

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF UPPER DEERFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, HELD ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 21, 2015 AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, HIGHWAY 77, SEABROOK, NEW JERSEY, PURSUANT TO NOTICE.

Present were: James Crilley, Chairman, Bruce Peterson, John Daddario, and Scott Smith all being members of the Township Committee. Also present were: Roy Spoltore, Township Clerk/Administrator, Rocco Tedesco, Township Solicitor, Teresa Warburton, Recording Secretary, Brian Murphy, Township Engineer, and Chad Ott, EMS Chief.

The meeting was called to order with a public announcement statement read by James Crilley, Chairman.

“This meeting is being held in accordance with the “Open Public Meetings Act”. Notice of meeting has been provided and published as required by law in the South Jersey Times and the Press, Cumberland County Edition. Notice has also been posted in the Municipal Building. The Clerk shall enter this statement in the minutes of this meeting. In compliance with State Fire Safety Statutes the Mayor instructed those present how to exit the room in an emergency.

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

James Crilley, Chairman opened the meeting for public comment.

Sgt. Rapetti of the NJ State Police provided activity statistics for the month of April 2015 in Upper Deerfield. He stated that there were 340 service calls consisting of 277 Motor Vehicle stops, 60 Criminal Investigations, 28 Motor Vehicle Accidents and 20 burglaries. An individual has been arrested for 7 of the burglaries. The Sergeant reported that most burglaries happen in daylight hours when people are at school or work so if you see someone in the neighborhood that does not belong there please call the NJSP as soon as possible. Nancy Ridgway asked the Sergeant if the data showed a location of traffic fatalities. He stated he would see if that could be added to the reports. The local barracks is also working with Countryside Village for their annual National Night Out activities on August 4th.

With no other comments from the public, James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution Authorizing a Closed Session to update the Committee on contracts 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 Scott Smith and unanimously carried 4-0.

James Crilley, Chairman called for the approval of minutes for the meeting of May 21, 2015. On a motion of Bruce Peterson., seconded by Scott Smith, to dispense with the reading of the minutes, and to accept the minutes as received, was unanimously approved 4-0.

James Crilley, Chairman called for a public hearing Authorizing the Acquisition of Lands Consisting of 119 Acres, More or Less, Identified on the Upper Deerfield Township Tax Map as Lots 1 and 5 of Block 1601 and Lot 12 of Block 1701. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by Scott Smith, to open the meeting for a public hearing unanimously approved 4-0 on a roll call vote. Nancy Ridgway of

Irving Avenue stated that this has been a long time coming and will cost a lot of money, hopefully well spent and Sunset Lake is filled with water again. Dean Hawk of Merritt Avenue expressed his support of purchasing this property for open space. Mr. Hawk asked if the property will have any restrictions. Mr. Tedesco, Solicitor stated that this property will most likely remain as passive open space. Ed Flood of Highway 77 asked about what percentage of local funding would be used for the purchase? He was informed that approximately one sixth of the cost would come from local funds. Mr. Peterson added that this is the only application in the Township he could remember that drew such a large number of residents throughout the township to each meeting of the Planning Board that were vocally opposed to and organized against. On a motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by John Daddario to close the public hearing and unanimously carried 4-0. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by Scott Smith to approve and adopt proposed ordinance, unanimously carried 4-0 on a roll call vote.

INSERT ORDINANCE

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution entitled Commemorating Century Savings Bank Sesquicentennial Anniversary. The Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of Scott Smith, seconded by John Daddario to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 4-0.

INSERT RESOLUTION

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution entitled Appointing Part Time Emergency Medical Technician – Jessie Keen. The Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of John Daddario, seconded by Scott Smith to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 4-0 on a roll call vote.

INSERT RESOLUTION

Rocco Tedesco, Solicitor reported that the Planning Board has the authority to hire outside professionals to review sections of an applicant's development documents through the applicants escrow account. The Planning Board is interested in hiring a consultant to review the noise report of K & E Holdings land mining application. James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution entitled confirming the Planning Boards Authority to Retain Professional Consultant. The Solicitor read the 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

Rocco Tedesco, Solicitor stated that he has had discussions with Jeffrey R. Surenian, Esq. requesting his professional assistance as Mr. Tedesco begins reviewing the Township's Housing Element and Fair Share Housing requirement. The Fair Share Housing group has prepared third round numbers that they believe should be required for each municipality. James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution entitled Authorizing Professional Service Agreement with Jeffrey R. Surenian and Associates, LLC for the Services of Long Time COAH Expert, Dr. Robert Burchell to Determine Municipal "Fair Share" Numbers. The Clerk read the resolution by title. 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 Authorizing Professional Service Agreement with Jeffrey R Surenian and Associates, LLC for the Services as Special Counsel. The Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of Bruce Peterson, 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 Payment of Bills, in the amount of \$189,842.89. 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 he continues to get positive calls regarding the conditions of the recreation fields and the Township roads. He added that the Sports Complex looks the best it has ever looked and the road department has repaired 28 drainage inlets so far this year.

Scott Smith agreed with Mr. Daddario as he has also been getting very positive phone calls.

Bruce Peterson reported that he had a meeting with Brian Murphy, Township Engineer, Roy Spoltore, Township Administrator and John Karkocha regarding the Convenience Center Building which is almost complete. He added that the old ramp will be coming down soon and the site is slowly getting into shape. The color of the windows for the municipal building colors have been determined and the CCIA is will be taking the lead on getting the material quotes.

Mayor Crilley reported three CEU application requests for Court. Patty Adams and Marion Higbee for State Certifications cost of \$60.00, Marion Higbee MAC VPM cost of \$53.28, and Patty Adams and Marion Higbee MCAA NJ Bail reform cost of \$95.00. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by Scott Smith to approve the CEU's classes for Court personnel, unanimously approved 4-0 on a roll call vote.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Roy Spoltore reported that the JIF Quarterly Reports ending March 2015 are in this evening's packet for your review. There will be a meeting on Friday with certified Green Acres appraisers to review any changes in the Township over the last 18 months. The 2014 Audit is in your packet and there will be a resolution at the next meeting stating that you have reviewed at a minimum the general comments of the auditor, which once again show that there are "No Recommendations". Mr. Spoltore presented an application that was received from 339 Woodruff Carmel Road for a convenience center sticker. Van Robbins owns nearly 8.5 acres of which the home is located on 5+ acres in Deerfield Township with 3+ land locked acres with no improvements in Upper Deerfield. He was requesting a sticker to remove brush from the property. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by Scott Smith to provide temporary weekend permits for brush removal only when requested, and unanimously approved 4-0. Mr. Spoltore presented a subdivision map on Tice's Lane that shows a road being dedicated to the Township back in the 1930's, however this road does not show up on the Township tax maps. Grant Coleman of Can House Road

recently purchased the property and is trying to preserve the farmland that is located in Upper Deerfield and Alloway Township through the State's Farmland Preservation Program. Mr. Coleman has copies of previous deeds and surveys of the land and has been working with Brian Rosenberger for the past two and a half weeks who has been researching Township records. Rocco Tedesco, Solicitor said that just because the survey map says the road was dedicated to the Township does not mean that the Township accepted the road. The Solicitor will follow up with Barry Gleissner, tax map surveyor and Brian Rosenberger, Assessor to determine what should be done. Mr. Spoltore presented a letter from Sabrina Butterworth of Centerton Road requesting a payment plan for back taxes owed on the property she inherited known as Block 1108 Lot 1.01. The tax payment plan prepared by the Tax Collector was reviewed by the Committee. James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution entitled Authorizing Installment Tax Payments Regarding Block 1108 Lot 1.01 on the Tax Map of The Township of Upper Deerfield, on motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by Scott Smith, unanimously approved 4-0 on a roll call vote.

INSERT RESOLUTION

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Brian Murphy reported that the sewer effluent testing at Cumberland Regional and Seabrook Brothers both came back within the limits. Mr. Murphy will continue to review the situation. The Small Cities sewer project in Seabrook will be out for bid next week. Mr. Murphy is contacting State officials to find the appropriate official to review the removal of street lights on State Highways.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

The Solicitor did not have anything else to report this evening but had an issue to discuss with Committee in closed.

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

Dean Hawk of Merritt Avenue asked where the third round number of affordable housing units came from. Mr. Tedesco stated that these numbers have no legal standing and are from the Fair Share Housing group. Mr. Hawk suggested that if the township has had the same auditor for several years that they change the auditors periodically. He added that if the Township reduces the number of street lights that the billing reflects their removal. Mr. Crilley commented that the Township is at the mercy of the Electric Company with how quickly they remove the lights once they have been properly identified.

Nancy Ridgway of Irving Avenue commented that the CCIA is still collecting electronics and stated the individuals doing the audits typically are not the same year to year. Ms. Ridgway questioned why the cities did not have any fair share housing requirements under the proposal from the group. Mr. Tedesco replied that cities are typically Urban Aid municipalities. There will be telephone teleconference on June 23rd regarding the BPU and Verizon stipulation agreement for copper wire lines.

With no other public comments, James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution Authorizing Closed Session to for a resolution Authorizing Closed Session to update the Committee on contracts 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.

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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 Scott Smith, to adjourn the meeting, and unanimously carried 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa L. Warburton, Recording Secretary

Roy J. Spoltore, Township Clerk