

**MINUTES OF THE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
UPPER DEERFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, HELD ON
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2011, AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING,
HIGHWAY 77, SEABROOK, NEW JERSEY, PURSUANT TO NOTICE**

Present were: James Crilley, 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; David J. Rogers, Supervisor Streets & Recreation; Chad Ott, EMS Chief and Brian Murphy, Township Engineer.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman James Crilley 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 December 1, 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.

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

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

Nancy Ridgeway of Irving Avenue reported that she attended a meeting of the South Jersey Transportation Planning Organization and they are recommending approval of road projects in south jersey. She felt the Township Committee should consider submitting road projects. Dean Hawk of Merritt Avenue suggested the Township consider organizing the surrounding municipalities to speak with a larger voice on County and State issues. Mayor Crilley explained that the Township belongs to the Cumberland Development Corporation which serves in this capacity for the Townships.

There being no further public comments James Crilley, Chairman called for the approval of minutes for the Meeting of November 17, 2011. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by Scott Smith, to dispense with the reading of the minutes, unanimously carried 4-0, with James Crilley abstaining. On motion of John T. O'Neill, Sr., seconded by Bruce Peterson, to accept the minutes as received, and unanimously approved 4-0 on a roll call vote, with James Crilley abstaining.

James Crilley, Chairman called for a discussion and introduction of an ordinance entitled, Bond Ordinance Providing for the Reconstruction of Municipal Infrastructure Due to Damages Caused by Storms in and by the Township of Upper Deerfield, in the County of Cumberland, New Jersey, Appropriating \$500,000 Therefor and Authorizing the Issuance of \$475,000 Bonds or Notes of the Township for Financing the Cost Thereof. The Clerk read the proposed Ordinance by title. Roy Spoltore explained that the estimated repair costs for Love Lane and drainage adjacent to Colonial Terrace that were damaged by the August storms is approximately \$300,000. These projects have been approved by FEMA to be reimbursed at 75% of the actual cost. Brian Murphy explained the technical aspects of the projects. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by John T. O'Neill, Sr., to approve and adopt proposed ordinance on first reading and setting the date for

public hearing on December 15, 2011 at 7:00 pm and was carried 5-0 on a roll call vote. The Chairman instructed the Clerk to advertise same in the News of Cumberland County as required by law with copies to be made available upon request.

INSERT ORDINANCE

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution entitled, Directing the Distribution of the Township of Upper Deerfield Net Returned Surplus Funds Held in Trust by the Atlantic County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund. The Clerk read the resolution by title and explained that this resolution will allow a portion of 2012's insurance dividend to be placed in an aggregate fund to cover future Township EPL claims. On a motion of John T. O'Neill, Sr., seconded by John Daddario, 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, Canceling Certain Outstanding Checks for the Current Fund Account. The Clerk read the resolution by title. On a motion of John T. O'Neill, seconded by Scott Smith, 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 Payment of Bills in the amount of \$3,358,002.83. On motion of John Daddario, seconded by Scott Smith to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.

INSERT RESOLUTION

COMMITTEE COMMENTS

John Daddario reported that the Fire Companies & EMS held a joint training at the old Pappas building, everyone worked well together. Fire Company #3 requested the approval to purchase five pagers. Proposals were received from Birch's at \$355 each, Royal at \$370 each and Tekk at \$355 each. Fire Company preferred to use Birch's due to their past business dealings since the prices were identical. Mr. Daddario made a motion to purchase the five pagers from Birch's at a cost of \$1,775, seconded by Scott Smith and unanimously carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.

Scott Smith did not have a report this evening.

John T. O'Neill, Sr. expressed his disappointment in the State legislature and their continual need to usurp municipal control and regulations. Mr. O'Neill sited Senate Bill 2887 and Assembly Bill 3992 which allows Wind Turbines only in Cumberland and Salem Counties and exempts all local municipal zoning regulations as an example.

Bruce Peterson reported that the caretaker at Bostwick Lake should be out of his cabin on Saturday. Mr. Turner expressed to Mr. Peterson his appreciation for how the Township treated him.

James Crilley thanked Mr. Peterson for the job he did in conjunction with the Bostwick Lake Commission. Mayor Crilley added that at the CDC meeting, the municipalities discussed the regional court. Everything is moving along nicely, interviews for professional and administrative staff are scheduled the following week. Mr. Crilley thanked everyone for their prayers for Mary Lynn and also thanked EMS for their quick and professional response.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Roy Spoltore reported that quotes were received to purchase three 30 yard open top containers for the recycling center to replace rental units from Rudco Products at \$11,647, Wastequip at \$11,905 and Omaha Standard at \$13,655. On a motion by Bruce Peterson, seconded by John O'Neill, and unanimously approved 5-0 on a roll call vote, to purchase three 30 yard containers from Rudco Products at a cost of \$11,647. Proposals were received from four vendors (RJM Construction Services, C & H Disposal Services, Russell Reid Waste & Disposal and Earthtech) to provide waste hauling of containers from the recycling center for the next three years. The solicitor is reviewing the proposals and the auditor has recommended that the existing contract with C & H Disposal be extended for one month to allow time for the contract to be prepared for the new hauler. On a motion of John Daddario, seconded by John O'Neill and unanimously carried on a roll call vote 5-0, the current waste hauling contract with C&H Disposal will be extended for one month.

INSERT RESOLUTION

Roy Spoltore noted that two resolutions opposing state legislation were included in their packet. On Motion of John T. O'Neill, Sr., seconded by Bruce Peterson to approve the resolution opposing A3992, unanimously approved 5-0, on a roll call vote.

INSERT RESOLUTION

On Motion of John T. O'Neill, Sr., seconded by Bruce Peterson to approve the resolution opposing A3285, unanimously approved 5-0, on a roll call vote.

INSERT RESOLUTION

Mr. Baker will be contacting the solicitors of Alloway and Hopewell Township to see if they have reviewed the draft Bostwick Lake Ordinance regarding hours of operation. The JIF quarterly snapshots ending September 2011 for general claims, MEL and EPL/POL were included in the packet. Banking proposals were received from Colonial Bank, Susquehanna Bank and TD Bank. Colonial Bank's proposal included courier service with no charge to the Township, where the other two proposals required fees and Colonial offered a minimum interest rate of 1% while Susquehanna offered .4% and TD offered .08%. Assessor Darlene Campbell submitted a memo requesting Barry Gleisner prepare tax maps in 2012. Mr. Spoltore informed the Committee that the revaluation

should be completed by the end of January with informal hearings scheduled for the first few weeks of February, with the final valuations being put on the county tax books by the end of February.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Brian Murphy stated that the Seabrook Water Facility should be operating automatically in the next couple of weeks, as a part is on order. Mr. Murphy reported that the north basin at Thoroughbred is functioning; the contractor is doing a good job. The developer needs to put up silt fence and get the dirt off of the roadway. Mr. Murphy will not be recommending any additional permits be issued until the work is completed.

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

Nancy Ridgeway asked the status of the Adult Day Care Center and their building permits. Mr. Baker reported that the developer has received his permits and the fees have been paid. Mr. Baker added that Lou Joyce has been reviewing the Redevelopment Plan and Design Guidelines. Mr. Joyce will be submitting recommendations to modify the existing regulations to the Township Committee for their review in January.

With no other public comments, James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution Authorizing Closed Session to discuss salaries for personnel. The Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by John Daddario to approve and adopt resolution, unanimously carried 5-0.

INSERT RESOLUTION

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

On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by John T. O'Neill, Sr., and unanimously approved 5-0, on a roll call vote to adjust salaries for court personnel.

INSERT RESOLUTION

The Committee discussed appointments to Boards and Committees for 2012.

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,

Roy J. Spoltore
Township Clerk