

**MINUTES OF THE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
UPPER DEERFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, HELD ON
THURSDAY, AUGUST 21, 2014, AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING,
HIGHWAY 77, SEABROOK, NEW JERSEY, PURSUANT TO NOTICE**

Present were: Bruce Peterson, James Crilley, John T. O'Neill, Sr., Bruce Peterson, Scott Smith and John Daddario all being members of the Township Committee. Also present were: Rocco Tedesco, Solicitor; Roy Spoltore, Township Administrator/Clerk; Teresa Warburton, Recording Secretary; Brian Murphy, Township Engineer, Chad Ott, Chief of EMS 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 September 4, 2014 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 13, 2014, posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building on January 6, 2014 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 Scott Smith.

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

Nancy Ridgway, Irving Avenue resident asked on if Attorney Doug Long is still representing Fire Company #3. Committeeman O'Neill, Sr. responded that Doug Long is not representing the fire company.

There being no public comments, James Crilley, Chairman called for the approval of minutes for the Meeting of August 21, 2014. On motion of John Daddario, seconded by Scott Smith, to dispense with the reading of the minutes, unanimously carried. On motion of Scott Smith, seconded by John T. O'Neill, Sr., to accept the minutes as received, and unanimously approved 4-0 with Bruce Peterson abstaining.

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution entitled A Resolution Authorizing a Binding Municipal Referendum on the Retail Sales of Alcoholic Beverages. The Clerk read the resolution by title. Committee members were pleased that sufficient signatures were obtained to place the referendum question on the ballot. 323 signatures were needed and the Clerk certified that 426 valid signatures were received by the meeting date. Many noted that having alcohol consumption licenses available were a key component for the future development of the Town Center area. Additional signatures from outstanding petitions that were not turned in by the meeting date will be received and noted at the top of each petition. 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 Appointing Individual for Temporary Custodial Position. 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 Granting Final Approval of the Hubschmidt (2) Application to Sell Development Easement. 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 \$420,250.43. 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 the new ADA bathrooms for North Cumberland Little League and Cumberland Midget Football are almost completed. Football opens for the season on Sunday, the paving for the walkpaths should be completed Friday at football. Baseball's fall ball season also opens next week. Mr Daddario suggested that the School Board Administrator and Roy Spoltore discuss ways to review and verify student residency in the Township. The Recreation area has made a lot of nice changes for the better from the Small Cities ADA grant and is really starting to shape up.

Scott Smith stated that Silver Lake Road is open just in time for the School buses to use. The last Planning Board meeting was cancelled due to lack of business.

Bruce Peterson did not have a report this evening.

John T. O'Neill, Sr. reported that the recreation park has approximately 4,500 feet of new walking trails. Brian Murphy added that the eight foot walkways can also have an ambulance driven on it in case someone gets hurt which enables them to serve double duty. On Motion of John T. O'Neill, Sr., seconded by John Daddario, and approved by a vote of 4-0 with Mr. Peterson abstaining, to allow Patty Adams, Marion Higbee and Jeanie Dubois-Chard to take a CEU court class, staff coverage for the office is in place.

Mayor Crilley thanked that the Hawk Boys who came in second place at the community kayak race that took place at the Crab Festival in Bridgeton for representing Upper Deerfield Township. The County Health Department will provide free flu shots on Monday, October 6, 2014, from 11 am -1 pm at the Senior Center.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Roy Spoltore informed the Committee that the CDC is asking municipalities if they are in agreement to hold Halloween trick or treat on 10/31/14 from 4-7 pm. The committee agreed that this time period was good. The north and south bus stop locations at Laurel Plaza were approved by the NJ Department of Transportation. A meeting was held to discuss the proposed road detour when the repair of the Burlington Road railroad crossing takes place. Traffic will be detoured to Woodruff Road, there is no timetable for the repair, the summer of 2015 was suggested when school would be out so school buses would not be effected by the detour. The JIF's elected officials liability workshop meeting will be held on November 11, 2014 and January 27, 2015 at the Savoy Inn. NJLM advisories and NJ Pensions update were included in this evening's packet for review. Mr. Spoltore recently attended a FEMA Workshop on the proposed Floodplain maps for Cumberland County.

There are not many changes for Upper Deerfield Township. Seabrook Fire and Rescue is currently changing over from Propane to Natural Gas. Mr. Spoltore informed the Committee that a few residents were upset about having to pay a \$10.00 fee for their second sticker for the Convenience Center. A spreadsheet showing the remaining budget balances as of the end of August was also included in this evening's packet. There do not appear to be many areas where transfers will be required in November.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Brian Murphy reported that the walk path paving is almost completed. The bathrooms have been put in place, football is almost functional, baseball needs the electric to be hooked up. The 2015 Small Cities grant to slip line the sewer mains from the village area and the industrial customers on Parsonage to the CCUA lift station behind the Convenience Center has been submitted. The zealite media at Love Lane needs to be replaced, during the media change the nozzles in the tanks will also be replaced at the same time.

The Treasurer's report was accepted.

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

Nancy Ridgway, Irving Avenue resident asked if there will be cross walks on 77 by the new Laurel Plaza bus stops? Mr. Murphy will reach out to the DOT to see about the cross walks. Concerning the residency issues at the schools, Ms. Ridgway suggested requesting copies of custody agreements to make sure that the guardian has custody of the child.

Dean Hawk, Merritt Avenue resident asked about the status of the municipal building windows project. Mr. Peterson reported that the windows project will be looked at next year. A property at the corner of Uhland and Button Mill Road has not been maintaining there grass cutting what can be done about that? The Zoning officer will be notified of the property. Mr. Hawk asked if there will be an explanation on the ballot concerning the question pertaining to allowing alcohol consumption in the Township. Mr. Spoltore stated that there will be an interpretative statement on the ballot and is contained on the back of the resolution.

With no further public comments, James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution Authorizing Closed Session to update the Committee on Personnel, Contracts and other matters requiring attorney client privileged confidential communications. 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

The Committee reopened the public portion of the meeting on a motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by Scott Smith and unanimously carried.

With no further business to come before the Committee, on a motion of John Daddario, seconded by John T. O'Neill, Sr., to adjourn the meeting, and unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa L. Warburton, Recording Secretary

Roy J. Spoltore, Township Clerk