

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF UPPER DEERFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, HELD ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 21, 2010 AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, HIGHWAY 77, SEABROOK, NEW JERSEY, PURSUANT TO NOTICE.

Present were: James Crilley, Chairman, Bruce Peterson, Vice Chairman, John Daddario, John O'Neill, Sr. and Scott Smith all being members of the Township Committee. Also present were: Roy Spoltore, Township Clerk/Administrator, Teresa Warburton, Recording Secretary and Ted Baker, Township Solicitor

The meeting was called to order with a public announcement statement read by Jim Crilley, Chairman.

“In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act a schedule of regular meetings containing the location and the time and date of each meeting was approved at the Annual Organization meeting of the Township Committee, and within seven days following the Annual Organization meeting, a copy of such schedule of regular meetings was posted in the Municipal Building, at Seabrook, NJ., which Notice has remained so posted throughout the year, and copies of the schedule of regular meetings have been mailed to The News of Cumberland County and the Press, Cumberland County Edition, and filed with the Township Clerk in compliance with said Act.” In compliance with State Fire Safety Statutes the Mayor instructed those present how to exit the room in an emergency.

Jim Crilley gave invocation followed by the flag salute led by Scott Smith.

At this time Jim Crilley, Chairman opened the meeting for public comment.

Trooper Brian Stanker of NJSP commented that they have been patrolling and giving warnings on Oakland Street, near Walmart, where the one way traffic pattern was recently implemented. Trooper Stanker brought to the Committee's attention that gold thefts are on the rise, and didn't know if the Township could adopt an ordinance for gold and jewelry purchases by resellers. John Daddario suggested requiring a photo license of the seller and a photo of the item being purchased to help deter trafficking of stolen items; recognizing that there is a concern with the amount of regulations that may be imposed on a business. John Daddario will work with the State Police and Ted Baker to try to draft an ordinance that will require better documentation of items being bought and sold without overburdening a business. The State Police have been doing investigations of U.S. Mail questionnaires, phone calls, text messages, and internet banking scams that are requesting individuals give them information such as social security numbers, bank account numbers, etc. The State Police asked that no one provide this information to any unsolicited request.

Darlene Buck of 68 Centerton Road commented on windblown trash coming from Walmart. She stated she has a 6 foot high plastic fence and cedar trees which are approximately 8 foot high which are both decorated with plastic bags. She believes people are leaving bags in the parking lot and they blow away on windy days as she sees Walmart clean the parking lot at night with a street sweeper. In the past, she approached Mr. Fleetwood in regards to the matter and shortly there after trash barrels were put on site throughout the parking lot, however there still is a problem with windblown bags. Ted Baker will contact Wal Mart officials and see if they can do further policing of trash on their property and neighboring properties.

There being no further public comments, Jim Crilley, Chairman called for the approval of minutes for the Meeting of December 30, 2009 and January 7, 2010. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by John O'Neill, to dispense with the reading of the minutes, unanimously carried. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by Scott Smith to accept minutes as received, unanimously approved 4-0 with Scott Smith abstaining from the December 30, 2009 minutes and unanimously approved 5-0 for the minutes of January 7, 2010.

Mayor Jim Crilley, called for a public hearing on an ordinance entitled, Riparian Zone Ordinance. On a motion of John O'Neill, seconded by John Daddario, for the Clerk to read the proposed ordinance by title, unanimously carried. On motion of Bruce Peterson, and seconded by John O'Neill to open the meeting for a public hearing instructing the Clerk to distribute copies to those present, unanimously carried. Nancy Ridgeway of Irving Avenue, asked if the Ordinance would have any affect on re-evaluation of property value. The value of the land would already have been taken into consideration with the assessment of the property. Dean Hawk of Merritt Avenue, asked about the boundaries that are noted as being referenced on a map, but is not attached. The Environmental Commission and Planning Board were working with the map that is to be included. With no further public comments, on motion of Bruce Peterson seconded by John O'Neill to close public hearing, unanimously carried. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by John Daddario, to approve and adopt proposed ordinance on roll call vote, unanimously carried 5-0.

ORDINANCE 651

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution entitled Cancelling Certain Outstanding Checks for Municipal Court. The Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by Scott Smith to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 5-0.

RESOLUTION 10-46

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution entitled Cancelling Certain Outstanding Checks for Municipal Court Bail Account. The Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of Scott Smith, seconded by Bruce Peterson to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 5-0.

RESOLUTION 10-47

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution entitled Approval of Change Order #1 Small Cities - Williamson. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by John O'Neill to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 5-0.

RESOLUTION 10-48

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution entitled Payment of Bills in the amount of \$656,581.49. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by Scott Smith to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.

RESOLUTION 10-49

COMMITTEE REPORTS

John Daddario noted that the 1972 fire truck has sold for \$2,555. He added that a meeting was held with each of the three Fire Companies and Donald Sims, it seems as it will be a good match for everyone involved. EMS has a need for a snow plow for their Chevy Tahoe in case of emergencies such as in the last snow storm. Mr. Daddario presented price quotes for the snow plow from Lancaster Truck Bodies, Inc. in the amount of \$4,590.00 requiring Township personnel to pick up the plow in Lancaster, PA and VanMeter Auto quoted \$4,695.00 including delivery. Mounting hardware was not included in either price but was estimated to be around \$200.00. On motion of John Daddario seconded by Bruce Peterson and unanimously approved on a roll call vote, the purchase of the plow from Van Meter Auto, due to the additional costs associated with picking up the plow in Lancaster which would exceed the \$105 purchase price cost savings. Mr. Daddario added that Fire Company #3 would like to get authorization to move forward with the purchase process of an Urban Interface Type fire truck which fights fires in a lot of different ways, it has 4 x 4 abilities with a rear mount fixed foam high pressure or high volume ability and/or both together which would provide the best protection for the community. John O'Neill stated that this would replace a 32 year old piece which is still in service. On motion of John Daddario, seconded by Bruce Peterson to have the technical specifications completed and prepared to go out to bid and that funds be moved in place before going out to bid.

Scott Smith noted that he had attended his first Open Space Advisory meeting. They spent most of the meeting making recommendations on properties that have the greatest need to be preserved in the Township and discussing Rails to Trails programs to see if there would be any application or interest in the program for the Township.

John O'Neill noted that he had attended the first meeting of the Environmental Commission which this was their reorganization meeting where they discussed their goals for 2010. Mr. O'Neill confirmed the statement of Trooper Stanker and scams, as there was a situation where there was a request by an individual that to establish direct deposit and they needed the bank account number to allow for the funds to be transferred. They took this request to their local bank for their input and it was determined that this was some type of a scam. Mr. O'Neill discussed the possible consolidation of the Shade Tree Committee responsibilities with the Environmental Commission. It was decided that Scott Smith and Bruce Peterson would meet with Blake Maloney and Sandra Morrissey prior to a Commissions regular scheduled meeting to discuss the possibilities.

Bruce Peterson had no report this evening.

Jim Crilley thanked everyone for the flowers sent for the passing of my Mother. He added that the car on Concord Court is ready to go, Ed's Body Shop will not charge for the Towing and Storage of the vehicle and they will apply for a salvage title after the required number of days of storage. Ed's Body Shop is the only licensed junk yard in the Township. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by John Daddario to have the vehicle removed by Ed's Body Shop, unanimously approved.

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Roy Spoltore commented that in their packets they will find notices from the New Jersey League of Municipalities showing the number of bills that were signed by Governor Corzine before he left office, there is a list of eight executive orders signed by Governor Christie upon taking office and there is a water analysis for Well #15 in Seabrook, that Brian will discuss at the next meeting. He added that the Township has received final approval from the State to use the tax maps for reevaluation. Mr. Spoltore presented a peddlers license for Funny Bunny Water Ice, approval of the license will have a stipulation that the vendor must stay away from the concession stands at the sports complexes. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by Scott Smith to approve peddler’s license for Funny Bunny Water Ice with conditions stated, unanimously approved. He added that the conversion of the Finance program from a DOS base to a windows base has been completed, and Andrea, Margo, Amy, Linda and Beth will be getting training for the new system. Mr. Spoltore commented that the separate emails for all employees and volunteers serving on Committees would have to be maintained for a period of 5 years which will require the need for a new email exchange server. Under a state contract with Dell it was quoted for a server rack without noise reduction would be 1,450.00 and with a noise reduction would be \$3,089.00 both would allow for future expansion of the system if necessary. The cost for a new email server, including Microsoft licensing and a battery back up would be \$5,332.00 under state contract. On a motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by John O’Neill to purchase the new email server and the noise reduction cabinet under state contract from Dell, and unanimously approved on a roll call vote.

DEPARTMENTAL MONTHLY REPORTS: DECEMBER 2009

Animal Control and Dog Registrar Monthly Report
Clerks Monthly Report
Construction Office Monthly Report
Housing and Zoning
Municipal Court Monthly Report
Tax Collectors Report
Vital Statistics
Fire Marshall

TREASURERS REPORT

The Treasure’s report showed the balance on the Township accounts was \$5,669,758.99 as of December 31, 2009.

At this time Jim Crilley, Chairman opened the meeting for public comment. Nancy Ridgeway stated she was in favor of moving the responsibilities of the Shade Tree to the Environmental Commission if there were not enough individuals to serve on Shade Tree.

There being no further public comments Jim Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution Authorizing Closed Session for personnel, contracts and litigation. The Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of Jim Crilley, seconded by John O’Neill to approve and adopt resolution, unanimously carried 5-0.

RESOLUTION 10-50

REOPEN TO PUBLIC SESSION

The meeting reopened to a public session on a motion by Bruce Peterson, seconded by Scott Smith and unanimously approved.

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution entitled Appointing Plumbing Subcode Official - James Grasso. The Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by John O'Neill to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.

RESOLUTION 10-51

There being no further business on motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by Scott Smith and unanimously carried the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa L. Warburton, Recording Secretary

Roy J. Spoltore, Township Clerk