

**MINUTES OF THE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF  
UPPER DEERFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, HELD ON  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2012, AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING,  
HIGHWAY 77, SEABROOK, NEW JERSEY, PURSUANT TO NOTICE**

Present were: James Crilley, John T. O'Neill, Sr., John Daddario, Bruce Peterson 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, David J. Rogers, Streets and Recreation Supervisor and Amy Colaneri, Treasurer.

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 February 16, 2012 was included in a list of meetings notice sent to The News of Cumberland County and the Press, Cumberland County Edition on January 9, 2012 and advertised in said newspapers on January 11, 2012, posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building on January 9, 2012 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. In compliance with the State Fire Safety Statutes, Chairman Crilley instructed those present how to exit the room in an emergency.

James Crilley gave an invocation followed by the flag salute led by John T. O'Neill. Sr.

James Crilley, Chairman opened the meeting for public comment.

Clare Caine presented a petition that was signed by 105 people from the Edgar Joyce Senior Center asking that Kim Hemple-Miletta remain as the director of the Senior Center. Ted Baker explained that the director is temporarily suspended because of a complaint being filed with a Township Committeeman regarding the handling of trip funds. Due to issues that arose during a preliminary investigation and unanswered questions, as an attorney and officer of the court the matter had to be turned over to the Prosecutors Office. The Prosecutor's office will be handling their own investigation of the matter. The Township Committee has asked the director to provide additional information after which a final disciplinary hearing will be held on this situation. Action had to be taken to protect all of the citizens of the Township.

There being no public comments James Crilley, Chairman called for the approval of minutes for the Meeting of February 2, 2012. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by Scott Smith, to dispense with the reading of the minutes, unanimously carried, with John T. O'Neill, Sr. abstaining. On motion of John Daddario, seconded by Scott Smith, to accept the minutes as received, unanimously approved 4-0, with John T. O'Neill, Sr. abstaining.

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution entitled Resolution Appointing United States Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency County Committee Election Representative on behalf of Upper Deerfield Township. The Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by John T. O'Neill, Sr. To approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 5-0.

INSERT RESOLUTION

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution entitled Certifying Salaries of Certain Municipal Employees. 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 on a roll call vote.

INSERT RESOLUTION

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution entitled Payment of Bills in the amount of \$996,045.45. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by John T. O'Neill, Sr. to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.

INSERT RESOLUTION

COMMITTEE REPORTS

John Daddario reported that at the March 1<sup>st</sup> meeting the Township Committee will be honoring the Firefighters and EMT of the year.

Scott Smith stated that he met with David Rogers and will have some information for another meeting.

Bruce Peterson had no report this evening.

John T. O'Neill, Sr. stated that the County recently held a roundtable meeting, some ideas have been passed along to the Public Works Department and there were other discussion points that got taken out of context by the newspaper.

Mayor Crilley reported that at the County Freeholders and mayor's roundtable meeting someone asked if the Sheriffs Department could patrol areas in the County and the press made a story that the Townships were not happy with State Police coverage. The State Police station commander contacted the Mayors to see if there was a problem or what they could do better. Mr. Crilley added that the State Police will be attending meetings again to see if there are any issues they may address. Shared services, cell phone communication problems in the Townships, and upcoming road projects were also discussed at the meeting. Mayor Crilley, recently appointed to the Cumberland County Utilities Authority, informed their professionals that the Township has issues with the financial information and billing. A meeting between Township officials and the CCUA was established for Tuesday.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Roy Spoltore informed the Committee that the state legislature is considering a bill mandating fluoride treatment for water treatment facilities according to a NJLM advisory handout. Mr. Spoltore added that there was a story in the Star Ledger where Governor Christie is starting to discuss a proposed shared service bill that is being proposed by Senator Sweeney that will impose financial penalties to municipalities that do not participate in shared services. The Township received \$1,125.00

from the ACMJIF for passing the 2011 JIF Safety Program. The JIF's end of the year quarterly snap shots were included in the packet. Mr. Baker will be preparing revisions to the Redevelopment ordinances based on recommendations made by Louis C, Joyce. Mandatory anti-harassment meetings will be held on 2/27 at 8:45 am and 7 pm and in the evening on March 14. Mr. Spoltore reported that the County is getting ready to repave Centerton Road and Brian Murphy has suggested that Township should trench a water line under Centerton Road prior to the County paving the road to reduce the cost of the proposed east loop water line. Mr. Murphy has reached out to contractors and is certain the trenching could be done under the bid threshold. On a motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by Scott Smith to authorize the trenching of a water line under Centerton Road not to exceed \$17,400.00 which was unanimously approved 5-0, on a roll call vote.

#### TREASURERS REPORT

The Treasurer's report as of January 31, 2012 shows the balance of all Township accounts as \$7,470,108.98.

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

Hazel Bennett, a resident of Laurel Heights Drive complained of the speeding on the road and asked if it is possible to restrict tractor trailers from using the road. Mr. Crilley stated that the County can not stop tractor trailers from using the road. The Chairman added that the Township had sent a letter to the County before regarding speeding concerns on Laurel Heights Drive with no response, a follow up letter will be sent to them.

With no further public comments, James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution Authorizing Closed Session to update the Committee on the status of a personnel matter, public safety issue and potential litigation pertaining to a tax sale. The Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by John T. O'Neill, Sr, 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.

The Committee unanimously accepted the resignation of Michael Weist as Emergency Management Coordinator. On a motion of John Daddario, seconded by Bruce Peterson, and unanimously approved 5-0, on a roll call vote to appoint David L. Rogers as the Emergency Management Coordinator with a term to expire December 31, 2012.

#### INSERT RESOLUTION

The Committee agreed to hold a special meeting on February 23, 2012 at 3:30 pm for a disciplinary hearing.

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,

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Teresa L. Warburton  
Recording Secretary

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Roy J. Spoltore  
Township Clerk