

**MINUTES OF THE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
UPPER DEERFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, HELD ON
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2014, AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING,
HIGHWAY 77, SEABROOK, NEW JERSEY, PURSUANT TO NOTICE**

Present were: Bruce Peterson, John T. O'Neill, Sr., Scott Smith and John Daddario 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. Chairman James Crilley was unable to attend the meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman John T. O'Neill, Sr. 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 September 18, 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, Vice Chairman O'Neill instructed those present how to exit the room in an emergency.

Vice Chairman John T. O'Neill, Sr. called for a moment of silence followed by the flag salute led by John Daddario.

At this time Vice Chairman John T. O'Neill, Sr. opened the meeting for public comment.

Lt. Meyers, Station Commander of New Jersey State Police Bridgeton barracks reported the July statistics which consisted of 1183 calls, 393 were in Upper Deerfield Township, the breakdown of calls consisted of 334 total motor vehicle stops with 125 in Upper Deerfield, 156 criminal allegations with 51 in Upper Deerfield, 50 motor vehicle accidents with 20 in Upper Deerfield. There had been a number of stealing of property from cars in the vicinity of Husted Station Road and they were able to make an arrest.

There being no other public comments, Vice Chairman John T. O'Neill, Sr. called for the approval of minutes for the Meeting of September 4, 2014. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by John Daddario, to dispense with the reading of the minutes, unanimously carried. On motion of John Daddario, seconded by Bruce Peterson, to accept the minutes as received, and unanimously approved 3-0 with Bruce Peterson abstaining.

Vice-Chairman John T. O'Neill, Sr. called for a discussion and introduction of an ordinance entitled, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 685 Fixing Salaries of Certain Officials of the Township of Upper Deerfield in the County of Cumberland, Providing the terms of payment thereof. The Clerk read the proposed Ordinance by title. 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 October 2, 2014 at 7:00 pm and was carried 4-0 on a roll call vote. The Vice-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

Vice-Chairman John T. O'Neill, Sr. called for a resolution entitled Payment of Bills in the amount of \$1,064,601.93. 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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

John Daddario reported that the backboards are up at the basketball courts and are being used. He added the recreation area is looking good from the recent improvements.

Scott Smith stated that the small dump truck needs to have the rear drive axel replaced, a quote was received from Novick's to replace the rear drive axel in the amount of \$4,560.00. The committee discussed getting some additional quotes and on motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by John Daddario to authorize repair of the truck in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00, unanimously approved 4-0 on a roll call vote. Mr. Smith congratulated Bruce Peterson on receiving an award for his 20 years of service with the SECC.

Bruce Peterson commended John Daddario on his efforts in getting the basketball courts installed and helping out the children in the community.

Vice-Chairman, John T. O'Neill, Sr. congratulated Bruce Peterson on receiving the Pearl Award from the SECC and Amy Colaneri for passing the last class toward CFO. Mr. O'Neill presented a request for CEU's at the League of Municipalities from Patty Adams and Marion Higbee at a cost of \$150.00, the office will be staffed in their absence. On motion of John Daddario, seconded by Scott Smith, to authorize CEU classes for Patty Adams and Marion Higbee, unanimously approved 4-0 on a roll call vote.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Roy Spoltore informed the Committee that Chad Ott has met with Scott air packs representatives to obtain specifications so that the Township may go out to bid. Free flu shots will be given on October 6th from 11-1 pm at the Senior Center, as part of the Cumberland County Health Department services. The New Jersey League of Municipalities will be held 11/18-11/20 this year. This evening's packet contains NJLM Mayors Advisories and departmental reports for August. The convenience center building should be completed soon and the contractor is installing new roadway paths as the center's long-range plans continue to be implemented. John Karkocha and Roy Spoltore met with the local schools HVAC/Plumbing/Electrical Technician to go over various projects that the Township will want to have completed as part of our shared service agreement. Mr. Spoltore reported that the JIF will be releasing a dividend in the amount of \$625,000 proportionately to the member municipalities. The Committee authorized a hardship request for a convenience center sticker to Adrian Cortazar.

The Treasurer's report was accepted.

Rocco Tedesco reported that banks are required to notify the municipal clerk when they are beginning foreclosure of abandoned or vacant properties.

At this time Vice-Chairman, John T. O'Neill, Sr. opened the meeting for public comments.

Nancy Ridgway of Irving Avenue commended Amy Colaneri for passing her class.

With no public comments, Vice-Chairman, John T. O'Neill, Sr. called for a resolution Authorizing Closed Session to update the Committee on pending litigation 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 4-0.

INSERT RESOLUTION

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

With no public comments and no further business to come before the Committee, on a motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by John Daddario, to adjourn the meeting, and unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa L. Warburton, Recording Secretary

Roy J. Spoltore, Township Clerk