

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF UPPER DEERFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, HELD ON THURSDAY, MARCH 18, 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, John Daddario, John O'Neill, Sr. and Scott Smith all being members of the Township Committee. Also present were: Roy Spoltore, Township Clerk/Administrator, Rebecca Bertram, Asst. Township Solicitor Teresa Warburton, Recording Secretary.

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.

There being no public comments James Crilley, Chairman called for the approval of minutes for the Meeting of March 4, 2010. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by Scott Smith, to dispense with the reading of the minutes, unanimously carried. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by John Daddario to accept minutes as received, unanimously approved 5-0.

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution entitled Amending the 2010 Temporary Budget – Township #2. 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 10-73

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution entitled Amending Change Order # 1 – Love Lane Well Facility Radium Removal System Containment Building. The Clerk read the resolution by title. Mr. Spoltore informed Committee that this resolution and the next one are necessary as USDA only allows a maximum of 15% for overhead and profits to be added to any change order which is less than the original 20% that was submitted and approved. On motion of Scott Smith., seconded by John O'Neill, Sr., to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 5-0.

RESOLUTION 10-74

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution entitled Amending Change Order # 2 – Love Lane Well Facility Radium Removal System Containment Building. The Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of John Daddario, seconded by Scott Smith to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.

RESOLUTION 10-75

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution entitled Authorizing The Tax Collector to Adjust Taxes. The Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by John Daddario to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.

RESOLUTION 10-76

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution entitled Payment of Bills in the amount of \$1,537,802.10. 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.

INSERT RESOLUTION 10-77

COMMITTEE REPORTS

John Daddario commented that the Township needs to authorize the advertising for bids for a Fire Truck for Station 33. On motion of John Daddario, seconded by John O'Neill, Sr, to advertise for bids, unanimously carried 5-0 on a roll call vote. Mr. Daddario noted that Doug Zirkle was recently named Firefighter of the year by Cumberland County and he suggested that the Township Committee recognize him for the accomplishment. Recent changes with state funding regarding school system, has resulted in a \$600,000 reduction in state funding, so this may be on our agenda for the next couple of months as this has hit everyone hard.

Scott Smith reported that Baseball & Soccer are underway.

Bruce Peterson – No Report.

John O'Neill, Sr. reported that the water projects are being worked on and the borings under 77 went well with no interruption to anyone's service. The Senior Center Advisory Committee met and a number of items were discussed including; intermittent internet service, number of users of center, nurse's schedule, county grant procedures and landscaping issues.

James Crilley stated there is an opening on the Planning Board due to the resignation of David Dean. Mr. Crilley recommended Pauline Smith to serve on the Planning Board as the fourth alternate. On motion of James Crilley seconded by Bruce Peterson to fill unexpired term unanimously approved 5-0. Chairman Crilley reported on a senate bill that would shift the tax collector, tax assessor, health department and animal control duties over to the County and on Senate Bill 921 that has passed the Senate to exempt solar panels from impervious surface and cover requirements. Mr. Crilley also mentioned that the State Municipal Aid funding was announced around 5 pm this evening and the Township will Aid will be reduced by \$360,000. With the recent state aid reductions, this is going to be a tough time for municipal and school budgets. Bruce Peterson added that the Township budget will be affected in 2012 due to the end of large 5 year tax abatement payments. Chairman Crilley stated that the state mandated cost of treating water will necessitate a rate increase for the water utility.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Roy Spoltore informed the Committee that the proposed shared service grant through with CDC municipalities may be funding by DCA despite State cutbacks. The Township will be holding some MSI meetings for the JIF at the senior center through May. Shade Tree has a meeting scheduled for next Tuesday at 7pm and there are still a couple of openings on the Committee.

DEPARTMENTAL MONTHLY REPORTS: February 2010

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

Will be presented at next meeting

At this time James Crilley, Chairman opened the meeting for additional public comments. Eileen Clark commented that it is nice that the Township will recognize Doug Zirkle for his hard work and dedication as being appointed Firefighter of the Year.

Trooper Brian Stanker commented that there have been a couple of burglaries and thefts recently in the area, especially unlocked vehicles and trailers. Make sure that you lock up everything.

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution Authorizing Closed Session for personnel, contracts and litigation. The Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of John Daddario, seconded by Scott Smith to approve and adopt resolution, unanimously carried 5-0.

RESOLUTION 10-78

The meeting was reopened to the public on a motion by Bruce Peterson, seconded by John O'Neill and unanimously carried.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, on motion of John O'Neill, seconded by Bruce Peterson to adjourn, and unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa L. Warburton
Recording Secretary

Roy J. Spoltore
Township Clerk