

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF UPPER DEERFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, HELD ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2010 AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, HIGHWAY 77, SEABROOK, NEW JERSEY, PURSUANT TO NOTICE.

Present were: James Crilley, Chairman, Bruce Peterson, Vice Chairman, Scott Smith, John O'Neill, Sr. and John Daddario and all being members of the Township Committee. Also present were: Roy Spoltore, Township Clerk/Administrator, Ted Baker, Township Solicitor, Teresa Warburton, Recording Secretary and Brian Murphy, Township Engineer.

The meeting was called to order with a public announcement statement read by James Crilley, Chairman.

“In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act a schedule of regular meetings containing the location and the time and date of each meeting was approved at the Annual Organization meeting of the Township Committee, and within seven days following the Annual Organization meeting, a copy of such schedule of regular meetings was posted in the Municipal Building, at Seabrook, NJ., which Notice has remained so posted throughout the year, and copies of the schedule of regular meetings have been mailed to The News and the Press, Cumberland County Edition, and filed with the Township Clerk in compliance with said Act.” In compliance with State Fire Safety Statutes the Mayor instructed those present how to exit the room in an emergency.

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

At this time James Crilley, Chairman opened the meeting for public comment. Nancy Ridgeway thanked the Township Committee for educating her on Solar fields. She also commented on how she would like to see full recycling taking place at the Township Building if it is not already being executed.

There being no further public comments James Crilley, Chairman called for the approval of minutes for the Meeting of January 21, 2010. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by John Daddario, to dispense with the reading of the minutes, unanimously carried. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by John O'Neill, Sr. to accept minutes as received, unanimously approved, 5-0.

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution entitled Authorizing Professional Service Agreement – Louis Joyce. The Clerk read the resolution by title. Chairman Crilley noted that the contract will be for specialized services on an as needed basis. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by Scott Smith to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 5-0.

RESOLUTION 10-52

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution entitled Approval of Change Order #1 – West Village Water & Sewer Main Replacement. The Clerk read the resolution by title. Brian Murphy explained that the contractor exposed piping under the Seabrook Water Tower and removed old piping and installed additional valves where necessary which necessitated the change order. On motion of John O'Neill, Sr., seconded by Scott Smith to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.

RESOLUTION 10-53

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution entitled Granting Final Approval of the Frank A. Fox Application to sell Development Easement. The Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of Bruce Peterson., seconded by John O'Neill, Sr., to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 5-0.

#### RESOLUTION 10-54

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution entitled Emergency Temporary Resolution prior to adoption of the Budget Township of Upper Deerfield, County of Cumberland. The Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of John Daddario, seconded by John O'Neill, Sr., to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.

#### RESOLUTION 10-55

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution entitled Approval of Change Order #1 – Love Lane Well Facility Radium Removal System Containment Building. Brian Murphy explained that this change order is necessary in order to keep the water facility operational at Love Lane when the contractor will be flushing the system when the new containment building comes on line. The Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of Bruce Peterson seconded by John O'Neill, Sr., to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.

#### RESOLUTION 10-56

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution entitled Payment of Bills in the amount of \$2,053,618.84. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by James Crilley to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.

#### RESOLUTION 10-57

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

John Daddario reported the snow plow for EMS is on site and hooked up. David Rogers has worked hard to get everything in place for the upcoming storm for snow removal, it is suppose to be a bad storm and residents need to be patient, we will get the job done, but it will take some time.

Scott Smith reported on the Recreation meeting stating that Soccer Registrations will begin on 2/23/10, Little League is currently having sign ups and Football is looking into starting a spring flag football program for all age groups. The Environmental Commission members wanted to organize a clean up of the Munyon property and wanted to see if any grants are available to help with clean up. They will also be holding a workshop on where rivers are born on 2/23/10 at 7:00 pm and also inquired about what could be done to prevent trash from blowing out of vehicles on the way to recycling center. Mr. Baker will check into existing township ordinances.

Bruce Peterson reported that after the first snowfall he received complaints from residents regarding the build up of slush on residential streets. He added that this next snowfall will be worse as they are calling for windy conditions which will cause drifting. Mr. Peterson suggested that if drivers continue to go the wrong way on Oakland Street that the Township rent a message board to remind drivers that the street is now one way.

Chairman Crilley stated that Woodruff School has requested a sponsorship from the Township for their Kids Against Drugs run activity. On motion of Mr. Peterson, seconded by Mr. Smith, the Committee unanimously agreed to donate \$1,000 on a roll call vote. Mr. Crilley asked Mr. Baker if he had received an updated crime report from the State Police on the Vesta property. Mr. Baker reported he had requested information from the State Police and should be receiving information soon.

#### ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Roy Spoltore informed the Committee that the three pick ups have been delivered, the security cameras have been installed upstairs, a court security meeting is scheduled for the 16<sup>th</sup> and the JIF safety breakfast is scheduled for Thursday, February 11<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m. at Merighi's. He added that draft ordinances for political signs and employee discipline amendment are contained in their packet for their review.

#### ENGINEERS REPORT

Brian Murphy stated that residents on First and Second Avenues will need to have new water line hook ups with the water line construction project in West Village. Mr. Murphy suggested that the Township consider waiving the local plumbing construction permit fee. On motion by Mr. Peterson, seconded by Mr. O'Neill, and unanimously approved 5-0 on a roll call vote, that the plumbing construction permit fee be waived if it can legally be done. Mr. Murphy explained he has been working with Pappas officials regarding calculations for a true up of past and current year sewerage bills. After much discussion both parties have agreed that Pappas owes approximately \$300,000 for 2004 through 2009. Mr. Murphy suggested that the amount owed be spread out over three years. Mr. Baker will prepare an authorizing resolution for the next meeting. Brian Murphy reported that the water results from a preliminary test of Well #15 in Seabrook showed a nitrate reading of 7.7 which is below state guidelines and an iron reading of .04 which is higher than state guidelines. GPM Engineers recommended that the Township not do anything at this point as they expect the iron readings to fall once the well is put in use. Mr. Murphy reminded the Committee that bids for Seabrook will be received on February 10<sup>th</sup>. DEP has requested that a re-inspection of the Silver Lake Dam be undertaken. Mr. Murphy presented a proposal from Pennoni Associates to re-inspect the Dam for an amount not to exceed \$2,800. On a motion by Mr. O'Neill, seconded by Mr. Smith and unanimously approved 5-0 on a roll call vote, that the Township authorized Pennoni to undertake the study. At the conclusion of the study, the Township will call a meeting of County officials and the owner of the Lake to review responsibilities for the Dam.

#### RESOLUTION 10-58

Mr. Murphy also presented a proposal from Fralinger Engineering to survey School Lane, East Parsonage Road and Olde Road for the reconstruction of water and sewer lines in an amount not to exceed \$9,500. On motion of Mr. Peterson, seconded by Mr. Daddario to have Fralinger Engineering prepare the survey and a base map, unanimously approved 5-0 on a roll call vote.

#### RESOLUTION 10-59

Mr. Murphy reminded the Committee that USDA will have a meeting with Township officials on March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10 AM and at 2:30 PM regarding the Love Lane project. Mr. Murphy and the Committee discussed the drainage issues at Thoroughbred Court. After much discussion, the Committee authorized Mr. Baker to call the bond of the developer if the developer does not satisfactorily come up with a time sensitive plan to correct the issues at the site on a motion by Mr. Peterson, seconded by Mr. O'Neill and unanimously approved, 5-0 on a roll call vote.

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

Dean Hawk of Merritt Avenue suggested that the timing of the light at the Wal Mart intersection with 77, be re-synchronized due to the change of traffic patterns caused by making Oakland Street one way for traffic safety. Mr. Murphy will contact DOT officials to request modifications. Mr. Hawk expressed his concern about the projected cost for the purchase of a new fire truck. Mr. O'Neill stated that the truck that will be replaced was purchased 32 years ago, at a cost of \$60,000, which was refurbished at a cost of \$120,000. Eileen Clark stated that Green Acres had shown interest in purchasing Silver Lake a few years ago and she was in favor of calling the bond at Thoroughbred if the developer will not make the correct the problems. Dooley Holt asked why there is a retention basin on the North and South side of the project at Thoroughbred. Mr. Murphy stated that the basins were part of the Planning Board process. Nancy Ridgeway suggested that hydroelectric power should be considered in the future for local dams.

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution Authorizing Closed Session for personnel matters, contract and litigation. The Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of John Daddario, seconded by John O'Neill, Sr. to approve and adopt resolution, unanimously carried.

#### RESOLUTION 10-60

On a motion by Mr. Daddario, seconded by Mr. Smith and unanimously approved the Committee reopened the meeting to the public. James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution Authorizing Karabashian Eddington Planning Group to prepare a Master Plan Re-examination report for an amount not to exceed \$20,000. The Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by John O'Neill, Sr. to approve and adopt resolution, unanimously carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.

#### RESOLUTION 10-61

There being no further business on motion of John Daddario, seconded by Bruce Peterson and unanimously carried the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Teresa Warburton, Recording Secretary

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Roy Spoltore, Township Clerk