

**JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Special Joint Meeting with Jefferson Township Council**  
**Minutes - Tuesday, September 20, 2016 – 7:00 PM**  
**Jefferson Township Board of Education Central Office**

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A. Mr. Smith, called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM, and read the Open Meeting Statement.

In accordance with the Open Meeting Law, the Jefferson Township Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time and place thereof, posted in the Jefferson Township Municipal Building, with copies of such notice delivered or mailed or electronically mailed to the

*DAILY RECORD*, *AIM* Newspaper, and posted on the  
Jefferson Township Board of Education website (www.Jefftwp.org);

and a copy of said notice delivered to the Municipal Clerk of the Township of Jefferson and the Jefferson Township Library.

B. **Pledge of Allegiance.**

C. **Roll Call:**

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Mr. Cuccio	_____	_____X_____
Mrs. Gould ( <i>arrived @ 7:08pm</i> )	_____	_____X_____
Mrs. Poulas	_____X_____	_____
Mr. Quigley	_____	_____X_____
Mrs. Senatore	_____X_____	_____
Mr. Stewart	_____X_____	_____
Mrs. Van Ness	_____X_____	_____
Mr. Millar, Vice President	_____X_____	_____
Mr. Smith, President	_____X_____	_____

D. **Motion by Mr. Millar, seconded by Mrs. Poulas, to accept the following resolution:**

**WHEREAS**, 2016’s National Suicide Prevention Week is September 5th – 11th. The most frequently cited risk factors for suicide by The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention are:

- Mental disorders, in particular: depression or bipolar (manic-depressive) disorder, alcohol or substance abuse or dependence, schizophrenia, borderline or antisocial personality disorder, conduct disorder (in youth), psychotic disorders, anxiety disorders, impulsivity and aggression, especially in the context of the above mental disorders, previous suicide attempt, family history of attempted or completed suicide, serious medical condition and/or pain, and

**WHEREAS**, Jefferson Township’s Mental Health Project *JT Connect* is trying to open minds about Mental Health, promote wellness, education, support and be an advocate for its residents. Removing the stigma associated with mental health will make getting help more acceptable, and

**WHEREAS**, information about mental health and upcoming *JT Connect* events ~~will be~~ is available ~~that week here~~ in the Municipal complex, and

**WHEREAS, *JT Connect*** will sponsor a team of Jefferson Township residents and friends at the upcoming Sunday, October 9th “Walk Out of The Darkness Walk” hosted by The Northwest NJ Chapter of The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention at Waterloo Village in Stanhope, and

**WHEREAS,** anyone needing help or in crisis should call New Jersey’s new hotline is 855-654-6735 or National hotline 1-800-273-TALK (8255), **and**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** the Jefferson Township Board of Education declares the month of September ~~8<sup>th</sup> through 14<sup>th</sup>~~ as Suicide Prevention ~~Week~~ and urges township residents to become educated about the warning signs of depression, and identify action steps that can be taken to get help for someone who may be suicidal.

MOTION: Mr. Millar	SECOND: Mrs. Poulas			
Name	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Mr. Cuccio				X
Mrs. Gould				X
Mr. Millar	X			
Mrs. Poulas	X			
Mr. Quigley				X
Mrs. Senatore	X			
Mr. Smith	X			
Mr. Stewart	X			
Mrs. Van Ness	X			

**E. Public Comments**

- None

**F. Joint Discussion with Jefferson Township Council**

- The Board and Council discussed the opiate dependency and other addictions plaguing communities and what can be done to reduce the epidemic. Other joint discussions included installing bathrooms at the high school field and Student Council Day, as well as a future project list including IT upgrades and TV studio upgrades. Mr. Leach highlighted the joint efforts of the town such as the Stanlick Sewage Treatment Plant and the Drummond Building renovations.

**G. Adjourn**

Motion by Mrs. Poulas, seconded by Mr. Millar, that the meeting adjourn at 8:18 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dora E. Zeno  
 Board Secretary