

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF UPPER DEERFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, HELD ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 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, Scott Smith and John Daddario all being members of the Township Committee. John T. O'Neill, Sr. was unable to attend. Also present were: Roy Spoltore, Township Clerk/Administrator, Ted Baker, Township Solicitor Teresa Warburton, Recording Secretary, Brian Murphy, Township Engineer, David J. Rogers, Streets and Recreation Supervisor and John Karkocha, Buildings and Recycling Supervisor.

The meeting was called to order with a public announcement statement read by James 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 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 Bruce Peterson.

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

Firth Bowden – of Richards Road came in to ask questions about the solar energy ordinance. Mr. Bowden intended to add six solar panels to the 40 panels he currently has in operation. He was concerned that the ordinance may be requiring buffering for roof top solar mounts and that the Township may be requiring a statement from the installer that ground mounts would not be feasible before a homeowner could install a roof mount system. Mr. Bowden suggested the Township revisit the wording of the ordinance, the Committee agreed to have the Planning Board revisit the language of the ordinance.

Jim Crilley, Chairman called for the approval of minutes for the Meeting of September 2, 2010. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by Scott Smith, to dispense with the reading of the minutes, unanimously carried. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by John Daddario to accept minutes as received and unanimously approved 4-0.

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution entitled Approval of Change Order # 3 – Construction of New Seabrook Water Treatment Facility. The Clerk read the resolution by title. Mr. Murphy explained the need for the change order. On motion of Scott Smith, seconded by Bruce Peterson to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 4-0 on a roll call vote.

INSERT RESOLUTION

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution entitled Designating Depository for Municipal Funds Donations – Acceptance of Bequests and Gifts. The Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by John Daddario to approve and adopt said resolution, and unanimously carried 4-0.

INSERT RESOLUTION

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution entitled Resolution Supporting Participation in the Sustainable Jersey Municipal Certification Program. The Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of John Daddario, seconded by Bruce Peterson, to approve and adopt said resolution, and unanimously carried 4-0.

INSERT RESOLUTION

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution entitled Tax Payments to Be Refunded. The Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by Scott Smith, to approve and adopt said resolution, and unanimously carried 4-0 on a roll call vote.

INSERT RESOLUTION

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution entitled Payment of Bills in the amount of \$1,318,763.41. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by Scott Smith to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 4-0 on a roll call vote.

INSERT RESOLUTION

COMMITTEE REPORTS

John Daddario informed the Committee that Fire prevention week is set for the Week of October 12th. On motion of John Daddario, seconded by Scott Smith to purchase this years fire prevention orders for posters/stickers \$57.55 from the NFPA Catalog and additional handout information in the amount of \$2,423.00 from Alert All Corporation, unanimously approved 4-0 on a roll call vote. Positive Promotions and Stephens Publishing submitted incomplete proposals with individual items higher than the awarded proposals. On motion of John Daddario, seconded by Scott Smith to purchase a piercing nozzle for car fires for Fire Company #3 for \$935.00 from NES in PA, unanimously approved 4-0 on a roll call vote. Mr. Daddario added that he had Bryan Murphy check out the revised traffic configuration at the intersection of Park Drive and Old Deerfield Pike and to see the flooding on Seeley Road because the lowest lying drain was removed and all the new drains seem to be at the top of the hill. Mr. Daddario was upset with how the Engineering Department of the Cumberland County Public Works Department has treated him and Upper Deerfield Township regarding the various traffic issues in the Township. He suggested writing a letter to the Cumberland County Public Works Engineering Department requesting that they confer with our Engineer before final decisions are made on roadway reconfigurations, the Committee agreed to send a letter.

Scott Smith – No Report.

Bruce Peterson – No Report.

James Crilley stated that with the recent bridge work on West Park Drive and the resumption of classes at Cumberland Regional High School, there is an increase in traffic flow at the intersection of Silver Lake Road and Old Deerfield Pike. Chairman Crilley suggested that a letter be sent to the County requesting a temporary four way stop be placed at the intersection until West Park Drive opens to through traffic.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Roy Spoltore informed the Committee that the NJLM Advisory with the State's 88 question best practice tool box questionnaire was included for their review. Proposed resolution revision from Vesta Corp. and a copy of the September/October Planner was included for review. The Shared Service Survey is complete and should be sent to all municipalities for completion by the following Friday. Premier Technologies submitted a proposal to deal with email spam issues at a cost of \$19.00 per email address and the Township has approximately 57 units. The Township has received a second set of modification requests from the State for the Township's Farmland Preservation Plan. The hope is to get the modifications back to the State for them to approve, then hold a meeting of the Agricultural Advisory committee to endorse the changes and then submit the revised plan to the Planning Board for their approval. On September 25th, the State Police will hold an outdated prescription drug drop off at the Senior Center from 10-2 pm. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by Scott Smith, and unanimously approved to appoint Teresa Warburton as Shade Tree Committee Secretary until December 2010. Roy Spoltore requested the use of a couple of the portable bleachers for the Deerfield Harvest Festival in October, the Committee approved.

ENGINEERS REPORT

Brian Murphy stated there was a sewer collapse on Fourth Avenue in Seabrook which required emergency repair. Mr. Murphy had Mathis Construction repair the sewer and determine if the problem was part of the construction for West Village or part of the old system that was not upgraded. It was determined that the repair was part of the old system and the cost will be around 8 to 10 thousand dollars. Salt Shed work will begin next week with a contract deadline before Thanksgiving. Mr. Murphy received a call from Teresa in Construction Office with regards to resident Maritza Cruz of 1615 Third Avenue in Seabrook who had a sewer smell in the house and water running into the house ventilation system. Mr. Murphy went to the site and determined that the problem was not caused by the replacement of the sewer line in the street, but appears to be at the connection to the house or under the slab of the house. On motion of John Daddario, seconded by Bruce Peterson, and unanimously approved, to use the Small Cities recaptured funds to repair the problem not to exceed \$2,000.00 with repayment over a five year period as part of her utility bill.

On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by Scott Smith to accept the Treasurer's Report as submitted.

At this time James Crilley, Chairman opened the meeting for additional public comments. With no public comments, James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution Authorizing Closed Session for personnel and litigation. The Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by John Daddario to approve and adopt resolution, unanimously carried.

INSERT RESOLUTION

The Committee reopened the public portion of the meeting on a motion by Mr. Daddario, seconded by Mr. Peterson.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, on motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by John Daddario to adjourn, unanimously carried.

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Respectfully submitted,

Teresa L. Warburton
Recording Secretary

Roy J. Spoltore
Township Clerk