

**MINUTES OF THE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
UPPER DEERFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, HELD ON
THURSDAY, AUGUST 3, 2017, 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., Scott Smith and John Daddario all being members of the Township Committee. Also present were: Rocco Tedesco, Solicitor; Roy Spoltore, Township Administrator/Clerk; Brian Murphy, Township Engineer; Chad Ott, Chief of EMS and Teresa Warburton, Recording Secretary. Mr. Peterson had to leave the meeting prior to the meeting starting.

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.

Oreste Rieti of Finley Road explained a flooding situation on Finley Road during a heavy rain that causes water to pond on his front yard. Mr. Rieti is also concerned because his septic system and field bed is in the front yard and under water during a heavy rain. Mr. Rieti will bring his pictures on Tuesday when Mr. Murphy is in the building. After viewing the photos, Mr. Murphy will reach out to the Cumberland County engineer to discuss possible solutions since Finley Road is a County road. Mr. Rieti asked about the speed limit and the no Jake brake signs on Finley Road and whether there is an ordinance that is enforceable?

There being no other public comments James Crilley, Chairman called for the approval of minutes for the meeting of July 20, 2017. On a motion of John T. O'Neill, Sr., seconded by John Daddario, to dispense with the reading of the minutes and to accept the minutes as received, unanimously approved 4-0.

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution entitled Imposing Lien on Block 1801, Lot 13- 5 Pleasant Drive - Federico. 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 Supplying and Laying Hot Mix Asphalt through a Cooperative Price Contract with the County of Cumberland. On motion of

Scott Smith, 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 Supplying and Delivering VOC-Compliant High Performance Cold Patch through a Cooperative Price Contract with the County of Cumberland. On motion of John T. O'Neill, Sr., seconded by Scott Smith to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 4-0 on a roll call vote.

INSERT RESOLUTION

Rocco Tedesco, Solicitor excused himself from bench and left the court room as his law firm previously had business dealings with the companies involved in the next two resolutions.

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution entitled Abatement for Improvement, Conversion or Construction of Property – Galetto Realty Co. LP. On motion of Scott Smith, 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 Abatement for Improvement, Conversion or Construction of Property – Langeveld Bulb International, LLC. On motion of John T. O'Neill, Sr., seconded by Scott Smith to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 4-0 on a roll call vote.

INSERT RESOLUTION

Rocco Tedesco, Solicitor returned to the bench for the remainder of the meeting.

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution entitled Authorizing Professional Service Agreement with Fralinger Engineering for the Reconstruction of Sunset Lake Road, Dogwood Drive and Holly Lane. 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

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution entitled Awarding Bid for Home Rehabilitation Contract – 2017-9. On motion of John T. O'Neill, Sr., 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 Approval of Change Order #1 Small Cities - Kakoda. 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

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution entitled Approval of Change Order #1 Small Cities - Smead. On motion of John T. O'Neill, Sr., 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 Appointing Substitute Township Building Subcode Inspector. On motion of John T. O'Neill, Sr., 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 Payment of Bills, in the amount of \$142,277.57. On motion of Scott Smith, seconded by John T. O'Neill, Sr., to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 4-0 on a roll call vote, and with John Daddario abstaining on the JEM Print bill.

INSERT RESOLUTION

COMMITTEE COMMENTS

John Daddario reported that the playground in the Sunset Lake area has been cleaned up. Mr. Daddario added that Little League is winding down, fields are in good shape but there is a major ground hog issue undermining the buildings at the football, soccer and little league fields.

Scott Smith stated that public works continues to get a lot of work done throughout the Township.

John T. O'Neill, Sr. requested approval for Amy Colaneri to take one of the courses required for a Tax Collector certificate, cost is \$1,098.00 plus travel expenses. Scott Smith seconded the motion and the Committee unanimously approved the course request on a 4-0 roll call vote.

Mayor Crilley reported that the tax bills are in the mail and the third quarter deadline has been extended until September 1, 2017. The mayor added that Cumberland Regional High School received an increase in state aid of \$90,200.00 and Upper Deerfield Township Schools received an additional \$141,000.00 in State Aid and \$86,000.00 for Special Education. Business visits continued as stops were made to K & R Vending, Roarke Agency, Walmart, Dunkin Donuts, James Chiropractic and First National Bank of Elmer.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Roy Spoltore, Township Administrator stated that Tashanna Parker resigned as of August 4, 2017, and there is an ad running in the newspaper for her replacement. Interviews will be conducted in the very near future to fill the position. Taxes bills were mailed out on August 3rd.

Cumberland Regional High School Music Boosters requested approval for a 50/50, basket raffle and bingo licenses to be held on November 18th. The Committee unanimously approved the band booster's request. State of New Jersey released this year's best practices questionnaire which is due October 20th. The newsletter will be sent out for printing by the end of August, information is still needed for the newsletter. The tentative date for the sale of Township property will be the second meeting in September. NJ Transit has agreed to replace the bus shelters at 4th street, Parsonage Road and Carll's Corner if the township agrees to maintain them as agreed. Rocco Tedesco, Solicitor will research the bus shelter agreement and report back to the Committee.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Brian Murphy, Township Engineer stated that Thoroughbred Court has been paved and looks good. The attorney representing the developers of Seabrook East has reached out for a punch list of items that still need to be done pertaining to the performance bond. Mr. Murphy, Chad Ott and Roy Spoltore met with County Engineers John Knoop and Doug Whitaker regarding the Pennoni report on Silver Lake Dam maintenance. They agreed to have Pennoni Engineering meet with them at the site review the draft report. The water allocation permit has been filed with the DEP. Mr. Murphy is preparing a description of the slip lining project for the Small Cities Grant for Mark Blauer. Rocco Tedesco, Solicitor commented that the bank that holds the performance bond for Thoroughbred Court is looking for a bond reduction now that the road has been paved. Brian Murphy will calculate what the bond reduction amount would be with improvements that have been completed.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Rocco Tedesco, Solicitor commented that Brian Murphy will need to talk with David Shropshire to review the reasons for limiting truck weight on Dubois Road so that the solicitor can prepare a draft ordinance. Mr. Tedesco had reasons for a closed session.

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

Lisa Kinkaid of Centerton Road, informed the Committee that she will be opening up a new business called Down South Primitives and holding an open house on August 12th from 10-6 pm. Nancy Ridgway of Irving Avenue, commented that the Cumberland County Economic Development Committee will be holding a meeting at the Maplewood on Tuesday.

With no other public comments and no further business to come before the Committee James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution Authorizing Closed Session to for a resolution Authorizing Closed Session to update the Committee on Litigation and other matters requiring attorney client privileged confidential communications. The Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of John T. O'Neill, Sr., seconded by John Daddario to approve and adopt resolution, unanimously carried 4-0.

INSERT RESOLUTION

On a motion of John Daddario, seconded by John O'Neill and unanimously approved 4-0, the meeting was reopened to the public.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa L. Warburton, Recording Secretary

Roy J. Spoltore, Township Clerk