

JEFFERSON BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

AUGUST 4, 2025 @ 7:00 pm

<u>Council</u>	<u>In Attendance</u>	<u>Public</u>
Dave Loeffler – President	Jim Sanders – Mayor	
Dan Kauffman – Vice President	Connie Wentz – Secretary/Treasurer	
Frank Thomas – ProTem	Jeff Koons – Zoning Officer	
Anne Loeffler – Member	Anthony Lain – CS Davidson – Engineer	
Gwen Muntz – Member	Nicole Marzzacco – CGA Law Firm – Solicitor	

*absent **late

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Council President Dave Loeffler called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
2. **APPROVAL OF JULY 7, 2025, MINUTES**
 - A.Loeffler made the motion to approve last month's minutes, G.Muntz. **Motion carried.**
3. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
 - Faith Kriener – gave President Loeffler signatures she collected, showing 53 signatures. Reads off what Right To Farm means. Proceed to read off information she found online, what she states is facts regarding chickens.
 - Pam Hartman – states she takes care of her grandchildren in the Borough. Thistle weeds on the swing set area.
 - Daniel Harbold – explains his issues with rats and rodents while a neighboring property had chickens. The out-of-pocket expenses on him, along with the frustration caused by the chickens.
 - Mike Hogan – new to the area – has interest in having chickens in the Borough. States he would pay the fees associated with changing an Ordinance
 - Trent Glace – owner of 2 York St – representing the property with the recent fire. 3/6 units are complete losses. Tear out and clean up is happening. Afterwards the decision on tear down or rebuild.
 - Jason Knowles – here to support chickens, states rats aren't an excuse. Asks Jeff – does a fence post need to be exterior or interior. Claims neighbors' fence is on the property line.
 - Phil Dehoff – in support of chickens. States rats are a problem when food is left out.
 - Tom Yingling – not in support of chickens in the Borough. States his property is only 50 ft wide. Would not like to see chicken coops as he looks out on his back porch.
 - Wendy Neiman – reads off about another municipality regarding chickens
 - Kevin Laughman – not in favor of chickens, says how can you control each house that doesn't follow the rules. If chickens are wanted – don't live in a Borough
 - Judy Hawn – states another township has chickens. Says wild animals are an issue no matter what. Says should put a limit on animals
4. **SOLICITOR**
 - Referendum is only specific in certain situations under the law, and nothing about Ordinances for farm animals falls under one of those categories. Borough Code states that Ordinances are up for decision by Borough Council. Explains this can not be voted on unless Council decides to bring it as a voting matter. President Loeffler reads off complaints that he gathered from research. Some considerations for adopting chickens in the Borough include fees for chickens, inspections, and limits on number per property. Fact is, we allow it in the Borough, if a property owner has 4 or more acres of land. D.Kauffman makes a motion to decide whether we should consider changing the Ordinance, G.Muntz seconds. **Yes – 1, No – 4. Motion failed.**
5. **ENGINEER**
 - Feasibility study on the properties owned by the Borough
 - Grant update – no new update
 - N/S Orange St – Update. Work is completed. Rolled curb along the alley. Recommends meeting with homeowner regarding the curb and the inaccessibility issue for them
 - Grants for pedestrian doesn't seem to be a good fit currently for the costs.
 - 5-year comprehensive plan – no new update

6. ZONING - Permit and Ordinance Violation- Reviewed

- Work on the Baltimore Solar project has begun.

Engineer, Zoning Officer – exits 7:55 pm

7. FINANCIAL REPORT

- Cash Flow, Budget vs. Actual, Income & Expense – A. Loeffler motion, F. Thomas second. **Motion carried.**
- Email addresses are usually centralized by going through the manager or secretary.

8. JEFFERSON CODORUS JOINT SEWER AUTHORITY – September 3rd, 2025

9. MAYOR REPORT

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS/ASSIGNMENTS

- a. Building, Property, and Supply – D. Loeffler – mower still having issues. D.Kauffman will talk with M.Wallen
- b. Finance – A. Loeffler
- c. Lights, Water & Gas – G. Muntz
- d. JVFC/Public Safety and Welfare – F. Thomas – pit beef sale on Aug 16th
- e. Solid Waste and Sewer – D. Kauffman – manure catchers for horses
- f. Streets & Sidewalks –D. Loeffler – turn the one way street to two way

11. OLD BUSINESS

- WWI – request for update, no reply. Dough Boy – deposit was made, currently waiting for start date.

12. NEW BUSINESS

- National Night Out – Tuesday Aug 5th
- Look into AED Device and CPR classes
- 250th Anniversary celebration – proposed celebration at next year’s National Night Out

13. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Jason Knowles – looking for barriers between his property and JA Myers, states a survey should be done for chickens.
- Judy Hawn – states that those running for council should show themselves prior to election.
- Tom Baum – wants his donated seal acknowledged in the minutes.
- Mike Hogan – thanks the Borough Council for everything they’re doing
- Dave Loeffler – National Night Out – tickets are being sold for Yeti items
- Anne Loeffler – Lions Club and Fire Co – only active groups doing work in the Borough

ADJOURNMENT – Meeting adjourned at 9:03 pm.

Upcoming meetings

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Date</u>
BORO	Council Meeting	1 st Monday @ 7:00 pm
JCJA	Sewer Authority Meeting	1 st Weds (odd months) @ 7:00 pm (as needed)
PC	Jefferson Borough Planning Commission	3 rd Weds @ 7 pm (as needed)
ZHB	Jefferson Zoning Hearing Board	Last Weds @ 7 pm (as needed)