

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF UPPER DEERFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, HELD ON THURSDAY, APRIL 15, 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, Theodore Baker, 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.

Jim Crilley announced that there will not be a meeting for the Redevelopment Agency this evening due to a lack of business.

There being no public comments James Crilley, Chairman called for the approval of minutes for the Meeting of April 1, 2010. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by John O'Neill, Sr., to dispense with the reading of the minutes, unanimously carried. On motion of John Daddario, seconded by Scott Smith to accept minutes as received, and unanimously approved 5-0.

James Crilley, Chairman called for a discussion and introduction of an ordinance entitled, Calendar Year 2010 Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a Cap Bank by Township of Upper Deerfield. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by John Daddario for the Clerk to read the proposed ordinance by title, and unanimously carried. The Clerk read the ordinance by title. Roy Spoltore explained that the proposed ordinance allows the Township to exceed last years' appropriation by 3.5% or approximately \$108,000. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by John Daddario to approve and adopt ordinance on first reading and set public hearing for May 6, 2010, at 7:00 PM., instructing the Clerk to advertise said ordinance and have copies available upon request, unanimously carried, 5-0.

INSERT PROPOSED ORDINANCE

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution entitled Introduction of 2010 Municipal Budget and 2010 Utility Budget. The Clerk read the resolution by title. Chairman Crilley noted the Township will maintain no local purpose tax this year by utilizing additional surplus funds. He added that these are difficult times with the school budgets and there will be difficult times in the future which will require a local purpose tax. There is a major upgrade to the water system which will require an increase in fees to

the water users. John O'Neill stated that the percentage cap increase is consistent with past years and the proposed budget is as revenue neutral as possible due to the economic conditions. Mr. O'Neill added that it is a fiscal impossibility to be able to maintain a zero local purpose tax due to the reduction in state aid over the past few years. Bruce Peterson stated that the Committee will continue to review future budget needs department by department, investigate shared service and privatization possibilities, and explore the options for various services. Budget decisions in the future will be difficult for everyone. Scott Smith felt that this is the year to maintain a zero local purpose tax due to the reduced funding levels for school budgets and the uncertainty of the county tax rate. John Daddario agreed that it is important to hold back any additional tax increase due to the current circumstances and hope that conditions might improve in 2011 and 2012. On motion of Scott Smith, seconded by John O'Neill, Sr. to approve and adopt said resolution setting the public hearing on the budget for May 20th, unanimously carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.

RESOLUTION 10-85

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution entitled Authorizing Tonnage Grant Application to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection. 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.

RESOLUTION 10-86

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution entitled Authorizing Award Bid to Charles Marandino, LLC. for the Concrete Sidewalk Replacement on Third and Fourth Avenues. The Clerk read the resolution by title. Brian Murphy submitted a correspondence recommending award of the project to Marandino noting that they are presently on site as the sub-contractor for Mathis Construction so they will not have to mobilize their workforce. 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 10-87

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution entitled Honoring Doug Zirkle. 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.

RESOLUTION 10-88

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution entitled Authorizing the Construction Office to refund the local portion of a building permit fee for John Patitucci, Jr. The Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of Scott Smith, seconded by John O'Neill, Sr. to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.

RESOLUTION 10-89

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution entitled Payment of Bills in the amount of \$947,885.75. 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 10-90

COMMITTEE REPORTS

John Daddario commented that the little league opened up on April 10, 2010, with the Mayor throwing the opening pitch, he thanked everyone for coming out. Mr. Daddario also commented that Fire Co. #2 honored William Ewing by dedicating the new rescue truck with a plaque in his behalf.

Scott Smith reported that there was an open space meeting with representatives from DVRPC and ANJEC in attendance to help the committee review the process to determine how to establish priorities for open space acquisition. At the Recreation meeting, the Committee discussed portioning the Sunset Lake Playground and utilizing a rubberized fill material or another mulch alternative as cover material.

Bruce Peterson commented that the Planning Board has been working on the re-examination of the Master Plan and the Redevelopment Plan Guidelines. There should be a solar application coming in for Dubois and Silver Lake Roads at Monday's meeting.

John O'Neill, Sr. reported that the progress on the various water projects can be seen daily. Clement Pappas has been very cooperative regarding the need to schedule backflush operations at Love Lane. The water customers will need to be asked for their cooperation to help reduce water usage over a three day period when WRT begins the calibration of the new radionuclide treatment system.

James Crilley commented on the dedication of the new rescue truck in memory of William "Bill" Ewing. Mr. Crilley stated that there were recent meetings established through CDC with Senator Van Drew and Sweeney to discuss the current problems with state legislation regarding renewable energy facilities. Senator Sweeney will be setting up an additional meeting with Senator Smith. Chairman Crilley recommended that Whitney King fill an opening on Open Space Committee created due to the recent resignation of Joe Lacotte. On a motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by Scott Smith, and unanimously approved.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Roy Spoltore informed the Committee that everyone received notices from the NJLM with regards to the School Budgets. A spreadsheet showing estimations of a County rate based on the recent county equalized assessment information prepared by the County Tax Board. Bostwick Lake had a Commission meeting on Wednesday, with discussions centering on the campsite. Blake Maloney has been working with the construction office, Cumberland County Health Department, and the housing office to make sure everything is compliant with various regulations and moving in the right direction. Community Day is on Saturday, April 24th. The spring newsletter was mailed out today. There is a peddler's license for Big Izzy's Ice Cream for 2010. On motion of John Daddario, seconded by John O'Neill, Sr., to approve the peddler's license, noting that they are not permitted to sell items by the recreation fields, unanimously approved. The email server system should be operational in a week or two. John Hoogendorn has approx. 70 water radio reads they are not on line at this time, so they will receive an estimated water bill this quarter. A voice mail message from Kathy Stewart stated that she thinks that Trenton may be moving to the Townships position on the licensing of the radionuclide operator, Ted Baker will follow up on this for the next meeting. The Committee agreed to temporarily move the existing generator from Love Lane to Public Works until a permanent location can be prepared to service the Municipal Building and Senior Center.

DEPARTMENTAL MONTHLY REPORTS: March 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

The Treasurer's report as of March 31, 2010 shows the balance of the Township accounts is \$7,456,422.84.

At this time James Crilley, Chairman opened the meeting for additional public comments. Trooper Brian Stanker commented that there was an armed robbery at Bank of America, employees of Dollar Tree were going to make deposit on a Sunday and they were robbed at the bank prior to depositing the money in the night deposit. The robber fled the scene with the keys to the employees vehicle, the K-9 followed their trail to the Wawa area. An elderly female had her purse snatched in the parking lot near Dollar Tree. There was also a homicide on Rosenhayn Avenue, the State Police are investigating leads. Mr. Stanker informed everyone of the Stations tipline, which is 451-6034 and 451-0106.

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution Authorizing Closed Session for litigation. 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.

RESOLUTION 10-91

REOPEN TO PUBLIC SESSION

The Township Committee reconvened the public meeting on a motion by Bruce Peterson, seconded by John Daddario unanimously approved. Bruce Peterson made a motion to pull the performance bond for Thoroughbred Court if there is not substantial progress at the work site by next Tuesday, seconded by John O'Neill, and unanimously approved.

On motion by John O'Neill, seconded by Scott Smith and unanimously approve to authorize Ruth Moynihan's attendance at the State Tax Collectors conference in Atlantic City to attain CEU's for her CFO certification at a cost of \$459

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

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa L. Warburton
Recording Secretary

Roy J. Spoltore
Township Clerk