

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF UPPER DEERFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, HELD ON THURSDAY, JUNE 3, 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, Ted Baker, Township Solicitor Teresa Warburton, Recording Secretary, Brian Murphy, Township Engineer and David J. Rogers, Streets and Recreation Supervisor.

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 John Daddario.

Before opening the meeting up to public comment Chairman Crilley explained a proposal that the Township was offering to provide financial assistance to homeowners on First and Second Avenues that need to tie their homes into the new water service lines being installed in the streets. The plan will provide up to \$800 per homeowner as a five year no interest loan to be paid back through their monthly or quarterly water bill. Ted Baker will draw up a template agreement to be used between the homeowner and the plumbing contractor and another agreement between the Township and the homeowner.

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

Virginia Calvin – 1367 Second Avenue – Asked how much will this cost and if the homeowners will have to buy the supplies themselves? Brian Murphy explained that the contractor will supply the materials and that each home is unique but that the loan amount discussed should be sufficient for most hookups. Ms. Calvin questioned the timing of the project and why the residents didn't know sooner. Mr. Murphy explained there were a number of issues with the construction project and contractors will typically only guarantee their pricing for a 30 to 60 day period.

Judy Hussla – 1211 First Avenue – Asked if the loans would be zero % interest? The Committee noted it would be interest free. Ms. Hussla wanted to know if the loan could be paid back sooner. The Committee stated it could be paid back sooner.

Robert Eichmann – First Avenue – Commented that the \$800.00 proposal will be a no frills installation and will include rough grade only.

Michelle White – Second Avenue – Asked about the loan process and repayment plan? Mr. Baker addressed the loan repayment process and the repayment plan. Ms. White asked if the water rates will be increasing. Mr. Baker explained that rates are currently being reviewed.

Trooper Brian Stanker – New Jersey State Police – reported there were a couple of problems at Countryside including a home invasion and a domestic dispute. Trooper Stanker asked the audience if they had any concerns. Comments from the public requested more visibility in the west village of Seabrook, concerns about dirt bikes and an abandoned house on Second Avenue.

There being no further public comments James Crilley, Chairman called for the approval of minutes for the Meeting of May 20, 2010. On motion of John Daddario 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 resolution entitled Authorizing Coin Drop for Upper Deerfield Cumberland Midget Football League. The Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of John Daddario., seconded by Bruce Peterson to approve and adopt said resolution, and unanimously carried 5-0.

RESOLUTION 10-120

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution entitled Sharing Available Resources Efficiently (Share) Grant. The Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of Bruce Peterson., seconded by John O’Neill, Sr. to approve and adopt said resolution, and unanimously carried 5-0.

RESOLUTION 10-121

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution entitled Tax Payments To Be Refunded. The Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of John O’Neill, Sr., seconded by John Daddario, to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 5-0.

RESOLUTION 10-122

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution entitled Resolution Rescinding Rehabilitation Loan to Tanyell Walker With Respect To 1417 Second Avenue In the Seabrook Section of The Township of Upper Deerfield. Ted Baker explained that the Township received notice of financial issues with the property and since rehab work has not begun on the home, it is appropriate to rescind loan. .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 10-123

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution entitled Authorizing Execution of Instruments In Connection With Recast Of Neighborhood Preservation/Small Cities – Eichmann. 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 10-124

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution entitled Payment of Bills in the amount of \$123,139.89. On motion of John O’Neill, Sr., seconded by Bruce Peterson to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.

RESOLUTION 10-125

COMMITTEE REPORTS

John Daddario commented that the Memorial Day program at Laurel Lawn Cemetery was a nice celebration and noted the Maxwell Family does a wonderful job. Mr. Daddario requested that the Township prepare a resolution honoring the Maxwell Family for their efforts. Mr. Daddario also stated that he recently attended the student achievement program at Cumberland Regional and that there were approximately 100 children honored.

Scott Smith – no report.

John O'Neill, Sr. commented that Environmental Commission went over workshop schedule and the members determined their areas of responsibilities when reviewing projects.

Bruce Peterson no report.

James Crilley reported that we received a letter from the Cumberland County Planning Board for a public meeting on open space study on June 22 at Bridgeton Public Library. The County Prosecutors and NJSP sexual awareness program was excellent and they intend to repeat the program again in the fall with more advertisement.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Roy Spoltore informed the Committee that in their packets there is a spreadsheet showing the possible county tax rate based on preliminary budget numbers being proposed and there is a JIF 2009 status update as the Township proceeds through the three year renewal process. The Housing and Zoning office provided a summary of the current properties with high grass issues and the proposed fees to maintain the properties from outside vendors. David Rogers has suggested that since public works has some summer help, the staff could do the maintenance at this time. A list of County Road projects anticipated for this year was distributed. A draft ordinance regulating the usage of daily signs was approved to be sent to the Planning Board for their review. The Wallace's are refinancing their mortgage and have requested their recent home rehabilitation loan be included the refinancing, but would require the Township to authorize a subordinate position on the loan. Ted Baker explained that the appraisal of the property and the total loan amount would still provide ample security for the Township. On a motion of John Daddario, seconded by Scott Smith, to authorize the rehabilitation loan from the Township to be in a subordinate position in the refinancing of the Wallace's mortgage, which was unanimously approved 5-0 on a roll call vote.

RESOLUTION 10-126

The Committee also authorized the introduction of an ordinance providing for the loaning of Home Rehab Recaptured funds for owner occupied properties on First and Second Avenues over a five year period to be repaid through their water bill. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by Scott Smith, unanimously approved 5-0 on a roll call vote.

INSERT ORDINANCE

ENGINEERS REPORT

Brian Murphy reported that he received an email from the contractor regarding the construction progress at Thoroughbred Estates. West Village is going well, water lines all in and sewer laterals going in on Third and Fourth Avenues, sidewalks should start next week sometime. Love Lane is waiting on the State permit. Seabrook Water contractor should be starting in about two weeks.

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

Eileen Clark – Old Deerfield Pike informed the Committee that Simone Collins is looking for input from municipalities to do phone surveys of approximately 200 people and that Bob Brewer from County Planning Board suggested that this is the time for municipalities to make a wish list for open space projects.

With no further public comments, James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution Authorizing Closed Session for discussion of personnel, public safety and possible litigation. The Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by Scott Smith to approve and adopt resolution, unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION 10-127

REOPEN PUBLIC MEETING

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

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa L. Warburton
Recording Secretary

Roy J. Spoltore
Township Clerk