

JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
1033 WELDON ROAD
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SEPTEMBER 15, 2026 – 7:00 PM

- 1. **CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. **SALUTE TO THE FLAG**
- 3. **PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT – OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT**
- 4. **ROLL CALL**
- 5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**
- 6. **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**
 - From the Office of the Business Administrator
 - From the Office of the Mayor
 - Council Reports

7. ORDINANCES [PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE FOR ADOPTION] – NONE.

8. **RESOLUTIONS** [RES # 26-271 – RES # 26-283]

Resolution #	Title/Description
26-271	AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF JEFFERSON AND THE COUNTY OF MORRIS PROVIDING FOR AUTHORIZATION OF THE INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT BERKSHIRE VALLEY ROAD (CR699) AND RIDGE ROAD/CHAMBERLAIN ROAD
26-272	APPROVING CURRENT ESTIMATE NO. 2-RIVERVIEW PAVING, INC-FOR WELDON ROAD IMPROVEMENTS PHASE 2, CONTRACT NO. RDE 26-1
26-273	APPROVING CURRENT ESTIMATE NO. 2-RIVERVIEW PAVING, INC-FOR 2026 ROAD PAVING PROGRAM, CONTRACT NO RDE 26-2
26-274	AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT FOR SURVEYING & ENGINEERING SERVICES WITH STEWART SURVEYING & ENGINEERING, LLC FOR BERKSHIRE VALLEY ROAD-LOWER SECTION PROJECT DESIGN
26-275	RE-APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION UNDER NJSA 40A:4-87 FOR VARIOUS 2026 GRANTS
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- 11. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
- 12. **EXECUTIVE SESSION – [RESOLUTION # 26-283]**
- 13. **ADJOURNMENT**

RESOLUTION #26-271

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE TOWNSHIP OF JEFFERSON AND THE COUNTY OF MORRIS PROVIDING FOR
AUTHORIZATION OF THE INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT
BERKSHIRE VALLEY ROAD (CR699) AND RIDGE ROAD/CHAMBERLAIN ROAD

WHEREAS, Jefferson Township desires to enter into an agreement with the County of Morris for the improvement of traffic flow, traffic safety and pedestrian safety at the intersection of Berkshire Valley Road and Ridge Road/Chamberlain Road (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, this project will include the replacement of the traffic signal at the intersection of Berkshire Valley Road (CR 699) and Ridge Road/Chamberlain Road with the latest technology; and

WHEREAS, the estimated cost of the Project is \$870,070.00, of which the Township's share shall be \$200,000.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township of Jefferson, County of Morris and State of New Jersey that the Township of Jefferson hereby authorizes the entering into an agreement with the County of Morris for the Project; and authorizes the Mayor and Clerk to execute such documents necessary to effectuate such agreement.

Council Member	Motion	2 nd	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Councilman Birmingham						
Councilwoman Senatore						
Councilwoman Ioffredo						
Council Vice President Garruto						
Council President Kalish						

RESOLUTION #26-272

RESOLUTION APPROVING CURRENT ESTIMATE NO. 2- RIVERVIEW PAVING, INC.
- FOR WELDON ROAD IMPROVEMENTS PHASE 2, CONTRACT NO. RDE-26-1

WHEREAS, a contract was awarded to Riverview Paving, Inc. for Weldon Road Improvements Phase 2, **Contract RDE-26-1**; and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer has submitted **Current Estimate No. 2** in the amount of **\$722,612.80** for work completed and accepted; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available for said payment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Council of the Township of Jefferson, County of Morris, State of New Jersey hereby approves **Current Estimate No. 2 for a payment in the amount of \$722,612.80** to Riverview Paving, Inc., **859 Willow Grove Street, Hackettstown, NJ 07840.**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this payment will be made pending receipt of the State of New Jersey Monthly Project Manning Report and certified payroll records.

Council Member	Motion	2 nd	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Councilman Birmingham						
Councilwoman Senatore						
Councilwoman Ioffredo						
Council Vice President Garruto						
Council President Kalish						

RESOLUTION #26-273
RESOLUTION APPROVING CURRENT ESTIMATE NO. 2- RIVERVIEW PAVING, INC.
- FOR 2026 ROAD PAVING PROGRAM, CONTRACT NO. RDE-26-2

WHEREAS, a contract was awarded to Riverview Paving, Inc. for 2026 Road Paving Program, **Contract RDE-26-2**; and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer has submitted **Current Estimate No. 2** in the amount of **\$446,242.38** for work completed and accepted; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available for said payment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Council of the Township of Jefferson, County of Morris, State of New Jersey hereby approves **Current Estimate No. 2 for a payment in the amount of \$446,242.38** to Riverview Paving, Inc., **859 Willow Grove Street, Hackettstown, NJ 07840.**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this payment will be made pending receipt of the State of New Jersey Monthly Project Manning Report and certified payroll records.

Council Member	Motion	2 nd	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Councilman Birmingham						
Councilwoman Senatore						
Councilwoman Ioffredo						
Council Vice President Garruto						
Council President Kalish						

RESOLUTION #26-274

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT FOR SURVEYING & ENGINEERING SERVICES
WITH STEWART SURVEYING & ENGINEERING, LLC.
FOR BERKSHIRE VALLEY ROAD – LOWER SECTION PROJECT DESIGN

WHEREAS, the Township of Jefferson has a need for Surveying & Engineering services for the Berkshire Valley Road – Lower Section Project Design; and
WHEREAS, the Township of Jefferson has decided to award the contract for this service as a non-fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 or 20.5; and
WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) of the Township has submitted a Determination of Value certifying in writing that the value of the services will exceed the Pay to Play threshold of \$17,500; and
WHEREAS, the Township Engineer solicited quotes for this project; and
WHEREAS, the proposal from STEWART SURVEYING & ENGINEERING, LLC. dated August 12, 2026 was the lowest amount with an estimated project cost of \$21,000.00; and
WHEREAS, STEWART SURVEYING & ENGINEERING, LLC. has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that they have not made any reportable contributions to a political 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 STEWART SURVEYING & ENGINEERING, LLC. from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract; 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 appropriation below.

C-04-55-926-016-999

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 STEWART ENGINEERING & SURVEYING, LLC., 459 US 46, Kenvil, NJ 07847 for Surveying & Engineering Services for the Berkshire Valley Road – Lower Section Project Design as set forth in a proposal for an amount not to exceed \$21,000.00.
- 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 this agreement shall be for one year, or project completion.
- 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.

Council Member	Motion	2 nd	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Councilman Birmingham						
Councilwoman Senatore						
Councilwoman Ioffredo						
Council Vice President Garruto						
Council President Kalish						

RESOLUTION #26-275

RESOLUTION REQUESTING RE-APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION

UNDER N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 FOR VARIOUS 2026 GRANTS

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 following seven (7) grant items were previously approved by the governing body under N.J.S.A 40A:4-87: Statewide Insurance Fund Risk Control Grant, Teen Mental Health Grant, Clean Communities Grant, Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant, Municipal Court Alcohol Rehabilitation & Education Grant, Recycling Tonnage Grant and Drive Sober Get Pulled Over Labor Day Crackdown Grant and are respectfully submitted for re-approval by the governing body; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Jefferson, on September 2, 2026, Re-Adopted its 2026 Municipal Budget, as mandated to fully fund the Municipal Library Appropriation and the Library Levy at the 1/3 of a Mill amount; and

WHEREAS, all above-referenced grants approved as items of revenue and appropriation under N.J.S.A 40A:4-87 after the previous Budget Adoption Date of April 22, 2026 and before the Re-Adoption date of September 2, 2026 must be now be re-approved; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Jefferson, has been awarded a 2026 SIF Risk Control Grant in the amount of \$10,149.00 and wishes to amend its 2026 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 2026 in the total amount of \$10,149.00, 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:

2026 SIF Risk Control Grant \$10,149.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$10,149.00 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:

2026 SIF Risk Control Grant \$10,149.00

WHEREAS, the Township of Jefferson, has been awarded a 2026-2029 teen Mental Health First Aid (tMHFA) Grant in the amount of \$2,000.00 and wishes to amend its 2026 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 2026 in the total amount of \$2,000.00, 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:

2026-2029 tMHFA Grant \$2,000.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$2,000.00 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:

2026-2029 tMHFA Grant \$2,000.00

WHEREAS, the Township of Jefferson, has been awarded a 2026 Clean Communities Grant in the amount of \$66,344.96 and wishes to amend its 2026 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 2026 in the total amount of \$66,344.96, 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:

2026 Clean Communities Grant \$66,344.96

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$66,344.96 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:

2026 Clean Communities Grant \$66,344.96

WHEREAS, the Township of Jefferson, has been awarded a Bulletproof Vest Partnership in the amount of \$7,613.45 and wishes to amend its 2026 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 2026 in the total amount of \$7,613.45, 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:

Bulletproof Vest Partnership \$7,613.45

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$7,613.45 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:

Bulletproof Vest Partnership \$7,613.45

WHEREAS, the Township of Jefferson, has been awarded a 2026 Municipal Court Alcohol Education Rehabilitation and Enforcement Fund Grant in the amount of \$3,570.07 and wishes to amend its 2026 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 2026 in the total amount of \$3,570.07, 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:

2026 Municipal Court Alcohol Education Rehabilitation
and Enforcement Fund Grant \$3,570.07

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$3,570.07 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:

2026 Municipal Court Alcohol Education Rehabilitation
and Enforcement Fund Grant

Municipal Court: Salaries and Wages \$3,570.07

WHEREAS, the Township of Jefferson, has been awarded a 2026 Recycling Tonnage Grant in the amount of \$30,191.67 and wishes to amend its 2026 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 2026 in the total amount of \$30,191.67, 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:

2026 Recycling Tonnage Grant \$30,191.67

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$30,191.67 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:

2026 Recycling Tonnage Grant \$30,191.67

WHEREAS, the Township of Jefferson, has been awarded a 2026 Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Statewide Labor Day Crackdown Grant in the amount of \$7,000.00 and wishes to amend its 2026 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 2026 in the total amount of \$7,000.00, 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:

2026 Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Statewide
Labor Day Crackdown Grant \$7,000.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$7,000.00 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:
2026 Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Statewide
Labor Day Crackdown Grant
Police Department: Salaries and Wages

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

Council Member	Motion	2 nd	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Councilman Birmingham						
Councilwoman Senatore						
Councilwoman Ioffredo						
Council Vice President Garruto						
Council President Kalish						

CONSENT AGENDA
RESOLUTION # 26-276 through RESOLUTION # 26-283

Matters listed on the Consent Agenda are resolutions that are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion and one roll call vote. A Council Member may remove an item from the consent agenda and request that it be voted upon separately. There will not be a separate discussion of these items unless a Council Member requests an item to be removed for further consideration.

RESOLUTION #26-276
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZNG 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
Karen Harvey	2026 Camp Trip 8/12	41.00	3
Megan Curtis	2026 Before and After Care	500.00	3
Maria Jarosz	2026 Week 9	335.50	3
Jaime Sincavage-Miller	2026 Week 8	252.50	3
Adela Estrella	2026 Week 8 & 9	488.00	3
	Total Refunds:	1617.00	

Council Member	Motion	2 nd	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Councilman Birmingham						
Councilwoman Senatore						
Councilwoman Ioffredo						
Council Vice President Garruto						
Council President Kalish						

RESOLUTION #26-277
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 2026 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
4	2	20 HALSEY ISL	\$3,265.92
93	4.10	PROSPECT PT RD	\$2,763.72
93	4.11	PROSPECT PT RD	\$2,945.16
114	3	32 ALPINE DR	\$1,140.48
116	3	23 ALPINE DR	\$1,989.36
124	7	10 MARINE TER	\$1,782.00
246	1	39 VALENCIA ISLE DR	\$550.80
250.04	6	323 PINNACLE DR	\$1,665.36
298	13	2 S PARKWAY	\$1,888.92
323	36	47 SACHEM	\$719.28
376	40	4 ACORN TRL	\$324.00
453	6.01	5701 BERKSHIRE VALLEY RD	\$8,362.44
457.01	7	5627 BERKSHIRE VALLEY RD	\$9,720.00
473.08	11	11 KATES TURN	\$1,620.00
477	12.05	9 QUINCY DR	\$2,604.96
496	10	OLD WOODLAND TRL	\$835.92
496	10.01	9 OLD WOODLAND TRL	\$1,260.36
518.01	7.016	18 ROBIN DR	\$5,067.36
90002	1		\$1.62 (2027)

Council Member	Motion	2 nd	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Councilman Birmingham						
Councilwoman Senatore						
Councilwoman Ioffredo						
Council Vice President Garruto						
Council President Kalish						

RESOLUTION #26-278
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. Overbilled
4. Vets, Senior Citizen Deduction
5. Third Party Lien
6. Duplicate Payment
7. Exempt
8. County/State Board Appeal
9. Overpayment
10. Return of Premium
11. Return of Recording Fee

BLOCK	LOT	NAME	AMOUNT	CODE	YEAR
473.04	5	Home Owner	\$3,287.55	6	2026
273.02	1	Owner	\$2,382.32	7	2026
			TOTAL	\$5,669.87	

Council Member	Motion	2 nd	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Councilman Birmingham						
Councilwoman Senatore						
Councilwoman Ioffredo						
Council Vice President Garruto						
Council President Kalish						

RESOLUTION #26-279

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING 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 appropriate and proper accounts and that the goods and/or services have been rendered to the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has approved and certified the availability of funding for the Purchase Orders on the bills list; and

WHEREAS, purchases under the State Contract and/or under the Morris County Cooperative Purchasing Agreement(s) 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 **SEPTEMBER 15, 2026** and on file, and available for public inspection, in the Office of the Treasurer, and approved by him for payment, be paid.

Council Member	Motion	2 nd	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Councilman Birmingham						
Councilwoman Senatore						
Councilwoman Ioffredo						
Council Vice President Garruto						
Council President Kalish						

RESOLUTION #26-280

“RESOLUTION APPROVING COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 2, 2026”

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Jefferson has reviewed the meeting minutes from the Regular Council meeting held on **September 15, 2026**.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Jefferson, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, that the meeting minutes from the **September 2, 2026** be approved.

Council Member	Motion	2 nd	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Councilman Birmingham						
Councilwoman Senatore						
Councilwoman Ioffredo						
Council Vice President Garruto						
Council President Kalish						

RESOLUTION #26-281

“RESOLUTION APPROVING COUNCIL EXECUTIVE/CLOSED SESSION MEETING MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 2, 2026”

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Jefferson has reviewed the Executive/Closed Session meeting minutes from the Regular Council meeting held on **September 15, 2026**.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Jefferson, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, that the Executive/Closed Session meeting minutes from the **September 2, 2026** be approved.

Council Member	Motion	2 nd	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Councilman Birmingham						
Councilwoman Senatore						
Councilwoman Ioffredo						
Council Vice President Garruto						
Council President Kalish						

RESOLUTION #26-282

APPROVAL OF ABC CHANGE OF CORPORATE STRUCTURE FOR THE VGB GROUP LLC

WHEREAS, The VGB Group LLC, 26 Runnymede Court, Whippany, NJ 07981, submitted a Change of Corporate Structure application with the State of New Jersey Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control (License #: 1414-33-002-009); and

WHEREAS, The VGB Group LLC’s Plenary Retail Consumption license has been renewed for the 2026 – 2027 year; and

WHEREAS, the application submitted is complete in all respects:

1.

Licensee has paid the required State fees and submitted the online permit application with NJOAG

2.

Licensee has received tax clearance from the NJ Division of Taxation

WHEREAS, the applicant has satisfied all statutory and governmental A.B.C. laws and regulations under the Office of the Attorney General.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Jefferson, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, that the VGB Group LLC Change of Corporate Structure application is approved.

Council Member	Motion	2 nd	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Councilman Birmingham						
Councilwoman Senatore						
Councilwoman Ioffredo						
Council Vice President Garruto						
Council President Kalish						

RESOLUTION #26-283

“EXECUTIVE/CLOSED SESSION MEETING – SEPTEMBER 2, 2026”

“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.

Matter: PBA Contract Negotiations

- ☐ (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.

Matter: 21 Seneca Trail

- ☐ (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 **SEPTEMBER 15, 2026 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	Motion	2 nd	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Councilman Birmingham						
Councilwoman Senatore						
Councilwoman Ioffredo						
Council Vice President Garruto						
Council President Kalish						

TOWNSHIP OF JEFFERSON – REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE Jefferson Township Municipal Building 1033 Weldon Road Lake Hopatcong, New Jersey 7:00 P.M.	
Wednesday, January 21	Wednesday, June 10
Wednesday, February 11	Wednesday, June 24
Tuesday, February 17 – Budget, 6 pm	Wednesday, July 15
Wednesday, February 25 – 6 pm	Wednesday, August 5
Wednesday, March 4 – Budget, 6 pm	Wednesday, September 2
Wednesday, March 11	Tuesday, September 15
Wednesday, March 18 – Budget, 6 pm	Wednesday, October 7
Wednesday, March 25	Wednesday, October 21
Wednesday, April 8	Tuesday, November 10
Wednesday, April 22	Wednesday, December 2
Wednesday, May 6	Wednesday, December 16
Wednesday, May 20	Wednesday, January 6, 2027 - Reorganization