

**MINUTES OF THE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
UPPER DEERFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, HELD ON
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2013, AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING,
HIGHWAY 77, SEABROOK, NEW JERSEY, PURSUANT TO NOTICE**

Present were: John T. O'Neill, Sr., Bruce Peterson, John Daddario and Scott Smith all being members of the Township Committee. Also present were: Rocco Tedesco, Solicitor; Roy Spoltore, Township Administrator/Clerk; Teresa Warburton, Recording Secretary, and Chad Ott, Chief of EMS. James Crilley was unable to attend.

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman John T. O'Neill, Sr. 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 September 19, 2013 was included in a list of meetings notice sent to The South Jersey Times and the Press, Cumberland County Edition and advertised in said newspapers on January 15, 2013, posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building on January 4, 2013 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, Vice Chairman O'Neill instructed those present how to exit the room in an emergency.

Vice Chairman John T. O'Neill, Sr. asked for a moment of silence followed by the flag salute led by Scott Smith.

Lisa Kincaid of Centerton Road stated that the Kandell's own a gravel pit on Husted Station Road and have been allowing a relative to use the property for target practice on Saturday mornings for the past few weeks and the noise is extremely loud not to mention that they are within 75 feet of neighboring homes. Rachel Cobb sent the Kandell's a letter asking them to have the activity stopped. She requested the Township review their ordinances and prohibit target practice on private property in residential areas, because the State Police told her the Township did not have laws prohibiting the activity. Sergeant Ponte from NJSP Bridgeton Barracks was in attendance and he asked the residents for contact information and that he would look into the matter and get back to them. Michael Smith of Deerfield Road, stated that the small gravel pit is behind his property and this activity started on August 31, 2013. Individuals are using semi-automatic hand guns beginning at 8:30-9:30 am on Saturdays. Mr. Smith added the individual who is shooting does not live in Upper Deerfield Township and he also expressed his concern for safety as there are homes in close proximity to where the shooting activity is taking place. Sergeant Ponte added that safety is a paramount issue. Vice Chairman John T. O'Neill, Sr. asked the residents if they would continue their conversation with Sergeant Ponte and stated that the township will review the matter with the Solicitor.

Eileen Clark of Old Deerfield Pike asked if the Concerned Citizens could utilize a room in October to have the County Prosecutor, Jennifer Webb McCray, State Police and Sheriff's Department discuss crime in the area. Mrs. Clark also informed the committee that individuals are going door to door trying to solicit business for replacing windows, roofing, and siding, asking if there is a man in the house. These individuals do not appear to have a vehicle as they are walking door to door.

There being no other public comments, Vice Chairman John T. O'Neill, Sr. called for the approval of minutes for the meeting of September 5, 2013. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by Scott Smith, to dispense with the reading of the minutes, and unanimously carried. On motion of Scott Smith, seconded by John Daddario, to accept the minutes as received, and unanimously approved 4-0.

Vice Chairman John T. O'Neill, Sr. 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, unanimously carried 4-0 on a roll call vote.

INSERT RESOLUTION

John T. O'Neill, Sr., Vice Chairman called for a resolution entitled Authorizing the Execution of the Contract with Seabrook Educational and Cultural Center to provide for the support and maintenance of the Seabrook Educational and Cultural Center Exhibit and Museum. The Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of John Daddario, seconded by Scott Smith, to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 3-0, on a roll call vote with Bruce Peterson abstaining.

INSERT RESOLUTION

Vice Chairman John T. O'Neill, Sr. called for a resolution entitled Payment of Bills in the amount of \$1,010,504.37. On motion of Bruce Peterson, 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 stated that the Ambulance building addition foundation work has begun with a February 2014 completion date.

Scott Smith reported that the Planning Board is discussing street lighting.

Bruce Peterson did not have a report this evening.

John T. O'Neill, Sr. reported that trick or treat is scheduled from 4-7 pm on October 31, 2013. On Monday, Sept. 23 the Cumberland County Health Department will be giving flu shots from 10-12 pm at the Upper Deerfield Township Senior Center, the flu shot is free to all Cumberland County residents. Approval for CEU classes for Ed Fleetwood – no fee, Amy Colaneri and Andrea Penny with a fee of \$49.00 were requested requiring time off work. On motion of John T. O'Neill, Sr., seconded by Bruce Peterson and unanimously approved for the continuing education classes for Ed Fleetwood, Andrea Penny and Amy Colaneri.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Roy Spoltore informed the Committee that monthly departmental reports, budget expenditures through August 31st and NJLM mayor advisories were contained in this evenings' packet for review. The Upper Deerfield EMS received quotes for a Stryker power pro xt (65060) power stretcher from Stryker EMS \$13,711.00, Moore Medical \$15,621.00, V.E. Ralph Medical No Bid, and Savelives.com \$15,375.00. On motion of John Daddario, seconded by Bruce Peterson to award purchase to Stryker EMS in the amount of \$13,711.00, unanimously approved 4-0 on a roll call vote. Rite Aid requested approval to provide flu and shingle shots during a specified date and time for Township employees. Building permit fees for the Ambulance Building addition were waived on a motion of Bruce Peterson,

seconded by Scott Smith, and unanimously approved 4-0 on a roll call vote. An individual's water well in the Home Rehabilitation Program has failed. Emergency proposals were requested to drill a new well and get health department approvals. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by John Daddario, and unanimously approved 4-0, on a roll call vote, to award the proposal to the lowest responsible bidder for the emergency well installation using revolving loan funds.

INSERT RESOLUTION

Sergeant Nick Ponte from NJSP Bridgeton Barracks reported that the August 2013 statistics for Upper Deerfield Township as follows: 358 calls, of which there were 58 investigations, 21 motor vehicle and 13 burglaries. No arrests have been made in the burglaries to date but they have 5 possible suspects. Residents informed the Sergeant of speeding that is taking place on Route 540 near the south end of Centerton Road and Irving Avenue in the area of the S curve.

At this time Vice Chairman John T. O'Neill, Sr. opened the meeting for additional public comments.

Nancy Ridgway of Irving Avenue expressed her concern regarding the need for setback requirements for raised bed septic systems. Mr. O'Neill, reported that the concern has been given to our Planner to review.

C. Dallas Peterson of Shadow Brook Drive explained a recent check encoding issue caused his real estate tax payment to be revised by the Federal Reserve resulting in an underpayment of taxes and interest fees to be assessed. He made the payment that was due when notified and asked the Township to waive the interest fees because the encoding mistake occurred by the bank. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by John Daddario, and unanimously approved 4-0 on a roll call vote to waive the interest fees of \$89.93.

INSERT RESOLUTION

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

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa L. Warburton
Recording Secretary

Roy J. Spoltore
Township Clerk