

**MINUTES OF THE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
UPPER DEERFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, HELD ON
THURSDAY, MARCH 20, 2014, AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING,
HIGHWAY 77, SEABROOK, NEW JERSEY, PURSUANT TO NOTICE**

Present were: James Crilley, John T. O'Neill, Sr., John Daddario, Bruce Peterson and Scott Smith all being members of the Township Committee. Also present were: Rocco Tedesco, Solicitor; Roy Spoltore, Township Administrator/Clerk; Teresa Warburton, Recording Secretary, David J. Rogers, Streets and Recreation Supervisor, and Amy Colaneri, Treasurer.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman James Crilley and he read the following public meeting announcement.

“This meeting is called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Law. This meeting of March 20, 2014 was included in a list of meetings notice sent to The South Jersey Times and the Press, Cumberland County Edition and advertised in said newspapers on January 13, 2014, posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building on January 6, 2014 and has remained continuously posted as the required notices under the Statue. In addition, a copy of this notice is and has been available to the public and is on file in the office of the Municipal Clerk.

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

At this time James Crilley, Chairman opened the meeting for public comment. Station Commander Lt. James Meyers of NJSP Bridgeton Barracks provided the service call statistics for the month of February. The NJSP has a traffic speed drone which reminds people of their speed and captures the day's activities. The NJSP have been moving it around western Cumberland County collecting data. The commander reminded citizens to lock their car doors at night. Lt. Meyers also provided the stations tip line 856-451-6134 to report information or suspicious activity. Committee members discussed getting accident data for the intersection of Silver Lake Road and Old Deerfield Pike.

There being no other public comments James Crilley, Chairman called for the approval of minutes for the meeting of March 6, 2014. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by John T. O'Neill, Sr., to dispense with the reading of the minutes, and unanimously carried with Scott Smith 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 Scott Smith abstaining.

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution entitled Introduction of 2014 Municipal Budget and 2014 Utility Budget. The Clerk read the resolution by title. Bruce Peterson, James Crilley and Roy Spoltore gave an overview of the 2014 budget. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by Scott Smith to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.

INSERT RESOLUTION

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution entitled Approval of Change Order #1 Small Cities-Warner. The Clerk read the resolution by title. Roy Spoltore gave an overview of the change order. On motion of John T. O'Neill, Sr., seconded by John Daddario to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.

INSERT RESOLUTION

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution entitled Authorizing Interlocal Service Agreement between the Township of Upper Deerfield and Fairfield Township with Respect to the Provision of Construction Code Services. The Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by John T. O'Neill, Sr. to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.

INSERT RESOLUTION

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution entitled Finding and Declaring Upper Deerfield Township to be an Area in Need of Rehabilitation in Support of the Adoption of a Tax Abatement Ordinance Pursuant to NJSA 40a:21-1 Et Seq., the Five Year Exemption and Abatement Law. 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 on a roll call vote.

INSERT RESOLUTION

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution entitled Honoring the 2014 Best of West and South Cumberland Award Winners Sponsored by the Bridgeton Area Chamber Of Commerce, Cumberland Development Corporation and South Jersey Times. 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, unanimously carried 5-0.

INSERT RESOLUTION

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution entitled Certifying Employee Salaries. 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.

INSERT RESOLUTION

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution entitled Opposing the Proposed Stipulation of Agreement between BPU Board Staff and Verizon New Jersey. The Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of John T. O'Neill, Sr., seconded by Scott Smith to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 5-0.

INSERT RESOLUTION

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution entitled Tax Payments to be Refunded. The Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by John T. O'Neill, Sr. to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.

INSERT RESOLUTION

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution entitled Payment of Bills in the amount of \$1,098,314.93. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by John Daddario, to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.

INSERT RESOLUTION

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COMMITTEE COMMENTS

John Daddario did not have a report but wished Terry O'Neill a Happy Birthday.

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Bruce Peterson noted that street lights in the Township need to be evaluated from a perspective of street safety rather than property safety and wished Terry O'Neill a Happy Birthday.

John T. O'Neill, Sr. made a motion to authorize Jeryl Goff to attend the annual construction code conference at a cost of \$95 and for Ed Fleetwood to attend a Rutgers seminar at a cost of \$25. The motion was seconded by John Daddario and unanimously approved on a roll call vote of 5-0. Mr. O'Neill added that Meghan Wren spoke about the Bay Shore Discovery Group at the recent CDC meeting. reported that the true up of the sewer rates will be easier with the inspection fee instead of escrow fees.

Mayor Crilley reported that he attended a meeting regarding the potential creation of a Charter School that would only be open to children residing in Bridgeton, Fairfield Township and Upper Deerfield Township. The Mayor explained that he was concerned about the economic impact such a school would have on the taxpayers in Upper Deerfield Township as state funding follows the children. Mr. Crilley added that he attended the Cumberland Regional School Board meeting and the overall budget will be increasing about 2 %. Mayor Crilley was one of the speakers at a recent meeting of the Bridgeton Chamber of Commerce that discussed recent economic development in the municipalities. The Chairman reminded the Committee about the Public Officials meeting on Tuesday and the "No Tolerance" harassment training on Wednesday and wished Terry O'Neill a Happy Birthday..

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Roy Spoltore informed the Committee that NJLM advisories are in their packets for review and that there will be a session on feral cats at the County Health Department on April 11th. Mr. Spoltore reported that Ricky Slade Construction agreed to temporarily postpone working on the Love Lane Road project while Park Drive is closed. The Committee agreed to have the road repair work stop and reconvene on April 7th. On a motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by Scott Smith, the Committee unanimously agreed on a roll call vote of 5-0 to have the Certificate of Occupancy fee of \$100 and the Rental Registration fee of \$45 be waived for the Upper Deerfield School Board. The Committee agreed to re-advertise the request for bids to purchase and install Modular ADA Accessible Bathrooms at the Upper Deerfield Baseball and Football Areas on a motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by John Daddario and unanimously approved on a roll call vote of 5-0. Proposals were received to purchase an 8 x 10 shed for the recreation fields from Dailey's Hardware in the amount of \$1,400, Dutchway Structures in the amount of \$1,583 and J & J Simple Storage Solutions in the amount of \$1,595. Proposals were also received to purchase a 16 x 10 shed for the Municipal Building from Dailey's Hardware in the amount of \$3,000, Dutchway Structures in the amount of \$3,353 and J & J Simple Storage Solutions in the amount of \$3,545. On a motion of John Daddario, seconded by Bruce Peterson and unanimously approved on a roll call vote of 5-0 to purchase both of the sheds from Dailey's Hardware. Departmental reports for February 2014 are in this evenings packets.

DEPARTMENTAL MONTHLY REPORTS: February 2014

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 Marshall

The Treasurers Report for February 2014 was received and accepted by the Committee.

James Crilley, Chairman opened the meeting for additional public comments. There being no other public comments, James Crilley, Chairman called for a motion to adjourn.

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