

**MINUTES OF THE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
UPPER DEERFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, HELD ON
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2015, 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: Rocco Tedesco, Solicitor; Roy Spoltore, Township Administrator/Clerk, Amy Colaneri, Treasurer, and Teresa Warburton, Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order by Chairman James Crilley and he read the following public meeting announcement.

“This meeting is being held in accordance with the “Open Public Meetings Act”. Notice of the meeting has been provided and published as required by law in the South Jersey Times, and the Press, Cumberland County Edition. Notice has also been posted in the municipal building. In compliance with State Fire Safety Statues the Chairman instructed those present how to exit the room in an emergency.”

James Crilley gave an invocation followed by the flag salute led by Bruce Peterson.

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

There being no public comments James Crilley, Chairman called for the approval of minutes for the meeting of February 5, 2015. Bruce Peterson made a motion, seconded by John T. O'Neill, Sr. to dispense with the reading of the minutes, and to accept the minutes as received, unanimously approved 5-0.

Andrea Bianco-Rieti, Director of the Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention, thanked the Township Committee for their support as the lead agency for the regional ASAP program which has been in existence since 1987. The ASAP program is in its second year of a four year plan that provides education, intervention and prevention programs dealing with issues of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs. Project medicine drop has a drop box location at the County Sheriff's Department to make sure that prescription drugs are being disposed of properly. Vicki Vagnarelli was named the Governor's Council Volunteer of the year for 2014.

Lt. Meyers, Station Commander of New Jersey State Police reported that the Bridgeton barracks continues to be the busiest station. In January there were 1181 calls for service, 437 were in Upper Deerfield, consisting of 178 motor vehicle stops, 88 criminal and 92 motor vehicle accidents. Burglaries of abandoned homes and unlocked motor vehicles continue to be a problem. Residents should make sure they lock car doors and call the State Police immediately if they see anything suspicious.

James Crilley, Chairman called for a public hearing on an ordinance entitled, Authorizing the Expenditure of Capital Improvement Funds for Improvements to the Municipal Building and Facilities. The Clerk read the proposed Ordinance by title. On motion of John Daddario, seconded by Scott Smith, to open the meeting for a public hearing on the proposed ordinance, and unanimously carried. The Chairman instructed the Clerk to distribute copies to those present. Nancy Ridgway thanked the committee for maintaining building as the new windows are needed. Mr. Peterson stated that this has

been a long process but is looking forward to getting the new windows this year. Mr. Crilley added that the Municipal Building will be in good shape after the windows are installed. There being no further public comments, on a motion of John T. O'Neill, Sr., seconded by Scott Smith to close the public hearing and unanimously carried. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by John T. O'Neill, Sr. to approve and adopt proposed ordinance, unanimously carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.

INSERT ORDINANCE

James Crilley, Chairman called for a public hearing on an ordinance entitled, Amending Ordinance 720 Fixing Salaries of Certain Officials of the Township of Upper Deerfield in the County of Cumberland, Providing for the terms of Payment Thereof. The Clerk read the proposed Ordinance by title. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by John T. O'Neill, Sr. to open the meeting for a public hearing on the proposed ordinance, and unanimously carried. The Chairman instructed the Clerk to distribute copies to those present. There being no public comments, on motion of John T. O'Neill, Sr., seconded by Bruce Peterson to close the public hearing and unanimously carried. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by John T. O'Neill, Sr. to approve and adopt proposed ordinance, unanimously carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.

INSERT ORDINANCE

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution entitled Tax Payments to be Refunded. 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 4-0 on a roll call vote with John Daddario abstaining.

INSERT RESOLUTION

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution entitled Appointing Part-Time Security for CS Regional Municipal Court. 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 on a roll call vote.

INSERT RESOLUTION

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution entitled Transferring Seabrook Tower Repair Fund and Turning them over to the Utility Capital Account for Water Tower Repair. 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 \$1,435,942.02. 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 on a roll call vote.

INSERT RESOLUTION

COMMITTEE COMMENTS

John Daddario stated that Public Works replaced 20 feet of drainage pipe on Hilton Avenue cleaned up 20 loads of trash at West End Avenue, transported four damaged bleachers to a recycling center, cleaning up the Public Works building and yard area, cleaned up the trash in the recreation area and repaired fencing. Employees have started constructing the new office at the recycling center, the new pick-up truck was received, trucks continue to need preventative maintenance, and they will need to purchase a power washer to assist with cleanup. Snow removal has gone well, however some roads are in bad shape and will need to be patched and repaired when the weather breaks. Some of the floors in the public works building need to be installed as prices are being solicited.

Scott Smith reported that the public works building and grounds have been cleaned up and everyone has been out working.

Bruce Peterson reported that the plans are available tonight to review for the second ramp construction at the Recycling Center. The project should be going out to bid shortly.

John T. O'Neill, Sr. concurred with Lt. Meyers statements and that residents should be aware of suspicious situations in their neighborhoods and should not take the cheap way out if they are considering installing a security system.

Mayor Crilley reported that the Farmland movie will be shown Saturday night at the Cumberland County College if anyone is interested, tickets are available at the 4-H Center. Construction of Popeye's Chicken is underway. Mr. Crilley reported that regretfully we have received a letter of resignation from James Grasso, Plumbing Sub-code official effective March 31st. The Committee will send a thank you letter for his years of services. Mayor Crilley added that work on the budget has begun.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Roy Spoltore stated that the County's 2015 equalization rates, the JIF's end of the year reports, NJLM advisories and the departmental reports for January are included in this evenings packet for your review. Brian Murphy is in getting topographical survey proposals for the Small Cities sewer main project in Seabrook and proposals to inspect the water tower at Love Lane. Mr. Spoltore spoke with Jerry Velaquez at the Cumberland County Improvement Authority to see if the CCIA could assist the Township with the bidding process to purchase the windows for the Municipal Building. He added that the CCIA is in the process of establishing a shared service with Cumberland County for vehicle maintenance that the Township may be able to utilize. The Environmental Commission is looking into applying for an ANJEC grant to plant species in the base of an existing retention basin that the Township maintains. The Firefighters Assistance Grant air packs bid should be out next week with proposals due back by on March 17th. Newsletter articles are due next Friday.

DEPARTMENTAL MONTHLY REPORTS: January 2015

Animal Control and Dog Registrar Monthly Report
Clerks Monthly Report
Construction Office Monthly Report
Housing and Zoning
Municipal Court Monthly Report
Tax Collectors Report
Vital Statistics
Fire Official

TREASURERS REPORT

The Treasurer's report was accepted.

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

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

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

With no public comments and no further business to come before the Committee, on a motion of Bruce Peterson, 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