

**MINUTES OF THE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
UPPER DEERFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, HELD ON
THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 2016, 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 T. O'Neill, Sr., John Daddario, 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 Bruce Peterson.

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

Nancy Ridgway of Irving Avenue stated that Jerry Young was appointed to the open board member position on the Cumberland County Utilities Authority.

There being no further public comments James Crilley, Chairman called for the approval of minutes for the meeting of March 3, 2016. On a motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by Scott Smith, to dispense with the reading of the minutes and accept the minutes as received, unanimously approved 4-0.

James Crilley, Chairman called for a public hearing on an ordinance entitled, Authorizing the Expenditure of Capital Improvements Funds for the Purchase of Land. The Clerk read the proposed Ordinance by title. On motion of John Daddario, 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. Roy Spoltore gave an overview of the funding partners for the purchase of the land known as Sunset Lake LLC. There being no further public comments, on motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by John T. O' Neill, Sr. to close the public hearing and unanimously carried. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by Scott Smith, 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, Calendar Year 2016 Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a Cap Bank (N.J.S.A. -40a:4-45.14) . The Clerk read the proposed Ordinance by title. On motion of Scott Smith, seconded by John T. O'Neill, Sr., to approve and adopt proposed ordinance on first reading and setting the date for public hearing on April 7, 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 Honoring Michael White. 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 5-0 on a roll call vote.

INSERT RESOLUTION

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution entitled Introduction of 2016 Municipal Budget and 2016 Utility Budget. The Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by Scott Smith 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 A Resolution Granting Final Approval of the Russell Application to Sell Development Easement. The Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of John T. O'Neill, Sr., seconded by Scott Smith 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 Authorizing Interlocal Shared Service Agreement with the Borough of Shiloh. 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 5-0 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 Bruce Peterson, 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 \$1,200,762.56. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by John Daddario to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.

INSERT RESOLUTION

COMMITTEE COMMENTS

John Daddario reported that the Bridgeton Journal is leaving the newspaper in driveways again. Opening day for NC Little League is April 9th. Public Works has been working on getting the rec fields ready for baseball and soccer. Number of people have been utilizing park and walk paths.

Scott Smith reported that drainage work has started on Button Mill Road.

Bruce Peterson reported that the large pine tree out front of the Municipal Building is dying and would like to remove it and replace it with a new evergreen. The shredder event is confirmed for the 21st of May between 10 am and 2 pm. Grading work begins tomorrow at the Convenience Center.

John T. O'Neill, Sr. congratulated Michael White on attaining the Eagle Scout award and his parents for being the driving force. Mr. O'Neill presented a request for Jeryl Goff to attend the annual construction Conference for CEU classes in the amount of \$210.00. On motion of John T. O'Neill, Sr., seconded by John Daddario, unanimously approved 5-0 on a roll call vote.

Mayor Crilley thanked the Legends Committee for the program that honored John Fuyume for his community achievements. Mr. Peterson commented that it was nice to see the entire committee present for John to receive such an honor. The Mayor reminded everyone about the Environmental Commission's workshop on April 5th at 7 pm to hear about How Safe is Your Drinking Water. The SJ Chamber of Commerce is asking for support to oppose allowing Casinos in North Jersey. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by John T. O'Neill, Sr. to send a resolution to the third district legislator's opposing North Jersey casinos, unanimously approved on a 5-0 voice vote.

INSERT RESOLUTION

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Roy Spoltore, Administrator reported that the Financial Disclosure Statement's should be available on the State's website at the beginning of April and the tentative closing on the Sunset Lake property should occur in April. The Committee authorized moving forward to deed the triangle property at 553 and Rosenhayn Avenue as well as considering a road easement along Laurel Heights Drive to the County. The March departmental reports and NJLM advisories were included in this evening's packet. Change orders for the Slade Construction to include the paving at the entrance of North Cumberland Little, paving areas at Clement Pappas that were damaged during excavation work in replacing sewer lines, reconstructing curb openings at the entrance of Big Oak road Extension, drainage work across Button Mill and Seville as well as paving cost reductions due to a reduction in the asphalt price index, It is estimated that the total cost increase will be around \$20,000 from the Capital Road Improvement Funds. The Committee agreed to the proposed change orders and will have a formal resolution available at the next meeting.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Rocco Tedesco, Solicitor reported that he had received a communication from the attorney representing Myrna Baldwin requesting the Township to waive provisions of the existing home rehab contract for her home due to estate planning. Ms. Baldwin is planning to turn the property over to her son but live at the property as part of a life estate plan. The Solicitor discussed allowing Ms, Baldwin to occupy the property under the original contractual agreement with the provision that when she no longer is an occupant of the home, the son will need to satisfy the financial repayment obligations of the contract. Mr. Tedesco described a proposed resolution outlining the proposed contractual language modifications and on a motion of Mr. Peterson, seconded by Mr. Smith unanimously approved the resolution on a roll call bore of 5-0.

INSERT RESOLUTION

Mr. Tedesco reviewed with the Committee the Green Acre correspondence that there was a small portion of the Sunset Lake property that may have been farmed in the early 1900's and during the environmental assessment of the property this portion of the property was "Not Testing for potential Historic Pesticide". The Committee understood the correspondence and envisions the property being used only as a passive recreation area and understands that this portion of the property would need to be tested if it were to be developed as an active recreation area. Mr. Tedesco added that Kim Hemple

Miletta's payment of restitution to the seniors is now in the hands of the probation department. The Solicitor stated that there has not been a decision in the Hollyview appeal

At this time James Crilley, Chairman opened the meeting for additional public comments. Nancy Ridgway of Irving Avenue wished everyone a Happy Easter.

With no further 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