

**MINUTES OF THE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
UPPER DEERFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, HELD ON
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 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 and Bruce Peterson all being members of the Township Committee. Also present were: Rocco Tedesco, Solicitor; Roy Spoltore, Township Administrator/Clerk; Teresa Warburton, Recording Secretary and Amy Colaneri, Treasurer. Committeeman Scott Smith 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 November 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. 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 Bruce Peterson.

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

Lt. Meyers, Station Commander of New Jersey State Police reported there were 1,112 service calls in October, of which 394 were in Upper Deerfield. The partial breakdown for the month in the Township consisted of 112 motor vehicle stops, 78 criminal and 36 motor vehicle accidents. The State Police will have a smaller scale active shooter drill on December 12th at Cumberland Regional.

There being no other public comments, Chairman James Crilley called for the approval of minutes for the Meeting of November 6, 2014. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by John Daddario, to dispense with the reading of the minutes, unanimously carried. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by John T. O'Neill, Sr., to accept the minutes as received, and unanimously approved 4-0.

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution entitled Honoring Robert C. Dubois for his service as Upper Deerfield Township Planning Board Engineer. 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 4-0.

INSERT RESOLUTION

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution entitled Appointing Roy J. Spoltore Township Clerk. 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, unanimously carried 4-0 on a roll call vote.

INSERT RESOLUTION

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution entitled Directing the Distribution of the Township of Upper Deerfield net returned Surplus Funds Held in Trust by The Atlantic County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund. 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 4-0 on a roll call vote.

INSERT RESOLUTION

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution entitled providing and Delivering Various Traffic and Sign Materials through a Cooperative Price Contract with The County of Cumberland. 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 4-0 on a roll call vote.

INSERT RESOLUTION

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution entitled To Purchase Rock Salt through a Cooperative Price Contract with The County of Cumberland. The Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of John Daddario, seconded by Bruce Peterson 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 Tax Payments to be refunded. The Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of John Daddario, seconded by John T. O'Neill, Sr. to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 4-0 on a roll call vote.

INSERT RESOLUTION

Chairman James Crilley called for a resolution entitled Payment of Bills in the amount of \$939,554.99. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by John T. O'Neill, Sr. to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 4-0 on a roll call vote.

INSERT RESOLUTION

COMMITTEE REPORTS

John Daddario reported that at the NJLM Conference they looked at a couple of different wood chipper models. After further review it appears that the lower priced Bandit wood chipper seems to be getting the best reviews from other public works employees and have the best safety features. The unit is approx. \$36,000.00.

Bruce Peterson stated that the second window sample is on display. The committee requested that Roy Spoltore talk with the CCIA to see what options may be available for the purchase of the new windows.

Deputy Vice Chairman, John T. O'Neill, Sr. added that the equipment exhibitors at the NJLM Conference were offering less features due to the current economy.

Chairman, James Crilley reported that all of the Committee members and the administrator did attend the JIF Elected Officials Liability meeting last week and the Township will receive a \$250 credit off of next year's insurance premium for each individual's attendance. Mayor Crilley read a letter he received from third district legislative office congratulating the Township on being awarded two Community Development Block grants; one for \$400,000.00 for replacing the main sanitary sewer distribution lines in Seabrook and \$150,000.00 for Housing Rehabilitation program in the Township. Mr. Crilley congratulated Mark Blauer, Brian Murphy and Roy Spoltore on a job well done.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Roy Spoltore informed the Committee that the fire truck from company #1 sold and has been picked up, the Bobcat skid steer has been paid for and are waiting for the buyer from Illinois to pick it up. The Giant Vac was sold but has not been paid for so we are in the process of putting it back on Govdeals for sale. If it does not sell after the second auction the committee requested that the unit be scrapped for metal. The zealite filter media change is under way at the Love Lane facility and should be completed before Thanksgiving. The official Small Cities grant notice from DCA will be forthcoming and chapter 159 resolutions will be placed on the next meeting agenda so that we can begin move forward with the projects. The RFP's for banking services are due back 11/26/14, while the RFP's for professional services, hauling containers at the recycling center and the lease of 17 acres of land formerly known as the Steliga development are due on 12/2/14. The October Department reports, NJLM advisories and Hopewell Township's alcoholic beverage ordinance are contained in this evening's packet. Mr. Spoltore added that after a discussion with Green Acres officials they would allow the Township to increase the grant amount that was requested for Open Space acquisition. After a brief discussion the Committee decided to request an increase the grant amount from \$462,000 to \$550,000 on a motion by Bruce Peterson, seconded by John T. O'Neill and unanimously approve on a roll call vote of 4-0.

INSERT RESOLUTION

The Treasurer's report for October was accepted.

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

Dean Hawk of Merritt Avenue was surprised that Planning Board members did not seem aware of the litigation that arose as a result of the proposed Wal-Mart expansion. Rocco Tedesco, Solicitor stated that the existence of the litigation was public and the litigation was challenging the validity of an ordinance due to alleged deficiencies. Discussion and updates of the litigation with the Township Committee was held in the Executive Closed Sessions.

Nancy Ridgway of Irving Avenue reminded the Committee that the South Jersey Transportation Planning Organization Citizen's Advisory Committee will be holding a meeting in the Township's court room on 11/24/14 at 6:30 pm if anyone can attend.

With no other public comments, Chairman James Crilley called for a resolution Authorizing Closed Session to update the Committee on Contracts, Personnel, 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 John Daddario 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 John Daddario and unanimously carried.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa L. Warburton, Recording Secretary

Roy J. Spoltore, Township Clerk