

**MINUTES OF THE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
UPPER DEERFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, HELD ON
THURSDAY, JULY 3, 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., 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, Brian Murphy, Township Engineer, Amy Colaneri, Treasurer, Chad Ott, Chief of EMS and David J. Rogers, Streets and Recreation Supervisor. Committeeman John Daddario was unable to attend.

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 July 3, 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. In compliance with the State Fire Safety Statutes, Chairman Crilley instructed those present how to exit the room in an emergency.

James Crilley gave an invocation followed by the flag salute led by Scott Smith.

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

There being no public comments, James Crilley, Chairman called for the approval of minutes for the Meeting of June 19, 2014. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by Scott Smith, to dispense with the reading of the minutes, unanimously carried. On motion of Scott Smith, seconded by Bruce Peterson, to accept the minutes as received and unanimously approved 4-0.

James Crilley, Chairman called for a discussion and introduction of an ordinance entitled, Ordinance Amending Chapter 396 of the Code of the Township of Upper Deerfield with Respect to Water Use and Fees. The Clerk read the proposed Ordinance by title. Roy Spoltore explained that the ordinance provides for an increase in the water use fees to help offset the operating costs of the water system and added that the fire suppression charges will go to a monthly billing from a quarterly billing. On motion of John T. O'Neill, Sr., seconded by Scott Smith to approve and adopt proposed ordinance on first reading and setting the date for public hearing on August 7, 2014 at 7:00 pm and was carried 4-0 on a roll call vote. The Chairman instructed the Clerk to advertise same in the South Jersey Times as required by law and copies to be made available upon request.

INSERT ORDINANCE

James Crilley, Chairman called for a discussion and introduction of an ordinance entitled, Amending and Supplementing Chapter 360 of the Upper Deerfield Township Code. The Clerk read the proposed Ordinance by title. Rocco Tedesco, Solicitor explained that the ordinance provides for a five year tax abatement only on the increased appraised property value of improvements to homes that are at least 20 years old. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by Scott Smith, to approve and adopt proposed ordinance on first reading and setting the date for public hearing on August 7, 2014 at 7:00 pm and was carried 4-0 on a roll call vote. The Chairman instructed the Clerk to advertise same in the South Jersey Times as required by law and copies to be made available upon request.

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Chairman Crilley called for Resolutions 14-161 through 14-190 to be combined as a consent agenda and voted upon as one item. Motion by Mr. Peterson seconded by Mr. O’Neill, Sr., to have Resolutions 14-161 to 14-190 combined as a Consent Agenda, and unanimously carried. Roy Spoltore, Clerk then read each resolution by title. On a motion by Mr. Peterson, seconded by Mr. O’Neill, Sr., Resolutions 14-161-14-190 were unanimously approved by a roll call vote of 4-0.

Resolution 14-161 – Imposing Lien on Block 402, Lot 21 – 43 W. Deerfield Rd. - Petersen.

INSERT RESOLUTION

Resolution 14-162 - Imposing Lien on Block 804, Lot 2 – 2 Deerfield Dr. Ext. - Ross.

INSERT RESOLUTION

Resolution 14-163 - Imposing Lien on Block 907, Lot 9 – 1104 First Ave. - Devlin.

INSERT RESOLUTION

Resolution 14-164 - Imposing Lien on Block 910, Lot 1 – 1520 Third Ave. - Epright.

INSERT RESOLUTION

Resolution 14-165 - Imposing Lien on Block 914, Lot 3 – 1818 Fourth Ave. - Athey.

INSERT RESOLUTION

Resolution 14-166 - Imposing Lien on Block 915, Lot 10–1803 Fourth Ave.–MBM Properties III, LLC

INSERT RESOLUTION

Resolution 14-167 - Imposing Lien on Block 1003, Lot 14 – 8 Seeley Rd. - Spagnolo.

INSERT RESOLUTION

Resolution 14-168 - Imposing Lien on Block 1106, Lot 3 – 6 Silver Brook Drive -Shrader.

INSERT RESOLUTION

Resolution 14-169 - Imposing Lien on Block 1202, Lot 7 – 1241 Highway 77 - CCTS Tax Liens 1.

INSERT RESOLUTION

Resolution 14-170 - Imposing Lien on Block 1504, Lot 85 – 23 Granada Drive -Fisher.

INSERT RESOLUTION

Resolution 14-171 - Imposing Lien on Block 1507, Lot 17 – 21 Dawson Drive-Timm.

INSERT RESOLUTION

Resolution 14-172 Imposing Lien on Block 2001, Lot 1 – 2 Landis Avenue –Bridgeton Property, LLC.

INSERT RESOLUTION

Resolution 14-173 - Imposing Lien on Block 2009, Lot 12 – 2025 Grant Avenue -Schilling.

INSERT RESOLUTION

Resolution 14-174 - Imposing Lien on Block 2401, Lot 47.03 – 38 E. Finley Road -Kolva.

INSERT RESOLUTION

Resolution 14-175 - Imposing Lien on Block 2501, Lot 54.01 – 27 Orillia Drive -Grady.

INSERT RESOLUTION

Resolution 14-176 - Imposing Lien on Block 807, Lot 2–1002-1003 Highway 77–School Village, LLC.

INSERT RESOLUTION

Resolution 14-177 - Imposing Lien on Block 807, Lot 4–1007 E. Parsonage Road–School Village, LLC.

INSERT RESOLUTION

Resolution 14-178 - Imposing Lien on Block 808, Lot 1 – 1010 Olde Road – School Village, LLC.

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Resolution 14-179 - Imposing Lien on Block 808, Lot 4–1017 E. Parsonage Road–School Village, LLC

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Resolution 14-180 - Imposing Lien on Block 808, Lot 9–1022 E. Parsonage Road–School Village, LLC

INSERT RESOLUTION

Resolution 14-181 - Imposing Lien on Block 808, Lot 14 – 1012 School Lane – School Village, LLC.

INSERT RESOLUTION

Resolution 14-182 - Imposing Lien on Block 909, Lot 16–1209 First Avenue–Gunnison Properties, LLC

INSERT RESOLUTION

Resolution 14-183 - Imposing Lien on Block 910, Lot 14–1415 Second Avenue–Kerr & Associates, LLC

INSERT RESOLUTION

Resolution 14-184 - Imposing Lien on Block 913, Lot 7–1706 Fourth Avenue–Gunnison Properties, LLC

INSERT RESOLUTION

Resolution 14-185 - Imposing Lien on Block 913, Lot 19–1606 Third Avenue–Kerr & Associates, LLC.

INSERT RESOLUTION

Resolution 14-186 - Imposing Lien on Block 1504, Lot 17 – 12 Hood Drive – Hepner.

INSERT RESOLUTION

Resolution 14-187 - Imposing Lien on Block 1504, Lot 40–7 Granada Drive –Merit Construction, LLC.

INSERT RESOLUTION

Resolution 14-188 - Imposing Lien on Block 1808, Lot 27 – 66 Old Deerfield Pike – Swing.

INSERT RESOLUTION

Resolution 14-189 - Imposing Lien on Block 2401, Lot 21 – 142 Landis Avenue -Reed.

INSERT RESOLUTION

Resolution 14-190 - Imposing Lien on Block 2701, Lot 16 – 230 Rosenhayn Avenue -Brady.

INSERT RESOLUTION

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution entitled Requesting New Jersey DEP, Division of Fish and Wildlife to Determine the Species of Origin for the E. Coli Contamination Found in the Cohansey River Watershed. The Clerk read the resolution by title. Mr. Peterson stated that the Environmental Commission and CAWA have recommended that Upper Deerfield Township adopt this resolution. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by Scott Smith to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 4-0 on a roll call vote.

INSERT RESOLUTION

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution entitled Granting Final Approval of the Casper (2) Application to Sell Development Easement. The Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of Scott Smith, seconded by John T. O’Neill, Sr., to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 4-0 on a roll call vote.

INSERT RESOLUTION

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution entitled Reaffirmation of Requirements for Health Benefits for Township Employees and Officials. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by Scott Smith to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 4-0 on a roll call vote.

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James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution entitled Payment of Bills in the amount of \$530,482.28. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by Scott Smith, to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 4-0 on a roll call vote.

INSERT RESOLUTION

DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLE LIQUOR REFERENDUM

Rocco Tedesco, Solicitor stated that the last time the issue was voted upon was in 1972. In order for the issue to be placed on the November ballot, a petition with signatures of 15% of the voters who voted in the last general assembly election would be required and the Township Committee would have to pass a resolution authorizing the inclusion of the referendum on the ballot thirty days prior to the election. If the referendum would be approved by the voters, based on the Township's population, 2 consumption licenses, 1 distribution license and possibly 1 distribution license for the redevelopment area could be issued. The first thing to do is to prepare a petition and explain to the public that the intent is to be prepared for future development opportunities should they arise.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Scott Smith did not have a report this evening.

Bruce Peterson reported that the Environmental Commission asked if the township has the right to enter Poor Boy Pallet property which is state owned to make sure that their pallet storage is not encroaching into the wetlands in that area. Solicitor Tedesco will review which governmental agency has the authority to investigate.

John T. O'Neill, Sr. stated that the Cumberland County Freeholders will be holding a public hearing on July 15th regarding a potential green acres acquisition grant for the Sunset Lake LLC property.

Mayor Crilley reported that the Cusano's sent a thank you letter for attending their sons Eagle Scout induction. Mayor Crilley stated that the EMS squad did a great job with their open house and they are a great group of men and women who do a great job. The Mayor presented Kelsey Thompson and Anthony DeMarco with the Upper Deerfield Township Humanities Awards at this year's eight grade graduation ceremony. On Monday July 7th at 11 am at Dilisi's Restaurant they will be having a ceremony commemorating their 35th anniversary and everyone is invited.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Roy Spoltore informed the Committee that the air conditioner installation in the upstairs foyer area was completed today around 3:30 pm. The doors for the back door and the museum are set for installation next week. The Recycling Center building demolition is scheduled for next Wednesday and Thursday. Andrea Penny, Tax Collector recently held the tax sale and 95 properties were included in the sale and approximately 8 or 9 properties were not bid upon. The County Tax Board has provided the tentative tax rate for 2014 which shows an increase of approximately 10 cents per hundred; a draft of a letter explaining the tax distribution to be sent out with the tax bills is attached for review. A spreadsheet showing the commercial businesses excess sewer charges breakdown and the recent NJLM Advisories were included in this evening's packets for review. Friday, July 11th is the deadline for the newsletter submissions. The Open Space Institute will not get involved with the green acres application for the Sunset Lake LLC property unless there is a signed contract with the property owner. The owner of the property was given a deadline to agree to sell the property at the appraised value otherwise the County and Township will have to look into other properties such as Silver Lake Estates. A meeting to hold a public hearing for a green acres acquisition grant on other open space parcels will be held on July 28th or July 29th. Potential 2015 Small Cities facilities grant applications could be a continuation of the ADA compliance for the recreation area or the Utility committee is looking into replacing old sewer mains in the Seabrook Area. The Committee agreed to pursue the replacement of sewer mains in the Seabrook area.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Brian Murphy reported that he and Roy Spoltore met with the FEMA Representatives for Love Lane road repairs and Colonial Terrace erosion issues caused by Hurricane Irene and was very pleased with the

meeting. It appears that the upstairs air conditioning issue at the EMS building may be that there was not sufficient insulation in the building and that the unit subsequently was undersized. None of this is the responsibility of the General Contractor and Mr. Murphy feels that they have completed their contract. The ADA Bathrooms are scheduled to be delivered around the middle of August for installation. EPA has the map showing the well locations and well numbers at the old landfill site on Centerton Road. The Township is waiting for EPA to determine which wells need to be tested and what they need to be tested for. The Municipal Building parking lot expansion is scheduled to begin at the end of July or early part of August. Mr. Murphy reported that he met with Committeeman Daddario to determine the best location to construct a basketball court near Veteran's Drive. Mayor Crilley explained that the school board was not willing to cooperate to re-install basketball racks on school grounds, so the Township will be adding a basketball court at the recreation area. The Committee expressed their disappointment that the school board was not willing to cooperate. Mayor Crilley wished everyone a happy 4th of July.

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

With no public comments, James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution Authorizing Closed Session to update the Committee on personnel and other matters requiring attorney client privileged confidential communications. The Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by Scott Smith to approve and adopt resolution, unanimously carried 5-0.

INSERT RESOLUTION

The Committee reopened the public portion of the meeting on a motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by Scott Smith and unanimously carried.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, on motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by John T. O'Neill, Sr. to adjourn, unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa L. Warburton, Recording Secretary

Roy J. Spoltore, Township Clerk