

JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
MEETING LOCATION: JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING
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APRIL 5, 2023
REGULAR MEETING – 7:00 PM
MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Council President Senatore called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm and read the meeting statement as follows: This meeting is called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Law. This meeting of April 5, 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. Also in attendance were Mayor Wilsusen, Administrator Debi Millikin, Chief Financial Officer Bill Eagen, and Police Chief Paul Castimore.

	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 President Senatore led the flag salute.

4. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

There were no special presentations listed on the agenda for April 5, 2023.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

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

Mark Williams – President, PBA #190

Mr. Williams thanked the community and those present for their support. He said PBA officers had met with the administration and town officials to try to move forward after the recent PBA vote of no confidence against Chief Castimore. He listed issues that he said led to the vote and stated that the PBA members felt they had no other option than to bring their issues with leadership to a public meeting.

Dave Wojtach – Vice President, PBA #190

Mr. Wojtach continued the speech started by Mr. Williams. He said the PBA is seeking fair and proportionate treatment for its members. He said the PBA members love serving the community but the work environment is toxic and there is a two-tier system for police officers, which should be eliminated. Mr. Wojtach said there will be an exodus of good officers if issues and lack of leadership are not addressed. He thanked Council for their time.

Thomas (last name inaudible)–

Thomas stated that he is a retired Hackensack Police Detective, that police officers are here to do a job, and they should be able to do so without quotas or fear of retribution. He asked people to remember that police don't get paid for what they do, they get paid for what they might have to do, and will put their lives on the line.

Patricia Anfora -

Ms. Anfora said she feels the job of a police officer is one of a hero. She said she feels the Chief is not giving the officers a chance to talk to him and that this really should be a private discussion.

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

6. ORDINANCES –PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE FOR ADOPTION

ORDINANCE #23-03 -ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)

WHEREAS, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S. 40A: 4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget to 2.50% unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and,

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Jefferson in the County of Morris finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2023 budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Council hereby determines that a 1.00% increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$222,427.19 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and,

WHEREAS the Township Council hereby determines that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Council of the Township of Jefferson, in the County of Morris, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY 2022 budget year, the final appropriations of the Township of Jefferson shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14, be increased by 3.50%, amounting to \$778,495.15 and that the CY 2023 municipal budget for the Township of Jefferson be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that any that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

If adopted this Ordinance shall take effect after publication and passage as provided by law.

PUBLIC HEARING

Council President Senatore opened the public hearing with the consent of the members present and asked speakers to state their name for the record.

With no one wishing to be heard, Council President Senatore closed the public hearing.

INTRODUCED: MARCH 15, 2023

ADOPTED: APRIL 5, 2023

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

ORDINANCE #23-04 - ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF JEFFERSON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE TOWNSHIP OF JEFFERSON

WHEREAS, the Local Lands and Buildings Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12-1 et seq., provides that a municipality may, by ordinance, provide for the acquisition of real property or an interest therein by purchase, gift, devise, lease, exchange, or condemnation in the manner provided in the Eminent Domain Act, N.J.S.A. 20:3-1 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, White Rock Lake Association has offered to donate its real property, including all buildings and improvements designated as White Rock Lake, Jefferson Township, New Jersey and identified as Block 452.04, Lot 19 (the "Property") to the Township of Jefferson, and the Township Council has determined that it is in the interest of the Township to acquire the Property from the White Rock Lake Association for Township purposes; and

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Council of the Township of Jefferson, Sussex County, New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. The donation by the White Rock Lake Association of its Property known as White Rock Lake, Jefferson Township, New Jersey and identified as Block 452.04, Lot 19, as shown on the Tax Map of the Township of Jefferson for public use is hereby accepted. The acquisition is subject to the Township and White Rock Lake Association entering into a contract for the donation. The Mayor and Township Clerk are authorized to sign the contract upon the recommendation of the Township Attorney.

Section 2. There is hereby appropriated the sum of \$9,250 for the costs and expenses for the acquisition of the Property; survey cost of \$8,700, \$150.00 for recording fee, \$400 for title search.

Section 3. Severability. If any provision of this ordinance or the application of this ordinance to any person or circumstances is held invalid, the remainder of this ordinance shall not be affected and shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 4. Repealer. All ordinances or parts of ordinances or resolutions inconsistent or in opposition to the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed in their entirety.

Section 5. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect after publication and passage according to law.

If adopted this Ordinance shall take effect after publication and passage as provided by law.

PUBLIC HEARING

Council President Senatore opened the public hearing with the consent of the members present and asked speakers to state their name for the record.

With no one wishing to be heard, Council President Senatore closed the public hearing.

INTRODUCED: MARCH 15, 2023

ADOPTED: APRIL 5, 2023

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

ORDINANCE #23-05 -ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF JEFFERSON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, SETTING FEES PAID TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR FIREARMS PERMITS AND IDENTIFICATION CARDS; AND FEES FOR CERTAIN RECREATION DEPARTMENT PROGRAMS

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of New Jersey is signed a Bill into law (P.L. 2022 C.131) increasing fees for firearms purchase permits, firearms identification cards, and increasing the permit to carry application fee.

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Jefferson in the County of Morris desires to amend its Code to comport with the Laws of the State of New Jersey;

WHEREAS, the Township of Jefferson wishes to adjust the ranges for fees that may be charged by the Township for certain events and programs provided by the Township Recreation Department; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Jefferson in the County of Morris desires to amend its Code to better organize its Code by consolidating certain ordinances that require fees into one section of the Code; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY the Township Council of the Township of Jefferson, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, that Chapter 235 of the Jefferson Township Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

Section-1
§ 235-19 FEES FOR APPLICATIONS, IDENTIFICATION CARDS, AND PERMITS

- a) The fee for a Permit to Carry a firearm Application shall be \$150.00 paid by way of money order;
- b) The fee for a Firearms Identification Card shall be \$50.00;
- c) The fee for a Firearms Purchase Permit shall be \$25.00.

Section-2
DELETION AND RE-ORGANIZATION OF EXISTING ORDINANCES

Section 7-39(A) of Jefferson Township Municipal Code is hereby moved to Section 235 and will appear under Section 235-20.

Section-3
§235-20 FEES FOR SERVICES

- A. The following fees are hereby established for additional services provided by the Police Department:
 - 1) Fingerprint cards shall be charged at a rate of \$5 per set of fingerprints
 - 2) Alarm registration permit fee: \$25 as established in Chapter 138, Alarm Systems.

Section-4
DELETION OF OUTDATED OR EXTRANEIOUS ORDINANCES

Sections 7-39 (B) & (C) of the Jefferson Township Municipal Code are hereby deleted from the Jefferson Township Municipal Code.

Section-5
§235-21 FEES FOR JUNIOR POLICE ACADEMY

The fee for the Junior Police Academy shall be between \$100 and \$200.

Section-6
DELETION OF OUTDATED OR EXTRANEIOUS ORDINANCES

Section 7-53(B) of the Jefferson Township Municipal Code is hereby deleted from the Jefferson Township Municipal Code.

Section-7
RE-ORGANIZATION OF EXISTING ORDINANCES

Section 368-1A of the Jefferson Township Municipal Code is hereby amended and moved to Section 235 and will appear under Section 235-22.

Section-8
§ 235-22 RANGE OF RECREATION FEES

A. The following range of recreation fees for the various described activities is hereby established:

Category	Fee
1) Youth athletic instruction and youth leagues	\$45 to \$200 per person per session
2) Adult athletics and fitness programs	\$35 to \$150 per person per session
3) Specialized instruction	\$40 to \$150 per person per session
4) Special events and activity programs	\$3 to \$75 per person per session
5) Summer day camp	\$5 to \$300 per person per session
6) Recreation day trips	\$30 to \$300 per person per trip
7) Facility use	\$15 to \$400 per rental
8) Refreshments and meals	\$0.50 to \$10 per item

Section-9
 All ordinances or parts of ordinances or resolutions inconsistent or in opposition to the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed in their entirety.

Section-10

If any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to that section, subdivision, clause or provision so adjudged and the remainder of this Ordinance shall be deemed to be valid and effective.

Section-11

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage and publication as required by law.

If adopted this Ordinance shall take effect after publication and passage as provided by law.

PUBLIC HEARING

Council President Senatore opened the public hearing with the consent of the members present and asked speakers to state their name for the record.

With no one wishing to be heard, Council President Senatore closed the public hearing.

INTRODUCED: MARCH 15, 2023

ADOPTED: APRIL 5, 2023

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

7. COUNCIL AND MAYOR DISCUSSION

There were no items for Council and Mayor Discussion listed on the agenda for April 5, 2023.

8. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS OF MAYOR AND ADMINISTRATOR – Presiding Officer

Ms. Millikin said she attended the Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday and Councilman Kalish was also present. She also reported attending the Museum exhibit on Sunday.

Ms. Millikin mentioned that the recent NJDEP wastewater treatment inspections went well, and that the County of Morris has agreed to contribute to costs associated with replacing the guide rails on Minnisink Road.

Ms. Millikin told Council that Township Engineer Jim Lutz has been provided an updated site plan by Jefferson Recycling, as well as other required information, and therefore the administration is now recommending Council consider an amended resolution in support of the expansion of the recycling facility. She said a resolution will be provided for the April 19th Council meeting agenda.

Mayor Wilsusen mentioned that he attended the wake for Takis Seretis. He said Mr. Seretis was the owner of the Jefferson Diner, formerly the Lakeside Luncheonette, and a great contributor to the community.

Mayor Wilsusen said he attended the Municipal Transportation Forum on March 28th at County College of Morris with Ms. Millikin. He reported meeting yesterday with the Mayor of Chester to discuss issues relating to the Highlands. He said he attended a meeting today with the DEP and other County officials to discuss dust issues and complaints in the Woodport area.

Mayor Wilsusen stated that he met with representatives from the Lake Hopatcong American Legion in reference to the Memorial Day parade typically hosted by the Legion. He said he feels this is an important tradition for Jefferson and the Township will be working with the Legion to make sure the tradition continues.

Mayor Wilsusen reported attending the High School play, the Easter Egg Hunt with Ms. Millikin, the Museum exhibit, and the event to honor Luciano Franco here at the municipal building. He told Council the Chamber of Commerce dinner will be held on April 26th, and the Citizen of the Year, Adele Wildermuth, will be honored at the event.

Mayor Wilsusen announced the following upcoming events: Township cleanup on April 22nd, meeting with Sheriff Gannon's office and the New Jersey State Police to prepare for summer on the lake, meeting with the surrounding lake Mayors and the DEP on April 26th. Mayor Wilsusen said he will be away on business from April 15-19 and therefore will miss the next Council meeting. He said Ms. Millikin will be the Acting Mayor while he is away.

Mayor Wilsusen said he wanted to address the comments made by the PBA, as both the Mayor and the Director of Public Safety. He stated that the Township has a great staff and competent police Chief. He expressed his and his administration's support for the Chief, Captain and command staff and said that the allegations posted publicly blindsided him, and that until last night he hadn't been afforded the courtesy to address any of the issues.

Mayor Wilsusen said there are other avenues to resolve issues and he is disappointed in President Williams' chosen path to go public. He said the parties met last night to see how they could move forward and communication was one of the major issues identified. He said efforts to issue a joint statement broke down. Mayor Wilsusen then read the proposed statement that he said the PBA had a problem with. He commented that the Township Council cannot resolve or address the matters presented tonight and that everything defaults back to him as the appropriate authority. He mentioned the PBA could have followed the grievance procedure or contacted the Morris County Prosecutor or New Jersey Attorney General if there is an internal affairs issue.

ORDINANCE #23-07 - ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 7 SUBSECTION 37 OF THE JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL CODE ENTITLED "DIVISION OF POLICE"

WHEREAS, the Township of Jefferson finds it in the best interest of the health and safety of its Residents to increase the number of Sergeants employed by the Township of Jefferson's Police Department; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Jefferson, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, that Chapter 7 of the Jefferson Township Municipal Code entitled "Division of Police" is hereby amended by amending the following Subsection 7-37(e), as follows:

SECTION I

Delete:
 (e) Six Sergeants.

Add:
 (e) Seven Sergeants. The number will revert back to six (6) Sergeants upon the vacating of a Sergeant's position for any reason. Upon such occurrence, the Township may appoint up to six (6) Sergeants.

SECTION II

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

SECTION III

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

SECTION IV

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

Following introduction, the above Ordinance will be published in accordance with the law and a Public hearing will be held on **April 19, 2023**.

INTRODUCED: APRIL 5, 2023

ADOPTED:

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

ORDINANCE #23-08 -ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS OR PURPOSES TO BE UNDERTAKEN IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF JEFFERSON, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY, AND APPROPRIATING \$1,441,753 THEREFOR FROM VARIOUS FUNDS OF THE TOWNSHIP

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF JEFFERSON, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1.

The improvements described in Section 2 of this ordinance are hereby authorized as general improvements to be made or acquired by The Township of Jefferson, in the County of Morris, New Jersey. For the said improvements or purposes stated in said Section 2, there is hereby appropriated the sum of \$1,441,753, to the extent of \$829,103, from moneys available in the Capital Improvement Fund of the Township, to the extent of \$139,000, from moneys available in the Police Outside Employment Trust Funds of the Township, to the extent of \$99,000, from moneys available in the combined Open Space/Recreation Trust Funds of the Township, and to the extent of \$374,650, from funds received by the Township from the New Jersey Department of Transportation as a grant-in-aid of financing said improvement to Minnisink Road.

SECTION 2.

The improvements hereby authorized and the several purposes for which said appropriation is made are as follows: the acquisition of new and additional communications and computer equipment for use by various departments of the Township; the acquisition of new and additional equipment including, various equipment for use by Fire Company #1 and Fire Company #2 of the Township, communication equipment, software, computer equipment, weapons; and a vehicle, for use by the Police Department of the Township, cameras for installation at municipal parks, shop equipment and a roller trailer for use by the Department of Public Works of the Township, and defibrillator equipment for use by the Office of Emergency Management of the Township; the improvement of municipally-owned facilities and locations in and by the Township including the Municipal Building by the upgrade of the front door and the renovation of the bathrooms, the Department of Public Works facilities by the improvement of the wash bay and the upgrade of the heating, ventilation and air conditioning system, Camp Jefferson by the upgrade of the cabins, the redevelopment thereof, the installation of new flooring on the pavilion deck and the movie theater by the installation of a new deck; and the upgrade of the radio receivers in and by the Township; the improvement of Minnisink Road; and the improvement of various roads by the installation of guiderails and signage, together with, for all of the foregoing, all necessary and appurtenant equipment, accessories, attachments, work and materials, and all as shown on and in accordance with the plans and specifications therefor on file or to be filed in the office of the Township Clerk and hereby approved.

SECTION 3.

The capital budget or temporary capital budget of the Township is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith and the resolutions promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing all detail of the amended capital budget or temporary capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director, Division of Local Government Services are on file with the Township Clerk and are available for public inspection.

SECTION 4.

This ordinance shall take effect after publication after final adoption, as provided by law.

Following introduction, the above Ordinance will be published in accordance with the law and a Public hearing will be held on **April 19, 2023.**

INTRODUCED: APRIL 5, 2023

ADOPTED:

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

ORDINANCE #23-09 - ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF JEFFERSON, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY, AND APPROPRIATING \$110,000 THEREFOR FROM THE SEWER CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND OF THE TOWNSHIP

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF JEFFERSON, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1.

The improvements described in Section 2 of this ordinance are hereby authorized to be made or acquired by The Township of Jefferson, in the County of Morris, New Jersey, as general improvements, and there is hereby appropriated therefor the sum of \$110,000 from moneys available in the Sewer Capital Improvement Fund of the Township.

SECTION 2.

The improvements hereby authorized and the several purposes for which said the appropriation is made are as follows: the acquisition by purchase, and installation, as necessary, of safety equipment; and the improvement of the sanitary sewerage system in and by the Township by the upgrade of the wastewater treatment plant, together with all structures, site work, equipment, work and materials necessary therefor or incidental thereto, all as shown on and in accordance with the plans and specifications therefor on file or to be filed in the office of the Township Clerk and hereby approved.

SECTION 3.

The capital budget or temporary capital budget of the Township is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith and the resolutions promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing all detail of the amended capital budget or temporary capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director, Division of Local Government Services, are on file with the Township Clerk and are available for public inspection.

SECTION 4.

This ordinance shall take effect after publication after final adoption, as provided by law.

Following introduction, the above Ordinance will be published in accordance with the law and a Public hearing will be held on **April 19, 2023.**

INTRODUCED: APRIL 5, 2023

ADOPTED:

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

ORDINANCE #23-10 - BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE SANITARY SEWERAGE SYSTEM IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF JEFFERSON, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$450,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$450,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP FOR FINANCING SUCH APPROPRIATION

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF JEFFERSON, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY, (NOT LESS THAN TWO-THIRDS OF ALL MEMBERS THEREOF AFFIRMATIVELY CONCURRING), AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1.

The improvement described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance is hereby authorized as a general improvement to be made or acquired by The Township of Jefferson, in the County of Morris, New Jersey. For the said improvement or purpose stated in said Section 3, there is hereby appropriated the sum of \$450,000, said sum being inclusive of all appropriations heretofore made therefor.

SECTION 2.

For the financing of said improvement or purpose, including for the purposes of applicable United States Treasury Regulations, the reimbursement of expenditures heretofore or made therefor, and to meet the said \$450,000 appropriation, negotiable bonds of the Township are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$450,000 pursuant to the Local Bond Law of New Jersey. In anticipation of the issuance of said bonds and to temporarily finance said improvement or purpose, negotiable notes of the Township in a principal amount not exceeding \$450,000 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to and within the limitations prescribed by said Local Bond Law.

SECTION 3.

a) The improvement hereby authorized and purpose for the financing of which said obligations are to be issued is the improvement of the sanitary sewerage system in and by the Township, including by upgrades to the wastewater treatment plant and the pump station, together with all equipment, appurtenances, structures, site work, work and materials necessary therefor or incidental thereto, all as shown on and in accordance with the plans and specifications therefor on file or to be filed in the office of the Township Clerk and hereby approved.

b) The estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued for said purpose is \$450,000.

c) The estimated cost of said purpose is \$450,000.

SECTION 4.

The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

a) The said purpose described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance is not current expense and is a property or improvement which the Township may lawfully acquire or make as a general improvement, and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefited thereby.

b) The period of usefulness of said purpose within the limitations of said Local Bond Law, according to the reasonable life thereof computed from the date of the said bonds authorized by this bond ordinance, is forty (40) years.

c) The supplemental debt statement required by said Local Bond Law has been duly made and filed in the office of the Township Clerk and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey, and such statement shows that, while the net debt of the Township determined as provided in said Local Bond Law is not increased by this bond ordinance, the gross debt of the Township as defined in said Local Bond Law is increased by the authorization of the bonds and notes provided for in this bond ordinance by \$450,000, and the said obligations authorized by this bond ordinance will be within all debt limitations prescribed by said Local Bond Law.

d) Amounts not exceeding \$50,000 in the aggregate for interest on said obligations, costs of issuing said obligations, engineering costs and other items of expense listed in and permitted under Section 40A:2-20 of said Local Bond Law may be included as part of the costs of said improvements and are included in the foregoing estimate thereof.

e) This bond ordinance authorizes obligations of the Township solely for a purpose described in subsection h of section 40A:2-7 of said Local Bond Law, and the said obligations authorized by this bond ordinance are to be issued for a purpose which is "self-liquidating" within the meaning and limitation of section 40A:2-45 of said Local Bond Law and are deductible, pursuant to subsection (c) of section 40A:2-44 of said Local Bond Law, from gross debt of the Township.

SECTION 5.

All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer, provided that no note shall mature later than one year from its date. The notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer. The Chief Financial Officer shall determine all matters in connection with the notes issued pursuant to this bond ordinance, and the Chief Financial Officer's signature upon the notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time subject to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:2-8. The Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the notes from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver them to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their dates to the dates of delivery thereof. The Chief Financial Officer is directed to report in writing to the governing body of the Township at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the notes pursuant to this bond ordinance is made. Such report must include the principal amount, interest rate and maturities of the notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

SECTION 6.

The full faith and credit of the Township are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on the said obligations authorized by this bond ordinance. Said obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the Township, and, unless paid from the revenues of the sanitary sewerage system of the Township, the Township shall be obligated to levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable property within the Township for the payment of said obligations and interest thereon without limitation of rate or amount.

SECTION 7.

The capital budget or temporary capital budget of the Township is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith and the resolutions promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing all detail of the amended capital budget or temporary capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director, Division of Local Government Services, are on file with the Township Clerk and are available for public inspection.

SECTION 8.

This bond ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by said Local Bond Law.

Following introduction, the above Ordinance will be published in accordance with the law and a Public hearing will be held on **April 19, 2023.**

INTRODUCED: APRIL 5, 2023

ADOPTED:

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

ORDINANCE #23-11 - BOND ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$830,000, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$788,500 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP, FOR VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS OR PURPOSES AUTHORIZED TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP OF JEFFERSON, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY, FOR THE WATER SUPPLY AND DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM OF THE TOWNSHIP

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF JEFFERSON, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY, (NOT LESS THAN TWO-THIRDS OF ALL MEMBERS THEREOF AFFIRMATIVELY CONCURRING), AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1.

The several improvements described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are hereby respectively authorized as general improvements to be made or acquired by The Township of Jefferson, in the County of Morris, New Jersey. For the said several improvements or purposes stated in said Section 3, there are hereby appropriated the respective sums of money therein stated as the appropriations made for said improvements or purposes, said sums, except as described below, being inclusive of all appropriations heretofore made therefor and amounting in the aggregate to \$830,000 including the aggregate sum of \$41,500 as the several down payments for said improvements or purposes required by law and more particularly described in Section 3 and now available therefore by virtue of provision in a previously adopted budget or budgets of the Township for down payment or for capital improvement purposes.

SECTION 2.

For the financing of said improvements or purposes, including for the purposes of applicable United States Treasury Regulations, the reimbursement of expenditures heretofore or made therefor, and to meet the said \$830,000 appropriations not provided for by application hereunder of said down payments, negotiable bonds of the Township are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$788,500 pursuant to the Local Bond Law of New Jersey. In anticipation of the issuance of said bonds and to temporarily finance said improvements or purposes, negotiable notes of the Township in a principal amount not exceeding \$788,500 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to and within the limitations prescribed by said Local Bond Law.

SECTION 3.

The improvements hereby authorized and the several purposes for the financing of which said obligations are to be issued the appropriation made for and estimated cost of each such purpose, and the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued for each such purpose, are respectively as follows:

<u>IMPROVEMENT OR PURPOSE</u>	<u>APPROPRIATION AND ESTIMATED COST</u>	<u>ESTIMATED MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF BONDS AND NOTES</u>
(a) Acquisition, by purchase and installation, as necessary, of new and additional safety equipment for use by the water utility of the Township, together with all attachments, appurtenances and equipment necessary therefor or incidental thereto, all in accordance with the specifications therefor on file or to be filed in the office of the Township Clerk and hereby	\$10,000	\$9,500
(b) Improvement of the water supply and distribution system in and by the Township, including by and the upgrade of the pump station, the acquisition and installation of a PFOA treatment system, and the upgrade of the water meters, together with all structures, site work, equipment, work and materials necessary therefor or incidental thereto, all as shown on and in accordance with the plans and specifications therefor on file or to be filed in the office of the Township Clerk and hereby approved	<u>\$820,000</u>	<u>\$779,000</u>
Totals	\$830,000	\$788,500

SECTION 4.

The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

- a) The said purposes described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are not current expenses and each is a property or improvement which the Township may lawfully acquire or make as a general improvement, and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefited thereby.
- b) The average period of usefulness of said purposes within the limitations of said Local Bond Law and taking into consideration the respective amounts of the said obligations authorized for the several purposes, according to the reasonable life thereof computed from the date of the said bonds authorized by this bond ordinance, is 39.69 years.
- c) The supplemental debt statement required by said Local Bond Law has been duly made and filed in the office of the Township Clerk and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey, and such statement shows that, while the net debt of the Township determined as provided in said Local Bond Law is not increased by this bond ordinance, the gross debt of the Township as defined in

said Local Bond Law is increased by the authorization of the bonds and notes provided for in this bond ordinance by \$788,500, and the said obligations authorized by this bond ordinance will be within all debt limitations prescribed by said Local Bond Law.

d) Amounts not exceeding \$80,000 in the aggregate for interest on said obligations, costs of issuing said obligations, engineering costs and other items of expense listed in and permitted under Section 40A:2-20 of said Local Bond Law may be included as part of the costs of said improvements and are included in the foregoing estimate thereof.

SECTION 5.

All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer, provided that no note shall mature later than one year from its date. The notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer. The Chief Financial Officer shall determine all matters in connection with the notes issued pursuant to this bond ordinance, and the Chief Financial Officer's signature upon the notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time subject to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:2-8. The Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the notes from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver them to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their dates to the dates of delivery thereof. The Chief Financial Officer is directed to report in writing to the governing body of the Township at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the notes pursuant to this bond ordinance is made. Such report must include the principal amount, interest rate and maturities of the notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

SECTION 6.

The full faith and credit of the Township are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on the said obligations authorized by this bond ordinance. Said obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the Township, and, unless paid from the revenues of the water supply and distribution system of the Township, the Township shall be obligated to levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable property within the Township for the payment of said obligations and interest thereon without limitation of rate or amount.

SECTION 7.

The capital budget or temporary capital budget of the Township is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith and the resolutions promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing all detail of the amended capital budget or temporary capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director, Division of Local Government Services, are on file with the Township Clerk and are available for public inspection.

SECTION 8.

This bond ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by said Local Bond Law.

Following introduction, the above Ordinance will be published in accordance with the law and a Public hearing will be held on **April 19, 2023.**

INTRODUCED: APRIL 5, 2023

ADOPTED:

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

ORDINANCE #23-12 - BOND ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$3,713,075, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$3,527,421 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP, FOR VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS OR PURPOSES AUTHORIZED TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP OF JEFFERSON, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF JEFFERSON, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY, (NOT LESS THAN TWO-THIRDS OF ALL MEMBERS THEREOF AFFIRMATIVELY CONCURRING), AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1.

The several improvements described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are hereby respectively authorized as general improvements to be made or acquired by The Township of Jefferson, in the County of Morris, New Jersey. For the said several improvements or purposes stated in said Section 3, there are hereby appropriated the respective sums of money therein stated as the appropriations made for said improvements or purposes, said sums, except as described below, being inclusive of all appropriations heretofore made therefor and amounting in the aggregate to \$3,713,075 including the aggregate sum of \$185,654 as the several down payments for said improvements or purposes required by law and more particularly described in said Section 3 and now available therefor by virtue of provision in a previously adopted budget or budgets of the Township for down payment or for capital improvement purposes.

SECTION 2.

For the financing of said improvements or purposes, including for the purposes of applicable United States Treasury regulations the reimbursements or expenditures heretofore or hereafter made therefor, and to meet the part of said \$3,713,075 appropriations not provided for by application hereunder of said down payments, negotiable bonds of the Township are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$3,527,421 pursuant to the Local Bond Law of New Jersey. In anticipation of the issuance of said bonds and to temporarily finance said improvements or purposes, negotiable notes of the Township in a principal amount not exceeding \$3,527,421 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to and within the limitations prescribed by said Local Bond Law.

SECTION 3.

The improvements hereby authorized and the several purposes for the financing of which said obligations are to be issued, the appropriation made for and estimated cost of each such purpose, and the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued for each such purpose, are respectively as follows:

<u>IMPROVEMENT OR PURPOSE</u>	<u>APPROPRIATION AND ESTIMATED COST</u>	<u>ESTIMATED MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF BONDS AND NOTES</u>
(a) Improvement of municipally-owned properties and facilities in and by the Township, including Lakeside Field by the installation of new artificial turf, the municipal playground by the installation of a new creative playground, initial costs associated with the improvement of the Three Rivers Bridge, and the Department of Public Works facility by the upgrade of the exterior thereof and the installation of new fencing, together with for all the aforesaid all paving, line striping equipment, structures, site work, furnishings, work and materials necessary therefor or incidental thereto, all as shown on and in accordance with the plans and specifications therefor on file or to be filed in the office of the Township Clerk and hereby approved	\$1,493,000	\$1,418,350
(b) Improvement of various roads in and by the Township by the reconstruction and resurfacing thereof to provide roadway pavements at least equal in useful life or durability to a roadway surface of Class B construction (as such term is used or referred to in Section 40A:2-22 of said Local Bond Law), including, but not limited to, Garnett Drive, Partridge Run, Forest Ridge Terrace, Squirrelwood Road, Bear Drive, Eagle Drive, Fox Drive, Moose Drive, Elk Drive, East Elk Drive, Redman Drive, Indian Drive, Longwood Lake Road, Valley Trail, Aldrin Road, Solar Road, Talor Road, Maryann Road, Lorna Lane, Mackenzie Lane, Wrobleski Road, including also, the improvement of the Municipal Building parking lot, and the improvement of various roads in and by the Township by the crack sealing and microsealing thereof including Sparta Mountain Road, Elizabeth Court, Jessica Court and Taylor Road, together with for all the aforesaid all oil and chipping, reflectors, dividers, paving, curbing, line striping, milling, drainage, structures and improvements, equipment, site work, work and materials necessary therefor or incidental thereto, all as shown on and in accordance with the plans and specifications therefor on file or to be filed in the office of the Township Clerk and hereby approved	\$1,930,075	\$1,833,571
(c) Acquisition by purchase of new and additional vehicular equipment, including one (1) mason dump truck and one (1) pickup truck for use by the Department of Public Works of the Township, and one (1) utility vehicle for use by Fire Company #2 of the Township, together with all attachments, appurtenances and equipment necessary therefor or incidental thereto, all as shown on and in accordance with the specifications therefor on file or to be filed in the office of the Township Clerk and hereby approved	<u>\$290,000</u>	<u>\$275,500</u>
Totals	\$3,713,075	\$3,527,421

The excess of the appropriation made for each of the improvements or purposes aforesaid over the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued therefor, as above stated, is the amount of the said down payment for said purpose.

SECTION 4.

The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

- a) The said purposes described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are not current expenses and each is a property or improvement which the Township may lawfully acquire or make as a general improvement, and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefited thereby.
- b) The average period of usefulness of said purposes within the limitations of said Local Bond Law and taking into consideration the respective amounts of the said obligations authorized for the several purposes, according to the reasonable life thereof computed from the date of the said bonds authorized by this bond ordinance, is 11.6 years.
- c) The supplemental debt statement required by said Local Bond Law has been duly made and filed in the office of the Township Clerk and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey, and such statement shows that the gross debt of the Township as defined in said Local Bond Law is increased by the authorization of the bonds and notes provided for in this bond ordinance by \$3,527,421, and the said obligations authorized by this bond ordinance will be within all debt limitations prescribed by said Local Bond Law.
- d) Amounts not exceeding \$575,000 in the aggregate for interest on said obligations, costs of issuing said obligations, engineering costs and other items of expense listed in and permitted under Section 40A:2-20 of said Local Bond Law may be included as part of the costs of said improvements and are included in the foregoing estimate thereof.

SECTION 5.

All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer, provided that no note shall mature later than one year from its date. The notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer. The Chief Financial Officer shall determine all matters in connection with the notes issued pursuant to this bond ordinance, and the Chief Financial Officer's signature upon the notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time subject to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:2-8. The Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the notes from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver them to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their dates to the dates of delivery

thereof. The Chief Financial Officer is directed to report in writing to the governing body of the Township at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the notes pursuant to this bond ordinance is made. Such report must include the principal amount, interest rate and maturities of the notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

SECTION 6.

The full faith and credit of the Township are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on the said obligations authorized by this bond ordinance. Said obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the Township, and the Township shall be obligated to levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable property within the Township for the payment of said obligations and interest thereon without limitation of rate or amount.

SECTION 7.

The capital budget or temporary capital budget of the Township is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith and the resolutions promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing all detail of the amended capital budget or temporary capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director, Division of Local Government Services, are on file with the Township Clerk and are available for public inspection.

SECTION 8.

This bond ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by said Local Bond Law.

Following introduction, the above Ordinance will be published in accordance with the law and a Public hearing will be held on **April 19, 2023.**

INTRODUCED: APRIL 5, 2023

ADOPTED:

Council Member	By	2 nd	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	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									

**11. MINUTES
 March 15, 2023 (Regular)**

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

Prior to the vote on the Consent Agenda, Councilman Smith requested that Resolution #23-108, Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Jefferson, County of Morris, Ratifying and Executing a Settlement Agreement, be removed for separate consideration and vote.

***PERMITS/LICENSES**

- None for April 5, 2023

***APPOINTMENTS:**

- None for April 5, 2023

***CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS:**

- 23-101 Resolution Authorizing the Payment of Bills
- 23-102 Resolution Authorizing the Refund of Overpayment(s) of Taxes
- 23-103 Resolution Authorizing Cancellation of Utility Fees
- 23-104 Resolution Authorizing the Reduction of Taxes Due to Approved State Tax Appeals and Refund of Overpayment
- 23-105 Resolution Authorizing Contract for Jefferson Township Police Department Jail Cells Renovations – Lanyi & Tevald Inc.
- 23-106 Resolution Authorizing In Rem Foreclosures
- 23-107 Resolution Authorizing Contract for Furnish and Construction of 61' Diameter Geodesic Domed Salt Shed, Contract BLD-72-1L – Bulk Storage, Inc.

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

RESOLUTION 23-108

Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Jefferson, County of Morris, Ratifying and Executing a Settlement Agreement

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

13. PUBLIC COMMENT

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

Anne Augustyn –

Ms. Augustyn asked for the cost of the turf field. Ms. Millikin replied that it was between \$400-500,000. Council President Senatore remarked that the current field is over twenty (20) years old.

Chief Ross Johnson – Mendham Township

Chief Johnson read a statement in support of Chief Castimore on behalf of the Morris County Chiefs Association. He said he was confident Chief Castimore is capable of working through any issues or perceived issues.

Chief Andrew Caggiano – 4th Vice President, State Chiefs Association

Chief Caggiano stated that he was here on behalf of the State Chiefs Association in support of Chief Castimore. He said he is very proud to be a resident of Jefferson and the police force is exceptional.

Sheriff James Gannon – Morris County Sheriff

Sheriff Gannon stated that he is a member of the Morris County Police Chiefs Association Executive Board and is here to lend his support to Chief Castimore. He said that “it’s all about partnerships” and if there was anything he could do, to please let him know.

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

14. EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no Executive Session on the agenda for March 15, 2023.

15. ADJOURNMENT AT 8:13 PM

Motion made by Council Vice President Dunham, second by Councilman Smith to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 pm, with all members in favor signifying by “Aye.”

April 5, 2023

 Michele Reilly, RMC, Township Clerk

 Melissa Senatore, Council President

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTION #23-101

“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 April 5, 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 #23-102

“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
453.02	5	BALA PARTNERS LLC	\$7,651.83	5	2023
453.02	5	BALA PARTNERS LLC	\$2,400.00	10	2023
250.06	49	PRO CAP 8	\$2,037.32	5	2023
250.06	49	PRO CAP 8	\$2,000.00	10	2023
339	2.178	GREEN KNIGHT CAP LLC	\$5,691.08	5	2023
339	2.178	GREEN KNIGHT CAP LLC	\$6,500.00	10	2023
452.04	6	BALA PARTNERS LLC	\$4,748.46	5	2023
452.04	6	BALA PARTNERS LLC	\$3,600.00	10	2023
			TOTAL	\$34,628.69	

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTION #23-103

“RESOLUTION AUTHORIZNG CANCELLATION OF UTILITY FEES”

WHEREAS, there appears on the Utility records amounts due as shown below; and

WHEREAS, Township of Jefferson properties are exempt from paying utility fees; and

WHEREAS, the Township Administrator recommends the cancellation of the billings on the properties listed below.

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 cancel the billings for Township properties shown below and exempt them from being charged utility amounts:

<u>BLOCK/LOT</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>YEAR</u>
56/9	\$216.69	2022
516/11	\$107.35	2022
233.03/29.01	\$103.21	2022
273.01/9	\$100.33	2022
452.04/16	\$ 0.00	2022

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTION #23-104

“RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REDUCTION OF TAXES DUE TO APPROVED STATE TAX APPEALS AND REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT”

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector of the Township of Jefferson has determined that action is required as a result of the 2021 and 2022 tax reductions granted by the Tax Court of New Jersey; 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 Name and Block and Lot 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 Chief Financial Officer be and is hereby authorized to issue a check for the overpayments appearing on the tax records as follows:

<u>BLOCK/LOT</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>TAX YEARS</u>
457.01/7	5625 Berkshire Valley Rd	\$20,838.78	2021 & 2022

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

<u>BLOCK</u>	<u>LOT</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>TAX CANCELLATION</u>
457.01	7	5625 Berkshire Valley Rd	\$ 8,552.43 - 2021
457.01	7	5625 Berkshire Valley Rd	\$12,286.35 - 2022

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTION #23-105

“RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACT FOR JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT JAIL CELLS RENOVATIONS”

WHEREAS; the Township of Jefferson received bids for Jefferson Township Police Department Jail Cells Renovations on February 23, 2023 at 1pm; and

WHEREAS; Lanyi & Tevald, Inc., 6 Powder Horn Drive, Warren, NJ 07059 was the lowest responsible bidder with a base bid of **\$110,800.00**; and

WHEREAS; the Township’s Architect, Fox Architectural Design, PC recommends award based on their letter dated February 28, 2023 to Lanyi & Tevald, Inc., 6 Powder Horn Drive, Warren, NJ 07059; 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 **\$110,800.00**.

C-04-55-921-013-903

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Jefferson hereby awards the contract for **Jefferson Township Police Department Jail Cells Renovations to Lanyi & Tevald, Inc., 6 Powder Horn Drive, Warren, NJ 07059 in the amount of \$110,800.00** and authorize the Mayor and the Municipal Clerk to sign the contracts for the Jefferson township Police Department Jail Cells.

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTION #23-106

“RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING IN REM FORECLOSURES”

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Jefferson, Morris County and State of New Jersey, the Governing Body of the Township of Jefferson that the Tax Sale Certificates as shown on the attached Tax Foreclosure List now held by the Township of Jefferson be foreclosed by the summary proceedings IN REM, and as described by New Jersey Statutes R.S. 54:5-104.29 et seq., as amended, and pursuant to the Rules of Civil Practice of the Superior Court of New Jersey.

Sch. No.	Cert. No.	Name of Owner as it Appears on Last Tax Duplicate	Description of Land as it Appears on Tax Duplicate and in Certificate of Tax Sale Block, Lot	Address of Property	Date of Tax Sale	Amount of Sale	Amount of Tax Liens Accruing Subsequent to Tax Sale, Including Interest and Costs	Amount to Redeem (Plus Interest, Attorney’s Fees and Costs to be Added)	Date of Recording Cert.	Book and Page No. in County Clerk’s Office Book, Page
1	17-00021	Mountain Shores Water System	Block 188, Lot 3	10 Ridgedale Rd Jefferson Twp.	9-21-17	\$301.04	\$3,217.28	\$3,518.32	10-26-17	Book 23231, Page 1235
2	17-00022	Mountain Shores Water Co	Block 188, Lot 5.01	18 Ridgedale Rd Jefferson Twp.	9-21-17	\$673.35	\$8,141.53	\$8,814.88	10-26-17	Book 23231, Page 1238
3	19-00005	Schwarz, Frank & Mark	Block 77, Lot 8.01	Arizona Ave Jefferson Twp.	10-24-19	\$1,516.75	\$8,990.69	\$10,507.44	11-13-19	Book 23654, Page 1457
4	09-00017	Spiridigliozi, Michael/Jamie	Block 128, Lot 45	50 Woodlawn Ter Jefferson Twp.	09-30-09	\$1,596.91	\$61,682.97	\$63,279.88	11-16-09	Book 21433, Page 343
5	12-00067	Kievit, Robert/Robyne	Block 453.04, Lot 51	Jays Ln Jefferson Twp.	10-03-12	\$2,449.54	\$47,999.70	\$50,449.24	10-22-12	Book 22167, Page 619
6	14-00042	Double-D, LLC	Block 249, Lot 24	St Rt 15 S	06-04-14	\$5,379.40	\$95,420.65	\$100,800.05	08-20-14	Book 22579, Page 546
7	15-00086	Bullaro, Vincent	Block 360, Lot 24	Valley Trl	05-27-15	\$383.80	\$28,422.91	\$28,806.71	07-15-15	Book 22743, Page 75

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTION #23-107

“RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACT FOR FURNISH AND CONSTRUCTION OF 61’ DIAMETER GEODESIC DOMED SALT SHED, CONTRACT- BLD-72-1L- BULK STORAGE, INC.”

WHEREAS, the Township of Jefferson received one bid for **Furnish and Construction of 61’ Diameter Geodesic Domed Salt Shed, Contract BLD-72-1L, on March 16, 2023.;** and

WHEREAS, one (1) bid was received as listed; and

BIDDER
Bulk Storage, Inc.

BASE BID AMOUNT
\$246,661

ADD ALTERNATE
\$41,470

WHEREAS, Bulk Storage, Inc. of Beecher, Illinois was the only bidder with a base bid of **\$246,661.00** and an add alternate bid in the amount of **\$41,470.00;** and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer recommends the Township Council award the contract for Furnish and Construction of 61’ Diameter Geodesic Domed Salt Shed for the base bid only; 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 **\$246,661.00**

C-04-55-919-011-902	Bldg Grounds- Salt Shed
C-04-55-921-008-903	Bldg Grounds- DPW Salt Shed
C-04-55-922-010-901	Bldg Grounds- DPW Salt Shed

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that the Township Council hereby awards the contract for **Furnish and Construction of 61' Diameter Geodesic Domed Salt Shed, Contract BLD-72-1L, Bulk Storage, Inc. of 28101 S. Yates Avenue, Beecher, Illinois 60401 in the base bid amount of \$246,661.00.**

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk of this Township be and are hereby authorized and directed to execute the contract and other necessary documents in order to effectuate the purpose of this resolution and that the Certificate of Availability of Funds supplied by the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) of this Township shall be attached to the original copy of this resolution.

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTION #23-108

**“RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF JEFFERSON, COUNTY OF MORRIS,
RATIFYING AND EXECUTING A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT”**

WHEREAS, the Township of Jefferson has reached a settlement of a personnel matter as reflected in a certain Settlement Agreement and Release (“Settlement Agreement”) which has been negotiated between the parties; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Township Counsel have been afforded an opportunity to review the Settlement Agreement and the employee has executed the Settlement Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Township seeks to ratify and execute the Settlement Agreement; and

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

1. The Settlement Agreement and Release between the Township of Jefferson and its employee is hereby approved.
2. The Mayor and Township Clerk are authorized to sign the Settlement Agreement on behalf of the Township of Jefferson, as well as any other documentation necessary to effectuate this settlement.
3. The Resolution shall take effect immediately.