

**MINUTES OF THE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
UPPER DEERFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, HELD ON
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2017, AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING,
HIGHWAY 77, SEABROOK, NEW JERSEY, PURSUANT TO NOTICE**

Present were: James Crilley, Bruce Peterson, 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, Amy Colaneri, Township Treasurer, Chad Ott, Chief of EMS, 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.

Oreste Rieti of Finley Road asked if there was any update on his drainage issue. Mr. Spoltore reported he had emailed the County Engineers office and Mr. Murphy added he also emailed the County Engineers office and had gone out to the site to review the site. Mr. Peterson suggested Mr. Rieti contact the County Engineer, John Knoop as this is a county road issue. Mr. Rieti asked who install the no jake brake signs and if there is an ordinance to support it? The Committee informed Mr. Rieti that the signage is also a county issue.

Hssien Kaced of Finley Road discussed the cost associated with tying into the Township water system. Mr. Kaced is constructing a house on Finley Road and he has paid the capital connection fee to the township water. He explained that it was going to cost around \$7,000 to tap into the water line and he was still going to have to pay a plumber to connect to his house. He asked if the Committee would allow him to put in a well for his home. The Committee informed him that the Township ordinances require new construction to tie into the Township water lines if a water line is in front of the property to be developed.

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 update the Committee on 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 5-0.

INSERT RESOLUTION

The Committee reopened the public portion of the meeting on a motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by John Daddario and unanimously carried.

James Crilley, Chairman called for the approval of minutes for the meeting of August 17, 2017. 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.

Chairman James Crilley called for a public hearing on an ordinance entitled, Bond Ordinance Providing for the Purchase of a Public Works Vehicle in and by the Township of Upper Deerfield, in the County of Cumberland, New Jersey, Appropriating \$241,500 Therefor and Authorizing the Issuance of \$154,000 Bonds or Notes of the Township for Financing the Cost Thereof. The Clerk read the proposed Ordinance by title. On motion of by Bruce Peterson, 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. Roy Spoltore, Clerk gave an overview of the proposed ordinance. Nancy Ridgway asked if the life of the vehicle would last as long as the bond. She was informed that the bond should be paid off in two or three years and the truck should have a 10 to 20 year life. 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 John Daddario, seconded by Bruce Peterson to approve and adopt proposed ordinance, unanimously carried 5-0, on a roll call vote.

INSERT ORDINANCE

Chairman James Crilley called for a public hearing on an ordinance entitled, authorizing the Expenditure of Capital Reserve Funds for Purchase of Public Works Vehicles. The Clerk read the proposed Ordinance by title. On motion of by 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. Roy Spoltore, Clerk gave an overview of the proposed ordinance. There being no public comments, on motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by Scott Smith, 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 public hearing on an ordinance entitled, authorizing the Expenditure of Capital Reserve Funds for Improvements to the Water System. The Clerk read the proposed Ordinance by title. On motion of by 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. Roy Spoltore, Clerk gave an overview of the proposed ordinance. There being no public comments, on motion of John T. O'Neill, Sr., seconded by John Daddario, to close the public hearing and unanimously carried. On motion of John T. O'Neill, Sr., 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, Amending Chapter 165 of the Code of the Township of Upper Deerfield Entitled: "Construction Code Enforcement," Setting Fees for Construction Permits. The Clerk read the proposed Ordinance by title. On motion of Scott Smith, seconded John Daddario to approve and adopt proposed ordinance on first reading and setting the date for public hearing on September 21, 2017 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

Chairman Crilley called for Resolutions 17-234 through 17-242 to be combined as a consent agenda and voted upon as one item. Motion by Mr. Peterson seconded by Mr. O'Neill, Sr., to adopt as a Consent Agenda Resolutions 17-234 to 17-242, and unanimously carried. Roy Spoltore, Clerk then read each

resolution by title. On a motion by Mr. Peterson, seconded by Mr. Daddario, Resolutions 17-234-17-242 were unanimously approved by a roll call vote of 5-0.

Resolution 17-234 – Imposing Lien on Block 502, Lot 4 – 17 Northville Road - Bombara.

INSERT RESOLUTION

Resolution 17-235 – Imposing Lien on Block 813, Lot 5.02 – 18 Northville Road – US Bank Trust.

INSERT RESOLUTION

Resolution 17-236 – Imposing Lien on Block 1003, Lot 14 – 8 Seeley Road - Spagnolo.

INSERT RESOLUTION

Resolution 17-237 – Imposing Lien on Block 1106, Lot 14 – 28 Silver Brook Drive - Akilli.

INSERT RESOLUTION

Resolution 17-238 – Imposing Lien on Block 1501, Lot 53 – 37 John’s Way - Kawa.

INSERT RESOLUTION

Resolution 17-239 – Imposing Lien on Block 2401, Lot 21 – 142 Landis Ave – Reed.

INSERT RESOLUTION

Resolution 17-240–Imposing Lien on Block 2501, Lot 55–23 Orillia Drive–McCormick 106, LLC.

INSERT RESOLUTION

Resolution 17-241 – Imposing Lien on Block 2704, Lot 1 – 60 Fern Road – Reyes.

INSERT RESOLUTION

Resolution 17-242 – Imposing Lien on Block 2704, Lot 1.01 – 62 Fern Road – Walker.

INSERT RESOLUTION

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution Awarding Bid to Liberty Kenworth of South Jersey for the Purchase of a Utility Truck with Tandem Roll-Off Chassis, Snow Plow with Spreader and Self-Contained Debris Collector. On motion of John Daddario, 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 Awarding Bid to Caterina Supply, Inc. for Materials for Water Piping, Valves, Fittings and Hydrants. 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 Appointing Township Construction Administrative Clerk and Certifying Salary – Karen Stratoti. 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 Amending Certification of Certain Employee Salary, John Lamanteer. 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 Granting Final Approval of the Mehaffey Application to Sell Development Easement. 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 Approval of Change Order #1 Small Cities - Parker. 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 Award Bid to Ricky Slade Construction Inc. for the Paving of Love Lane between Old Deerfield Pike and the Railroad Crossing. 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

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution entitled Payment of Bills, in the amount of \$2,576,195.86. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by John Daddario, to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 5-0 on a roll call vote, and with James Crilley abstained on BW Stetson. .

INSERT RESOLUTION

COMMITTEE COMMENTS

John Daddario made a motion to appoint Nick Dagostino to fill an open alternate member spot on the Recreation Committee, seconded by Bruce Peterson, unanimously approved.

Scott Smith stated that he is anxious to be moving on new utility truck as it will be a huge asset to the Township.

Bruce Peterson did not have a report this evening.

John T. O’Neill, Sr. reported that he had requests for CEU classes for Patty Turkali and Marion Higbee for court classes with a total of \$155.00 and for Chad Ott, Rutgers license for insecticide licensing. On motion of John T. O’Neill, Sr., seconded by Bruce Peterson to approve CEU’s for Patty Turkali, Marion Higbee and Chad Ott, unanimously carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.

Mayor Crilley commented that the New Jersey Magazine ranked Upper Deerfield Township 512 out of 513 only Willingboro was beneath us as a place to live in New Jersey. He did not know what criteria they used in their analysis.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Roy Spoltore, Township Administrator reported that the following meeting dates: JIF elected officials meeting at Merighi's on February 7th, the 40 mayors/40 developers meeting at Rowan on October 13th, State of the County at the county college on October 17th and the Commercial Developers and Realtors at Millville Motor Park on September 29th. Newsletter should be out next week. The Township is coordinating the construction activities on Love Lane with Cumberland Regional. A request was made from to have his late fee for rental registration waived because his mailbox in Mullica Hill keeps getting hit and his mail is delayed. The Committee unanimously denied his request to waive the late fee. A preliminary review of energy audits for the municipal building, senior center and ambulance building are in this evening's packet. Also in this evening's packet is the monthly departmental report for August and a NJLM Advisory for review.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Brian Murphy, Township Engineer reported that DEP officials came down to the old landfill site and were pleased with growth of trees and cover material. Mr. Murphy also met with DEP officials pertaining to the annual storm water management report; DEP officials were happy with the collected data and their visual inspection. Steve Erickson, from the CCUA is working on establishing locations to test the quality of the sewage effluent. Mr. Murphy reported that Mark Blauer has submitted the Small Cities Facilities grant for sliplining sewer lines in Seabrook. He has been in touch with Fulton Bank officials regarding the maintenance of lots on the Jack Crossings development. Lidl engineers will be doing a testing of the sewer lines next week from their proposed location to the pump station behind McDonald's.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Rocco Tedesco, Solicitor stated that the Township could adopt an ordinance that would prohibit property owners from discarding any materials into the streets including brush or grass. Mr. Tedesco also had an item for closed session.

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

Nancy Ridgway of Irving Avenue stated that she agrees the late fee should not have been waived on the rental property. Ms. Ridgway asked if the County is late on setting the tax rates does this cause a financial hardship for the Township? The Committee discussed how the taxes work with the timelines provided.

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Respectfully submitted,

Teresa L. Warburton, Recording Secretary

Roy J. Spoltore, Township Clerk