

**MINUTES OF THE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
UPPER DEERFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, HELD ON
THURSDAY, JULY 7, 2016, 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., Bruce Peterson, Scott Smith and John Daddario all being members of the Township Committee. Also present were: Rocco Tedesco, Solicitor; Amy Colaneri, Treasurer, Brian Murphy, Township Engineer, Chad Ott, Chief of EMS and Teresa Warburton, Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order by Committeeman 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 Daily Journal and The Press, Cumberland County Edition. Notice has also been posted in the Municipal Building. The Clerk shall enter this statement in the minutes of this meeting. In compliance with State Fire Safety Statues the Chairman instructs 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 of Irving Avenue asked if anyone knew about the job opening at the Cumberland County Utilities Authority and if the position was really needed. Ms. Ridgway also questioned why the Cumberland County Sheriff's Department can't provide security for our municipal court since they provide the service for the County Courthouse.

There being no public comments, James Crilley, Chairman called for the approval of minutes for the meeting of June 16, 2016. On a motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by Scott Smith to dispense with the reading of the minutes and to accept the minutes as received, and unanimously approved 5-0.

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution entitled Payment of Bills, in the amount of \$240,379.78. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by John Daddario to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.

INSERT RESOLUTION

COMMITTEE COMMENTS

John Daddario did not have a report this evening.

Scott Smith did not have a report this evening.

Bruce Peterson suggested sending a letter to the legislators with regards to the FEMA Funding that is still outstanding to make them aware of the situation.

John T. O'Neill, Sr. noted that Joe Lacotte had expressed interest in being a part of the Environmental Commission. On motion of John T. O'Neill, Sr., seconded by Bruce Peterson to appoint Joe Lacotte to the Environmental Commission as an alternate member, unanimously approved 5-0 on a roll call vote.

Mayor Crilley thanked John T. O'Neill, Sr. for attending the JACL graduation. Mr. Crilley reported that on July 16, from 4-9 pm, the OBON Festival will be held at the Buddhist Temple on Northville Road, and the SECC museum will be open from 1-4 pm. Mr. Crilley reported that the preliminary tax rate from the County Tax Board shows a slight decrease in the Township's rate. The actual rate should be confirmed early next week..

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Brian Murphy, Township Engineer stated that prices are being received to install a DGA road for the brush area at the Recycling Center. Mr. Murphy has had correspondence with the developer of Thoroughbred Estates regarding the paving and final construction of the road; as some of the driveways are even with the sub base layer of the road. The final road design will need to be approved by the Engineer. In addition, the developer was informed that he will need to clean up a couple of lots and there is landscaping that is needed along the streetscape. Research will need to be done to determine if a homeowners association needed to be created before the Township can accept the road.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Rocco Tedesco, Solicitor informed that he has had email correspondence with Mr. Baker, County Solicitor about the potential for FEMA Funding to repair the dam at Seeley Lake. Mr. Baker informed Mr. Tedesco that he believes that FEMA funds may still be available for the replacement of the dam. Mr. Tedesco, noted that that Township is still waiting on FEMA reimbursement from local Hurricane Irene projects. Rocco Tedesco presented proposed ordinances for key boxes and taxi cabs for the Committee to discuss. Mr. Tedesco will take the committee's comments and revise the proposed ordinances for introduction at a later meeting.

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

Dean Hawk of Merritt Avenue stated that Seeley Lake is a private lake not owned by the Township or County. Mr. Tedesco, Solicitor commented that it is his understanding that the owner of the lake would be willing to deed it over to the County so there would be public access in the future if the dam was repaired. Nancy Ridgway of Irving Avenue stated that various residents in the lake area have been to the Freeholder meetings to ask for help with the repairing the dam.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa L. Warburton, Recording Secretary