

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF UPPER DEERFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, HELD ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2011 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, Ted Baker, Township Solicitor, Teresa Warburton, Recording Secretary, Brian Murphy, Township Engineer and David J. Rogers, Streets and Recreation Supervisor.

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

"This meeting is called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Law. This meeting of February 3, 2011 was included in a list of meetings notice sent to The News of Cumberland County, on January 11, 2011 and the Press, Cumberland County Edition on January 12, 2011 and advertised in said newspapers on January 13, and January 15, 2011, posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building on January 7, 2011 and has remained continuously posted as the required notices under the Statue. 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.

Jim Crilley gave invocation followed by the flag salute led by Bruce Peterson.

James Crilley, Chairman called for the approval of minutes for the Meeting of January 20, 2011. 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, unanimously approved 5-0.

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

There being no public comments, James Crilley, Chairman called for a discussion and introduction of an ordinance entitled, An Ordinance Authorizing the Expenditure of Capital Reserve Funds for the Purchase and Installation of Municipal Facilities Improvements. The Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by John T. O'Neill, Sr., to approve and adopt ordinance on first reading and set public hearing for February 17, 2011, at 7:00 PM., instructing the Clerk to advertise said ordinance and have copies available upon request, unanimously carried, 5-0 on a roll call vote.

INSERT PROPOSED ORDINANCE

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution entitled Amending the 2011 Temporary Budget – Township. The Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of John Daddario, seconded by Bruce Peterson to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.

INSERT RESOLUTION

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution entitled Appointing Contact Person for the Employment Practices Liability Helpline Atlantic County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund. 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.

INSERT RESOLUTION

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution entitled Reduction of Performance Guarantee for Upper Deerfield Estates. The Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of John O'Neill, Sr., seconded by Scott Smith to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 5-0.

INSERT RESOLUTION

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution entitled Supplying and Delivering Office Furniture/Electronics through a Cooperative Price Contract with the County Of Cumberland. The Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of John O'Neill, Sr., seconded by Scott Smith, to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 5-0.

INSERT RESOLUTION

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution entitled Supplying and Delivering O.E.M. Toner Cartridges through a Cooperative Price Contract with the County Of Cumberland. The Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of Bruce Peterson seconded by John Daddario, to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 5-0.

INSERT RESOLUTION

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution entitled Reduction Supporting Open Space Pilot Funding. 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.

INSERT RESOLUTION

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution entitled Payment of Bills in the amount of \$1,846,137.05. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by Scott Smith to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.

INSERT RESOLUTION

COMMITTEE REPORTS

John Daddario commended David Rogers and the Public Works Crew on the great job done with the recent storms. Mr. Daddario also thanked Chief Chad Ott and the EMS squad for their hard work.

Scott Smith commended the Public Works Crew, for the great job being done on the Township roadways with the recent storms.

John O'Neill, Sr. stated that the Utility Committee has had two meetings to review the expenses associated with the mandated capital improvements at the water plants. A summary of suggested recommendations was provided in everyone's packets for their review, consisting of rates, connection fees, contractor pre-qualifications and inspection fees. A CEU request for Karen Crackovich for court class was discussed. On motion of John T. O'Neill, Sr. seconded by Scott Smith to approve CEU class for Karen Crackovich utilizing Township vehicle if available, unanimously carried 5-0.

Bruce Peterson congratulated the public works crew on the great job with the roads in the recent storms. Mr. Peterson also requested that the Township assess all of the Township roadways in order to develop a capital plan for repairing or repaving of streets. A review of all the street lights in the township is underway. Mr. Murphy reported that there are approximately 800 street lights in Township with 10% on the two state highways and 40% on County Roads. Mr. Murphy will continue to analyze the street lights and make recommendations. Mr. Peterson asked about the status of Thoroughbred Estates. Mr. Murphy reported that he drove through the development on the way to the meeting, there have been no changes from three months ago. Mr. Murphy stated that the developer told him the spec home was sold and he would be taking out a permit for another home. Mr. Murphy noted that the north basin is not functioning properly and the condition of the road base is deteriorating. The committee discussed the development and decided that Mr. Baker should send a letter to the developer that the Committee will be pulling the bond, due to the existing conditions. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by John Daddario and unanimously approved, to begin the proceedings to have the performance bond pulled for Thoroughbred Estates.

James Crilley commented that the township is in the process of reviewing the street lights. Mr. Peterson added the pole # BT-711825 at Silver Lake Dam and Love Lane is still out. Mr. Crilley noted that the committee continues to meet with the neighboring towns to discuss shared service agreements; the shared service agreement with Deerfield Township has been renewed and will provide a substantial savings for both townships. Mr. Crilley read a letter stating that the Township has received \$180,000 in state aid for repaving of Martin, Lewis and Davis Drives. Mr. Crilley also read a letter from a township resident commending the great job of snow removal from the Township roadways. Mr. Crilley also received two letters of resignation one from employee Elizabeth Blandino, and Bostwick Lake Commissioner Blake Maloney. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by John Daddario, and unanimously approved to regretfully accept the resignations. Mr. Crilley presented a request from the local school to support the annual Sports Kids Run Against Drugs. On Motion of Scott Smith seconded by John Daddario to approve \$1,000.00 to sponsor the Sports Kids Run Against Drugs, unanimously carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Roy Spoltore informed the Committee that the Valic Deferred Compensation representative has moved to MetLife, and he asked the committee if they wanted to offer another alternative 457 plan for the employees. A draft ordinance of revised fees for zoning permits was included in this evening's packet. The Planning Board is currently reviewing their fee schedules. Proposals to replace the broken wooden steps at the convenience center for the newspaper bin with steel steps, platform and handrails were received from Mitchell Welding & Iron Works in the amount of \$2,900.00 and WW Manufacturing in the amount of \$5,600.00. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by Scott Smith and unanimously approved on a roll call vote, to award the steel steps to Mitchell Welding & Iron Works. Mr. Spoltore also included in the packets a NJLM advisory update and a spreadsheet showing the remaining 2010 budget by line items. Mr. Spoltore informed the committee that at the next meeting Matt Pisarski from the Cumberland County Planning Board will be in to discuss utilizing the Township's PIG designation for new farmland preservation applications in the Township. It was recommended that the committee change the name of the Farmland Preservation Advisory Committee's name to Agricultural Advisory Committee. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by Scott Smith and unanimously approved the Committee changed the name of the Farmland Preservation Advisory Committee to Agricultural Advisory Committee.

ENGINEERS REPORT

Brian Murphy reported that the Seabrook Water Treatment Plant is coming along, even though the weather has not been cooperating, and seems to still be on target. Mr. Murphy met with Pennoni & Associates to go over the survey work for the northern service loop that would connect 77 with Centerton Road. Mr. Murphy has requested proposals to do a modeling study for the water system that would update the 1991 Utility Study based on the existing water service and the potential water users that have received Planning Board approvals.

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

Eileen Clark thanked the committee for taking a stance with Thoroughbred Estates as it has been long overdue. Mrs. Clark also reported that the concerned citizens will be holding a meeting on March 9, 2011 at 7:00 pm; Freeholder Director Bill Whelan will be the speaker to discuss the county budget.

Nancy Ridgeway was in agreement with the Committee's intention to remove unnecessary street lights throughout the township in order to cut down on unnecessary expenses given the current economic times. Ms. Ridgeway also asked the committee to review some of the ordinances that financially affect homeowners who are struggling in the current times. Ms. Ridgeway also appreciated the hard work that the committee is doing to keep the township running smoothly.

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution Authorizing Closed Session for litigation and personnel. The Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of John O'Neill, Sr., seconded by Bruce Peterson, to approve and adopt resolution, unanimously carried.

INSERT RESOLUTION

John Daddario made a motion, seconded by John O'Neill, Sr. and unanimously approved 5-0 to reopen the Township Committee meeting to the public.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa L. Warburton
Recording Secretary

Roy J. Spoltore
Township Clerk