JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
1033 WELDON ROAD
LAKE HOPATCONG, NJ 07849
CONTACT: 973-208-6132/33
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AGENDA – NOVEMBER 10, 2026 – 7:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER – Presiding Officer

This meeting is called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Law. This meeting was included in a list of meeting notice sent to the official newspapers of the Township: The Daily Record and The Star Ledger, on January 9, 2026, posted on the Township's official website: https://www.JeffersonTownship.net, and posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building on January 9, 2026, and has remained continuously posted as required under the Statute. In addition, a copy of this notice is and has been available to the public and on file in the office of the Municipal Clerk. **Please silence all cell phones.**

2. ROLL CALL

Council Member	Present	Absent
Councilman Birmingham		
Councilwoman Senatore		
Councilwoman Ioffredo		
Council Vice President Garruto		
Council President Kalish		

Administration and Staff:

- **Mayor Eric Wilsusen**
- **Business Administrator Debra Millikin**
- **Township Clerk Jo Anna Myung**
- **Township Attorney Ursula Leo**

3. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

4. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS / DISCUSSIONS

A. Proclamation: Recognition of Jefferson Fire Department Company 90th Anniversary
B. Council Meeting Video Conferencing System – BIS Digital
C. RFP/RFQ for Professional Services
D. NJ Towns Rebating the Permit to Carry Application Fees
  i. Total Permits Issued to Date: 424
  ii. Refund Amount: $150 each = $63,600
E. Proposed Ordinance No. 26-25 Chapter 429, "Streets and Sidewalks" Adopting New Article V "Maintenance of Private Roads"

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

6. ORDINANCES – PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE FOR ADOPTION

a. Ordinance No. 26-24 Salary Ordinance for PBA – ADOPTION

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

TOWNSHIP OF JEFFERSON

COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY

ORDINANCE #26-24 [ADOPTION – SECOND READING]

"ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING SALARY RANGES AND BENEFITS OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF JEFFERSON"

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Jefferson, Morris County, New Jersey, is required to establish by Ordinance the salary or salary ranges of officers and employees of the Township of Jefferson; and

WHEREAS, there is an existing Ordinance setting forth salary ranges of officers and employees of the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Township wishes to adopt an Ordinance, **effective January 1, 2026**, establishing the salary ranges and other benefits with reference to the officers and employees of the Township of Jefferson; and

WHEREAS, it is the intention that this Ordinance shall replace and repeal all other pre-existing ordinances setting forth the salary ranges of officers and employees of the Township of Jefferson.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, as follows:

SECTION ONE: There is hereby established the following salaries and/or rates of compensation for the officers and employees of the Township of Jefferson, **effective January 1, 2026**, as follows:

POLICE DEPARTMENT	**MINIMUM**	**MAXIMUM**
HIRED ON OR BEFORE 8/01/11		
POSITION		
Chief of Police	$120,229	$244,200
Captain	$114,504	$208,564
Lieutenant Step 1	$139,883	$180,285
Lieutenant Step 2	$146,438	$188,844
Sergeant Step 1	$127,363	$166,813
Sergeant Step 2	$133,324	$171,831
Police Officer Step 7	$121,401	$156,465

POLICE DEPARTMENT	**MINIMUM**	**MAXIMUM**
HIRED ON OR AFTER 8/02/11		
POSITION		
Chief of Police	$120,229	$244,200
Captain	$114,504	$208,564
Lieutenant	$130,000	$190,521
Lieutenant Step 1	$137,669	$181,863
Lieutenant Step 2	$144,255	$190,521
Sergeant	$120,000	$173,202
Sergeant Step 1	$125,181	$165,329
Sergeant Step 2	$131,141	$173,202
Academy Step	$45,886	$60,603
Police Officer Step 1	$55,062	$72,722
Police Officer Step 2	$64,239	$84,842
Police Officer Step 3	$73,416	$96,962
Police Officer Step 4	$82,593	$109,085
Police Officer Step 5	$91,769	$121,204
Police Officer Step 6	$100,979	$133,365
Police Officer Step 7	$110,124	$145,444
Police Officer Step 8	$119,219	$157,455

In addition, individuals taking minutes for ad hoc boards, advisory boards or regular boards will be paid $35.00 per meeting.

SECTION TWO: Normal pay periods for Township employees and officials will be bi-monthly provided that the Township Administrator may establish suitable pay periods as approved by Council or as noted above.

SECTION THREE: The actual salaries of particular officers and employees or groups thereof may have previously been set by Resolution, and it is intended that the adoption of this Ordinance shall not affect any Resolutions affixing the actual salaries or compensation of any officers and employees, provided that said salaries or compensation are within the ranges set forth above.

SECTION FOUR: Additional benefits affecting certain officers and employees of the Township of Jefferson are as follows:

A. The holidays for 2026 shall be as per contract presently in existence for that period.
B. Police Chief, Deputy Chief, Police Captain, and all Uniformed Officers are not entitled to longevity. All full-time Township employees not covered by a collective bargaining contract, and hired on or before November 1, 1997, shall be eligible for longevity awards in accordance with the agreement for OPEIU LOCAL 32 Blue Collar Unit, $1,775.00, OPEIU LOCAL 32 Foremen's Unit, $1,775.00 for OPEIU LOCAL 32 White Collar Unit, $1,775.00 with the exception of Dispatchers which are not entitled to longevity. All eligible members shall have longevity become a part of their base salary. Longevity shall be based on each base annual wage. The first day of July is the day upon which the total number of years of service shall be measured. Employees hired after November 1, 1997 for OPEIU LOCAL 32 White Collar Unit, November 1, 1997 for OPEIU LOCAL 32 Blue Collar Unit and April 15, 1992 for OPEIU LOCAL 32 Foremen shall not be eligible for longevity. PBA Local 190 members have no exception to longevity payment.
C. Employees in positions deemed to be unclassified by the New Jersey Civil Service Commission will earn sick, vacation, personal and holiday time in accordance with the White Collar Union. They will also be entitled to Article 7, Paragraph C in the PBA contract "Deferred Compensation Plan".
D. All specific salaries, holidays, vacation, longevity and other allotments of benefits to be granted to the individual members of OPEIU LOCAL 32, International Union of Production, Clerical, and Public Employees, White Collar Unit, OPEIU LOCAL 32 Blue Collar Unit, New Jersey Civil Service Association OPEIU LOCAL 32 Foremen's Unit, P.B.A. Local 190, and Professional Staff Employees with certain agreements affecting the Municipal Corporation of the State of New Jersey, through their bargaining agents, or direct contract to the governing body.

SECTION FIVE: Nothing herein shall be intended to amend or in any way change any Collective Bargaining Agreements with reference to those officers or employees who are members of the collective bargaining unit, and to the extent that there is a discrepancy between any Collective Bargaining Agreement and the range of salaries or benefits set forth herein, the terms of the Collective Bargaining Agreement shall prevail.

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

7. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS FROM THE MAYOR AND BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR

8. COUNCIL REPORTS

9. APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

WILL BE TABLED TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE COUNCIL REVIEW: RESOLUTION #26-321
"APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES"

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Jefferson has reviewed the meeting minutes from Council meetings held on:

- ~~**RES 26-321: Approval of Meeting Minutes from 10/21/2026 Council Meeting**~~
- ~~**RES 26-321 A: Approval of Township Attorney's Executive Session Meeting Minutes from 10/21/2026**~~

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Jefferson, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, that the aforementioned meeting minutes be approved.

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

RESOLUTION #26-305 A, RESOLUTION #26-305 B, RESOLUTION #26-305 C
"APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES"

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Jefferson has reviewed the meeting minutes from Council meetings held on:

- **RES 26-305 A: Approval of Meeting Minutes from 6/24/2026 Council Meeting (Tabled from 10/21/26)**
- **RES 26-305 B: Approval of Meeting Minutes from 7/15/2026 Council Meeting (Tabled from 10/21/26)**
- **RES 26-305 C: Approval of Meeting Minutes from 8/5/2026 Council Meeting (Tabled from 10/21/26)**

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Jefferson, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, that the aforementioned meeting minutes be approved.

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

10. AUTHORIZATION FOR PAYMENT OF BILLS – APPROVAL OF BILLS LIST

RESOLUTION #26-322

"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 **NOVEMBER 10 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	2nd	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Councilman Birmingham						
Councilwoman Senatore						
Councilwoman Ioffredo						
Council Vice President Garruto						
Council President Kalish						

11. RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION #26-323

"RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACTS WITH CERTAIN APPROVED NJ STATE & MORRIS COUNTY COOPERATIVE PRICING COUNCIL CONTRACT VENDOR FOR CONTRACTING UNITS – CAMPBELL FOUNDRY COMPANY"

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 New Jersey State Cooperative Purchasing Program & Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council contracts entered into on behalf of the State Division of Purchase and Property in the Department of the Treasury & and the Township of Randolph; and

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

WHEREAS, the New Jersey State Cooperative Purchasing Program contracts **#25-COMG-109583** & the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council contract #14, were awarded to Campbell Foundry Company, 800 Bergen Street, Harrison, NJ 07029 for Catch Basins, Castings, Inlets & Manhole covers; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Jefferson desires to purchase, in an **amount not to exceed $75,000.00** for Catch Basins, Castings, Inlets & Manhole covers 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 & Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council 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 funds for said contract are available and are designated to line item appropriations designated below.

C-04-55-925-011-903
C-04-55-926-012-926

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Jefferson that the Township Administrator is authorized to purchase Catch Basins, Castings, Inlets & Manhole covers **from the approved New Jersey State Cooperative Purchasing Program contracts #25-COMG-109583 & Morris County Cooperative Pricing Contract #14 in an amount not to exceed $75,000.00** from **Campbell Foundry Company, 800 Bergen Street, Harrison, NJ 07029.**

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

RESOLUTION #26-324
"RESOLUTION TO RETAIN PLANNING SERVICES FROM
THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS LOCAL PLANNING SERVICES"

WHEREAS, the Township of Jefferson is in need of professional planning services to prepare a Lake Hopatcong Bike and Pedestrian Trail Plan in coordination with the Borough of Mount Arlington, Borough of Hopatcong and Township of Roxbury; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Planning Services ("LPS") provides a variety of planning services at no direct cost to eligible municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Mount Arlington will serve as the lead municipality and contact for the project, and the Township of Jefferson will work with LPS, the Borough of Mount Arlington and the other participating municipalities to coordinate this Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Jefferson is an eligible municipality and an application for services for this joint project was submitted by the Borough of Mount Arlington, as lead municipality, to Local Planning Services on **May 20, 2026**; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Jefferson has received the Scope of Services for the project prepared by Local Planning Services (attached); and

WHEREAS, the Township of Jefferson desires to accept the aforementioned Scope of Services; and

WHEREAS, there is no budgetary impact on the Township of Jefferson for the services being provided by LPS; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Jefferson does not have in-house planning capabilities to perform the services being provided by LPS nor is the Township of Jefferson under contract with a professional planner to complete the project; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Jefferson deems the interests of the Township will be best served by accepting the services being provided by LPS; and

WHEREAS, as a condition of receiving LPS's services, the Township of Jefferson is required to form or participate in a Working Committee to guide and provide information to LPS; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Jefferson is committed to the completion of this project and will assist LPS as needed; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Jefferson hereby appoints the Mayor as the municipal contact, authorizes the Mayor to designate two people to be on a Working Committee, and authorizes the municipal contact to perform all acts necessary to accomplish the intent of this resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Township of Jefferson as follows:

1. The Township of Jefferson will retain professional planning services provided by LPS and approves the attached Scope of Services for the project;
2. The Township of Jefferson will participate in the joint Working Committee, including two representatives of each of the participating municipalities, to assist LPS;
3. The Township of Jefferson will provide access to appropriate municipal staff, consultants and officials; meeting space, municipal land use records, and other non-monetary resources that may be necessary to complete the project.

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

RESOLUTION #26-325
"RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 – A.C. SCHULTES, INC.
FOR PEAKS WELL REHABILITATION, CONTRACT NO. JEFF2511"

WHEREAS, a contract was awarded to A.C. Schultes, Inc. for Peaks Well Rehabilitation, **Contract JEFF2511**; and **WHEREAS,** H2M Associates, Inc. has submitted **Change Order No. 1 dated 10/29/2026** in the amount of **$-3,020.00** to reflect an adjusted price for additional work to install Submersible Well Level Transmitters along with associated appurtenances and integration; and the elimination of chemical treatment methods for the wells decreasing the original contract total to **$271,460.00 (an overall adjustment of -1.10% to the original contract amount**; and **WHEREAS,** the Township Engineer has reviewed and concurs with the recommended Change Order No. 1; and **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Township Council of the Township of Jefferson, County of Morris, State of New Jersey hereby approves **Change Order No. 1 in the amount of $-3,020.00 to A.C. Schultes, Inc of Woodbury Heights, NJ.**

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

RESOLUTION #26-326
"AUTHORIZING CONTRACT WITH CHALLENGER FENCE INC.,
THROUGH MORRIS COUNTY COOP (MCCPC) CONTRACT #53 #6MOOCP
FOR THE WHITE ROCK WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT"

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 contracts entered on behalf of the MCCPC; and

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

WHEREAS, the Township of Jefferson intends to enter into a contract in an amount not to exceed **$34,759.85 with Challenger Fence, Inc., 53 Kentucky Avenue, Paterson, NJ 07503 for the placement of chain link fence and gates installed around the White Rock Wastewater Treatment Plant through this resolution and properly executed contract, which shall be subject to all the conditions and applicable to the MCCPC Contract #53 #6MOOCCP**; 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 **$34,759.85**

C-08-55-526-018-902

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Jefferson that the Township Administrator is authorized to purchase **Chain link Fence for White Rock Wastewater Treatment Plant installed through MCCPC Contract #53 #6MOOCP, in the amount of $34,759.85 from Challenger Fence, Inc., 53 Kentucky Avenue, Paterson, NJ 07503.**

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

RESOLUTION #26-327
"AUTHORIZING AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR TREE REMOVAL & TRIMMING SERVICES TO JP TREE WORKS, INC."

WHEREAS, the Township of Jefferson has a need for **Tree Removal & Trimming** services for the White Rock Wastewater Treatment Plant; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Jefferson obtained three quotes for removal and trimming of trees around White Rock Wastewater Treatment Plant;

WHEREAS, the Township of Jefferson is in need of the removal for trees in order to install fencing and paving this area and **JP Tree Works Inc., PO Box 1553, Dover, NJ 07802** in the amount of **$19,000.00** was the lowest quote received dated August 19, 2026;

WHEREAS, the Township of Jefferson has year to date expended **$8,500.00** for various tree removal and trimming services with JP Tree Works Inc., which did not require quotes nor an award resolution; and

WHEAREAS, the Township of Jefferson desires to award a contract totaling **$19,000.00**, for the current proposed tree removal around the White Rock Wastewater Treatment Plant; 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-20.5; 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 line item appropriations designated below.

C-08-55-526-018-902 Sewer Capital: White Rock Fencing/Paving Improvements ($19,000.00)
T-15-56-860-000-808 Other Trust: Dog Trust Account ($1,800.00)
6-01-26-260-291-271 Road Department OE ($6,300.00)
6-01-28-370-371-219 Parks OE ($400.00)

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 contract for tree removal is hereby authorized and approved by the Township Council, in accordance with the August 19, 2026 quote.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED:

Section 1. The Township Administrator is authorized to execute an agreement based on the lowest quote dated August 19, 2026 for tree removal and trimming at the White Rock Wastewater Treatment Facility **JP Tree Works Inc., PO Box 1553, Dover, New Jersey 07802** in the amount of **$19,000.00.**

Section 2. This agreement results in the total amount authorized for payment to JP Tree Works related to tree removal and trimming for White Rock Wastewater Treatment Plant for 2026 to total **$27,500.00** including **$8,500 spent** for previous tree removal and trimming authorized in 2026.

Section 3. The Business Entity Disclosure Certification and the Determinations of Value be placed on file with this resolution.

Section 4. The term of this agreement shall be from **January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026** or until project completion.

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

RESOLUTION #26-328

"RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACTS WITH CERTAIN APPROVED MORRIS COUNTY COOPERATIVE PRICING COUNCIL CONTRACT VENDORS FOR CONTRACTING UNITS "ATLANTIC SALT, INC."

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 Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council (MCCPC) contracts entered into on behalf of the Township of Randolph; and

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

WHEREAS, **MCCPC Contract #3** was awarded to **Atlantic Salt, Inc., 134 Middle Street, Ste. 210, Lowell, MA 01852** for Bulk Rock Salt for **Contract Period November 1, 2026 – October 14, 2027**; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Jefferson desires to purchase, in an **amount not to exceed $100,000.00 for Bulk Rock Salt, MCCPC Contract #3** through this resolution and properly executed contract, which shall be subject to all the conditions applicable to the current Morris County 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 **$100,000.00.**

6-01-26-260-292-270
T-15-56-860-000-846

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Jefferson that the Township Administrator is authorized to purchase **Bulk Rock Salt in an amount not to exceed $100,000.00 from Atlantic Salt, Inc., 134 Middle Street, Ste. 210, Lowell, MA 01852.**

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

RESOLUTION #26-329

"RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF JEFFERSON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, REVISING SUPPORT FOR A CANNABIS CULTIVATION AND MANUFACTURING LICENSE WITHIN JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP FOR CRUDO, LLC TO CRUDO LABS, INC. AND CRUDO GARDEN, INC."

WHEREAS, Crudo, LLC applied for and the Township Council approved a resolution in support of the application of Crudo, LLC for a cannabis cultivation and manufacturing license for property located at 212 Route 15 South, Block 253, Lot 1.01, in Zone IP in Jefferson Township, via Resolution 26-108 on March 25, 2026; and

WHEREAS, Crudo, LLC has requested approval to reflect a name change, to Crudo Labs, Inc., NJ, Entity No. 0451488330 and Crudo Garden Inc., NJ Entity No. 0451487786, which name change has been required by the State Cannabis Regulatory Commission; and

WHEREAS, all conditions of Township Resolution 26-108 shall remain in effect, including required approvals, payments and issuance of a final Township license.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of Jefferson, County of Morris, Sate of New Jersey that the Township Council agrees to adopt this resolution to reflect approval of the cannabis cultivation and manufacturing license granted to Crudo, LLC via Resolution 26-108 be revised to reflect the new names of Crudo Labs, Inc. and Crudo Garden. Inc., subject to the conditions of Resolution 26-108.

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

RESOLUTION #26-330
"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
Tiger Miller	2026 Radio City Refund	280.00	3
Juliette Doherty	2027 Ski Program Bus Refund	115.00	3
		395.00	

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

RESOLUTION #26-331
"RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A DISABLED VETERANS EXEMPTION AND THE CANCELLATION OF TAXES –BLOCK 321, LOT 3"

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 **October 23, 2026,** 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, **October 23, 2026.**
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:

BLOCK/LOT	ADDRESS	AMOUNT	QUARTER/YR
Block 321 Lot 3	4 Winona Trl	$2583.10	4th 2026 (Pro-Rated)
		$3265.92	1st 2027
		$3265.92	2nd 2027

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

RESOLUTION #26-332
"RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A DISABLED VETERANS EXEMPTION AND THE CANCELLATION OF TAXES –BLOCK 380, LOT 3"

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 **October 23, 2026,** 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, **October 23, 2026.**
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:

BLOCK/LOT	ADDRESS	AMOUNT	QUARTER/YR
Block 380 Lot 3	12 River Rd	$1943.09	4th 2026 (Pro-Rated)
		$2456.73	1st 2027
		$2456.73	2nd 2027

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

RESOLUTION #26-333

"RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACTS WITH CERTAIN APPROVED NJ STATE COOPERATIVE PURCHASING CONTRACT VENDOR FOR CONTRACTING UNITS "MES-MUNICIPAL EMERGENCY SERVICES-LAWMEN"

WHEREAS, the Township of Jefferson, may by resolution and without advertising for bids in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12a and N.J.A.C.5:34-7.29 (c), purchase goods and 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, **NJ State Contract 26-FLEET-113795 for Body Armor, shields, Firearms Equipment & supplies** were awarded to MES-Municipal Emergency Services-Lawmen, 66 Firemen's Way, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Jefferson desires to purchase, in an **amount not to exceed $30,000.00 for Body Armor, shields, Firearms Equipment & supplies from NJ State Contract** through this resolution and properly executed contract, which shall be subject to all the conditions applicable to the current the State of New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Program 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 **$30,000.00.**

G-01-41-752-000-001
G-01-41-755-000-001
C-04-55-925-010-916
C-04-55-926-012-914
6-01-25-240-240-265

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Jefferson that the Township Administrator is authorized to purchase **26-FLEET-113795 for Body Armor, shields, Firearms Equipment & supplies in an amount not to exceed $30,000.00 from MES-Municipal Emergency Services-Lawmen, 66 Firemen's Way, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603.**

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

RESOLUTION #26-334

"RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT(S) OF UTILITY FEES"

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

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

WHEREAS, the Director of Utility 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. Overpayment at Closing	2. High Billing Estimates	3. Meter Reading Error
4. Credit X-Rate	5. Overpayment	6. Meter/Remote Discrepancy
7. Stuck Remote	8. Remote Reading Error	9. Account Reset Error
10. Meter Error	11. Reading Input Error	12. New Construction/Service Off
13. Inadvertent Payment to JTMU	14. Bill Code Error	15. Reimbursement for Repairs/Usage/Conn

BLOCK / LOT	PROPERTY OWNER	AMOUNT	YEAR	CODE
277.01 / 15	Galindo, Nelson	$4,149.33	2020P2 – 2026P3	4
	TOTAL:	**$4,149.33**		

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

RESOLUTION #26-335

"RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS"

WHEREAS, there is a need for an appropriation transfer for **2026** 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 - 2026 Budget		
For November 10, 2026 Township Council Meeting		
	CURRENT FUND	
FROM:	**ACCOUNT No.**	**AMOUNT:**
ADMIN SW	6-01-20-110-110-100	7,700.00
CLERK SW	6-01-20-120-000-100	2,000.00
LIQ. TTL & FORCE PROP OE	6-01-20-145-146-200	6,000.00
ASSESSMENT OE	6-01-20-150-150-200	6,200.00
LEGAL OE	6-01-20-155-155-200	30,000.00
CODE ENFORCEMENT OE	6-01-22-195-198-200	3,000.00
POLICE SW	6-01-25-240-240-100	79,000.00
EMERGENCY MGT OE	6-01-25-252-252-100	6,000.00
UNIFORM FIRE SAFETY OE	6-01-25-265-267-200	4,000.00
ROAD DEPT SW	6-01-26-260-291-100	21,000.00
ANIMAL CONTROL SW	6-01-27-340-340-100	13,000.00
PARKS SW	6-01-28-370-371-100	6,000.00
SALARY ADJUSTMENT SW	6-01-30-425-425-100	17,000.00
		200,900.00
TO:	**ACCOUNT No.**	**AMOUNT**
ASSESSMENT OE	6-01-20-150-150-200	6,200.00
BUILDING DEPT SW	6-01-22-195-195-100	21,000.00
HEALTH INSURANCE SW	6-01-23-210-210-101	9,100.00
INSURANCE DISABILITY OE	6-01-23-225-225-200	1,800.00
FIRE BUREAU SW	6-01-25-265-265-100	5,500.00
SNOW REMOVAL SW	6-01-26-260-292-100	5,100.00
SNOW REMOVAL OE	6-01-26-260-292-200	61,000.00
BUILDINGS & GROUNDS OE	6-01-26-310-310-200	15,000.00
TOWNSHIP UTILITIES OE	6-01-31-430-430-200	75,000.00
DCRP OE	6-01-36-476-476-200	1,200.00
		200,900.00

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

RESOLUTION #26-336

A RESOLUTION URGING THE NEW JERSEY STATE LEGISLATURE AND GOVERNOR TO REPEAL THE GAS TAX ESCALATOR AND RESTORE ACCOUNTABILITY TO FUEL TAX INCREASES

WHEREAS, the residents of the State of New Jersey and the Township of Jefferson are burdened by one of the highest overall tax structures in the United States; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, the State of New Jersey enacted legislation restructuring the Transportation Trust Fund and implementing an automatic adjustment mechanism commonly referred to as the "gas tax escalator"; and

WHEREAS, the gas tax escalator permits periodic increases in the motor fuels tax without a direct vote of the New Jersey State Legislature; and

WHEREAS, such automatic increases lack transparency and reduce accountability to taxpayers, who bear the financial burden without corresponding legislative oversight; and

WHEREAS, increases in the motor fuels tax raise the cost of commuting, goods, and services, and place additional financial strain on working families, seniors, and businesses; and

WHEREAS, these increased costs also impact municipal operations, including transportation, public works, and service delivery, thereby placing further pressure on local budgets and, ultimately, property taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Property Taxpayers Coalition has called for the repeal of the gas tax escalator as part of a broader effort to restore fiscal responsibility and taxpayer protections; and

WHEREAS, local governments have a responsibility to advocate for policies that protect their residents from unnecessary and unaccountable tax increases;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Township of Jefferson, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, that it hereby urges the New Jersey State Legislature and the Governor to:

1. Repeal the gas tax escalator; and
2. Require that any future increases in the motor fuels tax be subject to a direct vote of the Legislature; and
3. Restore transparency and accountability in the taxation process affecting New Jersey residents;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Governor of the State of New Jersey, the Senate President, the Speaker of the General Assembly, the members of the New Jersey Legislature representing this district, and all municipalities within Morris County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution be made available to the public and shared with other municipalities as part of a coordinated effort to advocate for meaningful tax reform.

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

RESOLUTION #26-337
RESOLUTION URGING A COMPREHENSIVE INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATION AND PERFORMANCE AUDIT OF NEW JERSEY'S ELECTRIC UTILITIES

WHEREAS, reliable electric service is essential to protecting the public health, safety, welfare, economic security, and quality of life of New Jersey residents; and
WHEREAS, municipalities depend upon reliable electric service to operate police, fire, emergency medical services, emergency communications, traffic-control systems, water and wastewater infrastructure, schools, and other essential public services; and
WHEREAS, prolonged power outages jeopardize public safety, disrupt commerce, impair municipal operations, threaten vulnerable residents, and impose significant financial burdens upon families, businesses, and local governments; and
WHEREAS, New Jersey residents and businesses pay substantial electric rates, delivery charges, and infrastructure-related costs with the reasonable expectation of receiving safe, adequate, reliable, and resilient electric service; and
WHEREAS, New Jersey's electric distribution companies operate as regulated monopolies, leaving most customers without the ability to choose an alternative electric distribution provider based upon reliability or performance; and
WHEREAS, New Jersey residents, businesses, and municipalities pay substantial electric rates, delivery charges, and infrastructure-related costs with the reasonable expectation that those payments will produce safe, adequate, reliable, resilient, and modern electric service; and
WHEREAS, taxpayers and ratepayers are often the same people and are entitled to transparency, accountability, and measurable results for the rates, charges, and government-approved costs they are required to pay; and
WHEREAS, the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities is responsible for ensuring that
regulated utilities provide safe, adequate, and proper service, while the New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel serves as the independent advocate for New Jersey ratepayers; and
WHEREAS, recent widespread and prolonged power outages affecting hundreds of thousands of New Jersey residents have raised legitimate concerns regarding utility infrastructure, maintenance, vegetation management, emergency preparedness, restoration performance, and regulatory oversight; and
WHEREAS, recurring electric outages over many years demonstrate the need for a comprehensive, transparent, and independent review of electric utility performance and regulatory accountability;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the governing body of THE TOWNSHIP OF JEFFERSON, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, that it respectfully urges the Governor, the New Jersey Legislature, the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities, the New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel, and the Office of the State Auditor to undertake a comprehensive and independent investigation and performance audit of New Jersey's electric utilities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the investigation should include, at a minimum:

- An evaluation of electric system reliability, outage frequency, restoration times, and long-term performance trends throughout New Jersey.
- A review of utility infrastructure investments, maintenance practices, vegetation management, emergency preparedness, staffing, customer communications, and restoration procedures to determine whether ratepayer-funded investments have produced measurable improvements in reliability and resiliency.
- An assessment of utility compliance with applicable reliability, maintenance,
- customer service, reporting, and infrastructure investment requirements, together with a comparison of New Jersey's performance to nationally recognized utility standards and best practices.
- An evaluation of the effectiveness of regulatory oversight exercised by the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities, including whether existing performance standards, enforcement mechanisms, penalties, and accountability measures adequately protect New Jersey residents and ratepayers.
- An Action Plan, including compliance time frames, with recommendations for
- legislative, regulatory, operational, and infrastructure reforms necessary to improve electric reliability, modernize the electric grid, strengthen accountability, and better protect the public, together with the public release of findings and recommended corrective actions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the governing body respectfully requests the New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel to review whether New Jersey ratepayers have received the level of reliability reasonably expected in light of approved rates and infrastructure investments and, where appropriate, pursue available remedies to protect the interests of New Jersey utility customers.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the governing body respectfully urges the Governor and the Legislature to review the findings of these investigations, conduct public oversight hearings, and implement appropriate legislative and regulatory reforms to improve electric reliability and accountability throughout New Jersey.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Municipal Clerk shall provide a certified copy of this Resolution to the New Jersey Property Taxpayers Coalition so that the Coalition may maintain a public record of municipalities supporting its effort and this statewide initiative and assist in communicating those actions to appropriate public officials.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that certified copies of this Resolution shall be transmitted to the Governor of the State of New Jersey; the President of the New Jersey Senate; the
Speaker of the General Assembly; the President and Commissioners of the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities; the Director of the New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel; the New Jersey State Auditor; the chairs of the legislative committees having jurisdiction over energy and public utilities; each member of this municipality's legislative delegation; and such other public officials as the Municipal Clerk deems appropriate.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the governing body encourages municipalities and counties throughout the State of New Jersey to adopt similar resolutions in support of
reliable electric service, transparent regulation, meaningful oversight, and accountability to New Jersey's residents and ratepayers.

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

RESOLUTION #26-338
"RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF JEFFERSON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, AUTHORIZING REDUCED INTEREST AND A PAYMENT PLAN FOR OUTSTANDING MUNICIPAL WATER CHARGES FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 21 SENECA TRAIL"

WHEREAS, Kevin & Lynn Perry ("Property Owners") are the owners of the property located at 21 Seneca Trail, Lake Hopatcong, New Jersey (Block 396, Lot 1) (the "Property") and have outstanding municipal water charges related to a leak at the Property; and

WHEREAS, the Property Owners made a payment on their water account on August 13, 2026 and that payment covered the interest of $22.01, which was based on 8% of the first $1,000.00 of delinquent charges, first quarter delinquency of $1.01, and $365.42 towards the delinquent second quarter; and

WHEREAS, the Property Owners have requested relief related to water usage that was due to a leaking issue at the Property, and the Council has agreed to allow the Property Owners to pay the outstanding balance of $7,617.66 through a payment plan; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council has reviewed the Property Owners request and has determined that reducing interest to 8% for the first $1,000.00 due and authorizing a payment plan is in the best interests of the Township, provided that the Property Owners comply with all terms and conditions set forth herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Jefferson, County of Morris and State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The Township Council hereby authorizes the Property Owners to pay the outstanding municipal water charges with interest charged at the rate of 8% for the first $1,000.00 in delinquent charges, over a period of twenty-four (24) consecutive months, as set forth on the attached payment plan prepared by the Tax Collector.
2. The Property Owners are permitted to make twenty-four (24) equal monthly payments, in the amount of $317.40 per month, beginning on November 15, 2026, with each subsequent payment due on the 15th day of each month thereafter until the full balance is paid in full by October 15, 2028, with the final payment being $317.46. The payment plan is attached to this resolution.
3. The Property Owners shall remain current on all real estate taxes, municipal utility charges, and any other charges that become due during the term of this payment plan.
4. In the event that any payment is more than thirty (30) days delinquent, or Property Owners fail to remain current on any taxes or municipal charges accrued during the payment period, the Township may declare Property Owners in default. Upon default, the remaining unpaid balance shall become immediately due and payable, and the Township may pursue any and all remedies available under applicable law, including but not limited to the placement or enforcement of a municipal lien, if applicable.
5. Nothing contained herein shall be deemed a waiver of the Township's rights or remedies under federal, state, or local law, nor shall this Resolution establish a precedent requiring the Township to grant similar payment arrangements in the future.
6. The Township Clerk, Chief Financial Officer, Tax Collector, and any other appropriate municipal officials are hereby authorized and directed to take all actions necessary to implement this Resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution shall be provided to Property Owners, the Chief Financial Officer, the Tax Collector, and any other appropriate municipal officials.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately; however, it shall be void and of no effect in the event that the Property Owner fails to pay the bills as stated above. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase in this Resolution is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this resolution.

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

12. PUBLIC COMMENTS

13. EXECUTIVE/CLOSED SESSION

RESOLUTION #26-339
"EXECUTIVE/CLOSED SESSION MEETING – NOVEMBER 10, 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.

☐ (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.

- Attorney- Client Advise: Water Utility Billing – 21 Seneca Trail
- Attorney-Client Advise: Contract Negotiations - Jefferson House Potential Area In Need of Redevelopment

☒ (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.

- Personnel: Municipal Clerk**

☐ (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 **NOVEMBER 10, 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	2nd	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Councilman Birmingham						
Councilwoman Senatore						
Councilwoman Ioffredo						
Council Vice President Garruto						
Council President Kalish						

ADJOURNMENT