

**MINUTES OF THE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
UPPER DEERFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, HELD ON
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2016, AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING,
HIGHWAY 77, SEABROOK, NEW JERSEY, PURSUANT TO NOTICE**

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

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

"This meeting is being held in accordance with the "Open Public Meetings Act." Notice of the meeting has been provided and published as required by law in the Daily Journal 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 Statues the Chairman instructs those present how to exit the room in an emergency."

James Crilley gave an invocation followed by the flag salute led by John Daddario.

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

Dean Hawk of Merritt Avenue asked about the two types of alcoholic beverage licenses. Rocco Tedesco, Solicitor gave an overview of the two types of licenses and that the Township must follow the State ABC Laws either of license types that are available.

ANJEC Presentation – Sandy Morrissey, Chairperson and Lynn Maun, Vice Chairperson of the Environmental Commission informed the Committee that the Commission would like to request a grant from ANJEC to seed the bottom of the Quail Ridge basin and purchase an interpretative sign for the proposed project. The Commission was seeking the support of the Committee for the project. The Committee agreed to give support the grant request and would do so formally once the application is completed.

There being no other public comments James Crilley, Chairman called for the approval of minutes for the meeting of February 4, 2016. 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, unanimously approved 5-0.

James Crilley, Chairman called for a public hearing on an ordinance entitled, Amending Chapter 114 of the Code of the Township of Upper Deerfield with Respect to Alcoholic Beverages. The Clerk read the proposed Ordinance by title. On motion of John Daddario, seconded by Scott Smith to open the meeting for a public hearing on the proposed ordinance, and unanimously carried. The Chairman instructed the Clerk to distribute copies to those present. There being no public comments, on motion of John Daddario, seconded by Scott Smith to close the public hearing and unanimously carried. On motion of John Daddario, seconded by Scott Smith to approve and adopt proposed ordinance, unanimously carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.

INSERT ORDINANCE

James Crilley, Chairman called for a public hearing on an ordinance entitled, Amending Ordinance 720 Fixing Salaries of Certain Officials of the Township of Upper Deerfield in the County of Cumberland, Providing for the terms of Payment Thereof. The Clerk read the proposed Ordinance by title. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by John T. O'Neill, Sr. to open the meeting for a public hearing on the proposed ordinance, and unanimously carried. The Chairman instructed the Clerk to distribute copies to those present. There being no public comments, on motion of John Daddario, seconded by John T. O'Neill, Sr. to close the public hearing and unanimously carried. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by John T. O'Neill, Sr. to approve and adopt proposed ordinance, unanimously carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.

INSERT ORDINANCE

Chairman James Crilley called for a discussion and introduction of an ordinance entitled, Bond Ordinance Providing for 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 in Block 1701 in and By the Township of Upper Deerfield, In the County of Cumberland, New Jersey Appropriating \$180,000.00 Therefore and Authorizing the Issuance of \$171,000.00 Bonds or Notes of the Township for Financing the Cost 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 March 3, 2016 at 7:00 pm and was carried 5-0 on a roll call vote. The Chairman instructed the Clerk to advertise same in the Daily Journal as required by law and copies to be made available upon request.

INSERT ORDINANCE

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution entitled Resolution Cancel Balance of Funds Remaining in Ordinance Number 602. 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 5-0 on a roll call vote.

INSERT RESOLUTION

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution entitled Payment of Bills, in the amount of \$1,090,697.86. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by John Daddario, to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 5-0 on a roll call vote with John Daddario abstained on Jem Print.

INSERT RESOLUTION

COMMITTEE COMMENTS

John Daddario did not have a report this evening.

Scott Smith did not have a report this evening.

Bruce Peterson did not have a report this evening.

John T. O'Neill, Sr. reported that the USDA was updating their compliance reports for the Township. Roy Spoltore and Brian Murphy met with the representative and they discussed the replacement of the lift station at Carlls Corner and the slip lining of sewer mains in Seabrook. They also discussed the replacement of the water tower in Seabrook. Preliminary applications can be made in April and July of this year. It was recommended to apply for USDA funding after the Township

would receive approval from the Small Cities program to replace the water tower in order to maximize the grant amount of the project.

Mayor Crilley informed the Committee of the recent business visits to Fasental, Pizza Hut, Peebles, Center for Diagnostic Imaging, Shop Rite & BB&T Bank. The businesses are very optimistic but retail is having some problems with shoplifting. March 12, 2016 is the Greater Bridgeton Legends Event and John Fuyume will be honored. The Economic Development business summit will be held at 5:30 pm on February 23, 2016 at the Upper Deerfield Township Senior Center. CDC reorganized for 2016 and two items of focus will be Verizon land lines and the amount of open space that is being purchased by non-profit organizations in a municipality. The Mayor and Deputy Mayor attended the recent CCIA advisory meeting and the biggest issue is E waste. There is a mandatory meeting of recycling coordinators to discuss the issue on Feb. 19.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Roy Spoltore, Administrator reported that there is a NJLM update and the monthly reports for January in this evening's packet for review.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Rocco Tedesco did not have a report this evening.

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

Nancy Ridgway of Irving Avenue stated that there is legislation that would require the energy receipt tax be given in whole to the municipalities. At the CCUA meeting the Board approved moving forward with the plans to upgrade the lift station in Upper Deerfield Township. The Township Committee agreed to send a letter to the Board of Freeholders that the opening on the CCUA Board be filled by a Township resident.

With no other public comments and 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.

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa L. Warburton, Recording Secretary

Roy J. Spoltore, Township Clerk