

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF UPPER DEERFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, HELD ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 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, 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 Bruce Peterson.

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

Dean Hawk – asked the committee if they could look into possibly putting in a playground area in the Button Mill Road community, since there are a lot of children within walking distance. The Committee agreed to review the request.

There being no further public comments James Crilley, Chairman called for the approval of minutes for the Meeting of August 19, 2010. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by John T. O'Neill, Sr. to dispense with the reading of the minutes, and unanimously carried with John Daddario abstaining. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by John T. O'Neill, Sr. to accept the minutes as received and unanimously approved 4-0 with John Daddario abstained.

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution entitled Authorizing The Tax Collector To Cancel Taxes – Block 806 Lot 1.01. The Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of John T. O'Neill, Sr., seconded by Bruce Peterson to approve and adopt said resolution, and unanimously carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.

RESOLUTION 10-181

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution entitled Discontinuance Of Bostwick Lake As A Campground. The Clerk read the resolution by title. Bruce Peterson stated the Township should not be in the business of operating a campground. Mayor Crilley reported that there was a meeting of the three municipalities, Alloway, Hopewell and Upper Deerfield, to discuss the future of Bostwick Lake. The three municipalities unanimously agreed to eliminate the campground business and maintain the area as Park for all residents to enjoy. Mr. Peterson added that the rental rates that would be required to operate

an area as a campground would be astronomical and there was not a clear determination as to exactly how much capital funds would be required to bring the facility up to the standards necessary to maintain an area as a campground. John Daddario added that the expenses necessary to maintain the Lake area as a Park would be minimal. On motion of Bruce Peterson., seconded by John Daddario to approve and adopt said resolution, and unanimously carried 5-0.

RESOLUTION 10-182

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution entitled Approval Of Change Order #1 Small Cities Recapture Fund – Devlin. The Clerk read the resolution by title. Mr. Daddario expressed his appreciation to the Township staff for helping to correct a deplorable living condition for the resident. Mr. Peterson noted that the funding for the project came from recaptured home rehabilitation grant funding and there was no cost to the municipality. On motion of Bruce Peterson., seconded by John Daddario to approve and adopt said resolution, and unanimously carried 5-0. on a roll call vote

RESOLUTION 10-183

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution entitled Authorizing Tax Refund For Seabrook Associates, LP, Block 805, Lot 1 For The Year 2010 Based On A Tax Appeal's Memorandum Of Judgement. The Clerk read the resolution by title. Mr. Spoltore explained that this resolution and the next resolution were necessary in order to correct the tax overpayments for the parcels, based on the tax appeal agreements that were determined after the tax assessments on the properties were submitted to the County. On motion of John T. O'Neill, Sr., seconded by Scott Smith. To approve and adopt said resolution, and unanimously carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.

RESOLUTION 10-184

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution entitled Authorizing Tax Refund For Seabrook Associates, LP, Block 806, Lot 1 For 2009 And 2010 Based On Tax Appeal Judgments. The Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of John T. O'Neill, Sr., seconded by John Daddario, to approve and adopt said resolution, and unanimously carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.

RESOLUTION 10-185

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution entitled Payment of Bills in the amount of \$130,434.16. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by Scott Smith to approve and adopt said resolution, and unanimously carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.

RESOLUTION 10-186

COMMITTEE REPORTS

John Daddario reported that snow removal contractors bids have come back in, C & H Disposal, TBI Unlimited, and Dobson Boys. On motion of John Daddario, seconded by Scott Smith to approve these contractors for the upcoming snow removal season, and unanimously approved.

Scott Smith – did not have a report but stated that they let the City of Bridgeton win the Kayak race that was a part of the River Fest activities.

John O’Neill, Sr. made a motion, seconded by Scott Smith for Karen Crackovich to take her level 3 court courses in the amount of \$168.00 with traveling expenses, for Andrea Penny to take a Vital Statistics class in the amount of \$110.00 with no time off and for Teresa Warburton to take a Construction Office class in the amount of traveling expenses and \$10.00 lunch, unanimously carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.

Bruce Peterson – requested approval to purchase two tires for a dump truck, prices were received from Cumberland Tire in the amount of \$612.00 and Fred Harz \$689.94. Quotes were also received to repair body work on the dump truck from Bridgeton Spring & Welding \$1,912.96 and no bid was received from J. Fabricating. On a motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by Scott Smith to approve Cumberland Tire in the amount of \$612.00 and Bridgeton Spring & Welding in the amount of \$1,921.96, unanimously approved 5-0 on a roll call vote. Mr. Peterson will also be attending an award presentation for the SECC from the Japanese Ambassador of the United Nations for the work of the SECC.

James Crilley – Had a personnel matter for closed session.

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Roy Spoltore informed the Committee that the codification process is moving along and we should have the completed product online and on our computers within the next three months. Mr. Cooper received quotes from Hemingway Construction in the amount of \$2,985.00, Steve Levick Construction in the amount of \$2,900.00, and Barnett Construction in the amount of \$3,300.00 to repair the roof at the old State Police Barracks. After discussion by the Committee, Mr. cooper will be asked to have the safety of the surrounding trees be evaluated. Mr. Spoltore reported that the Township has received bids for re-evaluations from Professional Property Appraisals in the amount of \$250,310.00, Vital in the amount of \$254,400.00 and another Company in the amount of \$280,000.00. The Committee would like to move the process along and set up interviews with the firms to evaluate their proposals. He added that minutes from the special Bostwick Lake Minutes were included in their packets and if the Committee wanted they could approve those minutes. On motion of John Daddario, seconded by Bruce Peterson, to approve minutes for the special Bostwick Lake meeting as presented with Scott Smith abstaining, unanimously approved 4-0 on a roll call vote. The NJLM advisories containing a copy of the proposed tool box list from the state which has approximately 88 questions were included in their packet.

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

Ernest Holt – stated that the stone around the Bostwick Lake Dam that Mr. Cobb referred to at the Bostwick Lake meeting should be looked at by someone. Mr. Murphy will be asked to inspect the site.

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

RESOLUTION 10-187

The Committee reopened the public portion of the meeting on a motion by Mr. Daddario, seconded by Mr. Peterson.

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution entitled Amend Prior Resolution No. 06-71 And Prior Resolution No. 09-187 Endorsing Housing And Mortgage Finance Agency Rehabilitation Application On Behalf Of Vesta-Seabrook Urban Renewal III, LLC. The clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by John O'Neill to approve and adopt said resolution, and unanimously carried 5-0.

RESOLUTION NO 10-188

On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by John O'Neill to notify Nathan Mixner that his temporary employment will be terminated on September 17, 2010 and unanimously carried 5-0.

The Township Committee received but did not review the Ralph Brownlee investigatory report. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by John O'Neill and unanimously carried 5-0 that two Township Committeemen and the Township Solicitor provide notice to an employee to hold a preliminary disciplinary hearing for recent incidents, authorizing the panel to levy temporary disciplinary action that may include suspension with or without pay until such time that a formal hearing may be held and noticed.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa L. Warburton
Recording Secretary

Roy J. Spoltore
Township Clerk