

**MINUTES OF THE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
UPPER DEERFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, HELD ON
THURSDAY, AUGUST 4, 2011, AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING,
HIGHWAY 77, SEABROOK, NEW JERSEY, PURSUANT TO NOTICE**

Present were: Bruce Peterson, John Daddario, John T. O'Neill, Sr. and Scott Smith all being members of the Township Committee. Also present were: Theodore Baker, Solicitor; Roy Spoltore, Township Administrator/Clerk; Teresa Warburton, Recording Secretary, and Brian Murphy, Township Engineer. Township Committeeman James Crilley was unable to attend the meeting..

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Bruce Peterson and he read the following public meeting announcement.

“This meeting is called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Law. This meeting of August 4, 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 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.

Flag salute led by John Daddario.

At this time Bruce Peterson, Vice Chairman opened the meeting for public comment.

Chuck Nardelli, Seabrook Fire & Rescue Captain showed the Township Committee a remnant of a beam from the World Trade Center that the Fire Company recently obtained. The Company intends to create a memorial display of the 911 artifact. The Committee thanked the Company for their effort in obtaining this piece of history and for the service they provide the residents.

Dean Hawk of Merritt Avenue suggested that it would be a good time now for all the boards to review the code of ethics given the recent events at the county level.

Florence Garrison of Fourth Avenue stated that the repaving of the road looks great but the residents are left to clean up the construction mess again for a third year in a row. Ms. Garrison stated that her mailbox keeps falling down and that her lawn and landscaping were damaged. She added she would like to be able to read her water usage but her meter is not visible and would not pay anything over the 6,000 gallons per month allotment. Mr. Murphy explained that the water meters are contained in a water pit in the road right of way and her usage could be obtained at the municipal building. She also stated that her mother's utility account for 15 Holly Avenue was posted to the dog account not the water account as that was the bill to be paid. The Administrator will review the situation.

Sgt. Dave Gilcrest reported that Sgt. 1st Class Bob Able is the new station commander at the Bridgeton State Police barracks as Lt. Randy Ward has been transferred.

There being no further public comments Bruce Peterson, Vice Chairman called for the approval of minutes for the Meeting of July 21, 2011. On motion of John T. O'Neill, Sr., seconded by John Daddario, to dispense with the reading of the minutes, unanimously carried. On motion of John Daddario, seconded by John T. O'Neill, Sr. to accept the minutes as received, and unanimously approved 3-0 with Scott Smith abstaining.

Bruce Peterson, Vice Chairman called for a public hearing on an ordinance entitled, Ordinance Amending Chapter 188-1 of the Code of the Township of Upper Deerfield. The Clerk read the proposed Ordinance by title and explained that this ordinance will bring the EMS fees in line with other EMS squads in the region. On motion of John T. O'Neill, Sr., seconded by Scott Smith, to open the meeting for a public hearing on the proposed ordinance, unanimously carried. The Vice Chairman instructed the Clerk to distribute copies to those present. There being no public comments, on motion of John Daddario, seconded by John T. O'Neill, Sr. to close the public hearing, unanimously carried. On motion of John T. O'Neill, Sr., seconded by Scott Smith to approve and adopt proposed ordinance, unanimously carried 4-0 on a roll call vote.

INSERT ORDINANCE

Bruce Peterson, Vice Chairman called for a resolution entitled, Authorizing Coin Drop for Upper Deerfield Cumberland Midget Football League. The Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of John Daddario, seconded by Scott Smith to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 4-0.

INSERT RESOLUTION

Bruce Peterson, Vice Chairman called for a resolution entitled, Amending Professional Service Contracts for USDA Program for the Seabrook Water Treatment Plant. The Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of Scott Smith., seconded by John T. O'Neill, Sr. to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 4-0 on a roll call vote.

INSERT RESOLUTION

Bruce Peterson, Vice Chairman called for a resolution entitled Payment of Bills in the amount of \$2,016,290.31. On motion of John T. O'Neill, Sr., seconded by John Daddario to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 4-0 on a roll call vote.

INSERT RESOLUTION

COMMITTEE COMMENTS

John Daddario- No Report

Scott Smith – No Report.

John T. O’Neill, Sr. reported that Environmental Commission discussed the Intrusion and Infiltration that has affected the Cohansey River Water Shed. Based on the recent CCUA billing the amount the Township is being billed has been reduced due to the recent sewage distribution line upgrades completed at West Village and School Village.

Bruce Peterson – No Report.

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Roy Spoltore informed the committee that in their packet was a resolution for review for a national moment of remembrance on the 10th anniversary for September 11th. The Senior Center is in need of a new TV and quotes were received from Manero’s Appliance in the amount of \$592.00, Radio Shack \$539.99 and Wal-Mart \$548.00. On motion of Scott Smith, seconded by John Daddario and unanimously approved, to approve the purchase from Radio Shack for a 42” LCD TV. Prices were obtained to chip the brush at the convenience center with a tub grinder from \$5695 to \$7000 per day, local tree services will be called for an hourly rate. Bicycling and Safe Streets grants are available; Bruce Peterson recommended looking at Button Mill area where a lot of people walk. A revised tax rate should be certified the following Thursday by the County Tax Board, bills should be sent out by the following Friday with a tentative due date of September 15th. Still proceeding with discussions of creating a joint court and establishing shared service agreements. Ted Baker should have a Pay to Play ordinance available for introduction for the next meeting. The Township received notification of receiving a \$41,984.01 recycling tonnage grant.

ENGINEER’S REPORT

Brian Murphy stated that recent water tests for Well #17 are acceptable. Well #15 is currently running for 24 hours with the hope that it will provide acceptable test results as well. Hopefully they will both be permitted and we can schedule a startup for the system within a week. The generator testing is set for August 25th. Mr. Murphy reported that John Biebo stated that he will be sending some equipment down to start cleaning the Hoover Road Basin at his expense. The Thoroughbred Court Basin appears to be heading in the right direction.

At this time Bruce Peterson, Vice Chairman opened the meeting for additional public comments.

Nancy Ridgeway of Irving Avenue, felt that the solicitors actions were brilliant regarding a recent issue. Kathy Griscom presented a recent newspaper article regarding Wind Turbines for the Committee to review and informed them of A-3992 and the corresponding Senate bill regarding allowing wind turbines on preserved farmland. She added that there are 9 wind turbines proposed in Upper Deerfield Township.

With no other public comments, Bruce Peterson, Vice Chairman called for a resolution Authorizing Closed Session for pending litigation and contracts. The Clerk read the resolution by

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title. On motion of John Daddario, seconded by Scott Smith to approve and adopt resolution, unanimously carried 4-0.

Bruce Peterson, Vice Chairman called for a motion to reopen the Township Committee meeting on a motion by John Daddario, seconded by Scott Smith and unanimously approved 4-0.

REOPEN TO PUBLIC SESSION

There being no further business to come before the Committee, on motion of Scott Smith, seconded John O'Neill to adjourn, and unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa L. Warburton
Recording Secretary

Roy J. Spoltore
Township Clerk