property owner; and

WHEREAS, based on the approved permanently Disabled Veterans application date of January 5, 2023, the resident property owner is entitled to a refund of his 2023 1st Quarter payment of taxes in accordance with N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.32; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the Township of Jefferson does recommend a refund of his 2023 1st Quarter payment of taxes paid based on date of approved permanently Disabled Veterans application, January 5, 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Jefferson, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, that the Chief Financial Officer be and is hereby authorized to issue checks for the payments appearing on the tax records as follows:

<u>BLOCK/LOT</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>QUARTER/YR</u>
Block 250.06 Lot 32	459 Mountain Top Ct	\$3,835.39	1 st 2023

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that the Tax Collector be and is hereby authorized to cancel said taxes as follows:

<u>BLOCK/LOT</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>QUARTER/YR</u>
Block 250.06 Lot 32	459 Mountain Top Ct	\$3,835.39	1 st 2023
		\$3835.39	2 nd 2023

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTION #23-59

“RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A DISABLED VETERANS EXEMPTION AND THE CANCELLATION OF TAXES –BLOCK 567, LOT 31.05”

WHEREAS, the Tax Assessor has approved an application for a totally Disabled Veteran Exemption for a resident property owner; and

WHEREAS, based on the approved permanently Disabled Veterans application date of January 5, 2023, the resident property owner is entitled to an exemption of taxes in accordance with N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.32; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the Township of Jefferson does recommend an exemption of his taxes based on date of approved permanently Disabled Veterans application, January 5, 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Jefferson, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, that the Tax Collector be and is hereby authorized to cancel said taxes as follows:

<u>BLOCK/LOT</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>QUARTER/YR</u>
Block 567 Lot 31.05	125 Notch Rd	\$3,086.55	1 st 2023
		\$3,086.55	2 nd 2023

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTION #23-60

“RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A DISABLED VETERANS EXEMPTION AND THE CANCELLATION OF TAXES –BLOCK 232.01, LOT 15”

WHEREAS, the Tax Assessor has approved an application for a totally Disabled Veteran Exemption for a resident property owner; and

WHEREAS, based on the approved permanently Disabled Veterans application date of December 23, 2022, the resident property owner is entitled to an exemption of taxes in accordance with N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.32; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the Township of Jefferson does recommend an exemption of his taxes based on date of approved permanently Disabled Veterans application, December 23, 2022.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Jefferson, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, that the Tax Collector be and is hereby authorized to cancel said taxes as follows:

<u>BLOCK/LOT</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>QUARTER/YR</u>
Block 232.01 Lot 15	2 Windjammer Dr	\$2,925.73	1 st 2023
		\$2,925.72	2 nd 2023

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTION #23-61

“RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A DISABLED VETERANS EXEMPTION AND THE CANCELLATION OF TAXES –BLOCK 233.02, LOT 29.13”

WHEREAS, the Tax Assessor has approved an application for a totally Disabled Veteran Exemption for a resident property owner; and

WHEREAS, based on the approved permanently Disabled Veterans application date of December 23, 2022, the resident property owner is entitled to an exemption of taxes in accordance with N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.32; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the Township of Jefferson does recommend an exemption of his taxes based on date of approved permanently Disabled Veterans application, December 23, 2022.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Jefferson, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, that the Tax Collector be and is hereby authorized to cancel said taxes as follows:

<u>BLOCK/LOT</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>QUARTER/YR</u>
Block 233.02 Lot 29.13	7 Boa Vista Dr	\$3,371.55	1 st 2023
		\$3,371.55	2 nd 2023

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTION #23-62

“RESOLUTION ENTERING INTO A COOPERATIVE SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE(USDA) ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE (APHIS) WILDLIFE SERVICES (WS) NEW JERSEY PROGRAM”

WHEREAS, there exists the need for services through USDA APHIS & WS New Jersey Program for the Township of Jefferson; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Jefferson has received a proposal for USDAS APHIS & WS Service New Jersey Program, and

WHEREAS, the Administrator recommended acceptance of the proposal from USDA APHIS & WS New Jersey Program Service and enter into a Cooperative Service Agreement; 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 \$3,297.00

3-01-28-370-370-219

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Jefferson, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, that a Cooperative Service be executed with USDA APHI & WS New Jersey Program, 140 C Locust Grove Road, Pittstowns, NJ 08867 for the Township’s 2023 USDA APHIS & WS NEW JERSEY PROGRAM.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Township Clerk are authorized to enter into and execute the contract on behalf of the Township.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the term of this contract shall be from one year, from February 1, 2023 through September 30, 2023.

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTION #23-63

“RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACTS WITH CERTAIN APPROVED EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION OF NEW JERSEY CO-OP CONTRACT VENDORS FOR CONTRACTING UNITS – MALL CHEVROLET”

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 and goods or services under the New Jersey State Approved Co-op #65MCESCCPS, Educational Services Commission of New Jersey (ESCNJ) Co-op contracts entered into on behalf of said Commission; and

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

WHEREAS, ESCNJ contract 20/21-09 was awarded to Mall Chevrolet, 75 Haddonfield Road, Cherry Hill, NJ 08002 for (1) New 2023 Chevrolet Tahoe, PPV; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Jefferson intends to purchase in an amount not to exceed \$46,874.55 for (1) New 2023 Chevrolet Tahoe, PPV through this resolution and properly executed contract, which shall be subject to all the conditions applicable to current the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey (ESCNJ) contracts; 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 \$46,874.55.

**C-04-55-922-011-925
 2-01-25-240-240-263**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Jefferson that the Township Administrator is authorized to (1) New Chevrolet Tahoe, PPV from the approved ESCNJ Co-op contract 20/21-09 in an amount not to exceed \$46,874.55 from Mall Chevrolet, 75 Haddonfield Road, Cherry Hill, NJ 08002.

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTION #23-64

“RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE 2023 SUBGRANT AGREEMENT RENEWAL WITH THE COUNTY OF MORRIS – DIAL-A-RIDE”

WHEREAS, the County of Morris (“County”) has renewed Subgrant applications for the funding year, January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 and the award to the Township of Jefferson (“Township”) is a grant in the amount of \$19,500 for use for transportation of senior citizens and disabled residents of the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Township is willing to accept said Subgrant award; and

WHEREAS, the Township is desirous of entering into this Subgrant Agreement in accordance with the terms and conditions as attached hereto and made a part hereof, and as executed on behalf of the Township by the Township Administrator, Debra Millikin.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Jefferson, Morris County, New Jersey, that the Township Council hereby authorizes the execution of the 2023 Subgrant Agreement for Dial-A-Ride services with the County of Morris by the Township Administrator.

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTION #23-65

“RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS”

WHEREAS, there is a need for an appropriation transfer for 2022 Current Fund; and

WHEREAS, there are sufficient funds to meet the current needs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Jefferson, in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey that, as authorized by N.J.S.A. 40A:4-58, the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) is hereby authorized and directed to make the following transfers:

Appropriation Transfers - 2022 Budget		
For January 18, 2023 Township Council Meeting		
	CURRENT FUND	
FROM:	ACCOUNT No.	AMOUNT:
Legal OE	01-20-155-155-200	<u>5,000.00</u>
		5,000.00
TO:	ACCOUNT No.	AMOUNT
Bldgs & Grounds OE	01-26-310-310-200	<u>5,000.00</u>
		5,000.00

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTION #23-66

“RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A TEMPORARY BUDGET AMENDMENT”

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-19, Local Budget Law, provides that temporary appropriations may be made prior to the adoption of the **2022** Budget for the purposes and amounts required in the manner therein provided; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council approved temporary budget appropriations (Resolution #23-51) on January 4, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) recommends the approval of additional appropriations for various accounts; and

Account Id	Description	2022 Budget	2023 Temp Budget
2-01-20-140-140-000	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY		
2-01-20-140-140-200	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY OTHER EXPENSE	143,402.50	37,643.16
2-01-20-175-175-000	HISTORICAL SOCIETY		
2-01-20-175-175-200	HISTORICAL SOC. Other Expense	8,670.00	4,551.75
2-01-25-252-252-000	EMERGENCY MGT.		
2-01-25-252-252-200	EMERGENCY MGT.Other Expense	10,200.00	2,677.50
2-01-26-260-292-000	ROADS - SNOW REMOVAL		
2-01-26-260-292-100	SNOW REMOVAL - SNOW O/T S & W	190,000.00	99,750.00
2-01-26-260-292-200	SNOW REMOVAL Other Expense	400,000.00	210,000.00
2-01-28-370-372-000	SENIOR CITIZENS - LAKELAND		
2-01-28-370-372-200	LAKELAND SENIORS	7,500.00	5,531.25
2-01-28-370-375-000	SENIOR CITIZENS - MILTON		
2-01-28-370-375-200	MILTON GOLDEN AGE	7,500.00	5,531.25
2-01-41-000-000-000	GRANTS		
2-01-41-793-000-002	ARP - FIREFIGHTERS GRANT (FIRE CO.#1)	0.00	23,500.00
G-01-41-793-000-002	ARP - FIREFIGHTERS GRANT (FIRE CO.#1)	0.00	23,500.00
	Totals	623,870.00	375,041.75

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Jefferson, Morris County, that the following temporary appropriations be made and a copy of this shall be transmitted to the Chief Financial Officer for his/her records.