

**MINUTES OF THE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
UPPER DEERFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, HELD ON
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19, 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., John Daddario, Bruce Peterson and Scott Smith all being members of the Township Committee. Also present were: Rocco Tedesco, Solicitor; Roy Spoltore, Township Administrator/Clerk; Amy Colaneri, Township Treasurer and Chad Ott, Chief of EMS.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman 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 T. O'Neill.

Mayor Crilley turned the meeting over to Solicitor Rocco Tedesco for the Public Auction of Township Property. Rocco Tedesco read and explained the official notice for the sale of Township property that was published in the Daily Journal. The properties were all described in "As Is, Where Is" condition and that all prospective bidders needed to do their own investigation of any property they intended to submit a bid. The official notice established minimal bids for all properties and the Township reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Successful bidders were informed that they should be prepared to pay 10% of the bid at the next Township meeting. Mr. Tedesco began the auction.

Block 303, Lot 1.07 - Mr. Tedesco asked if there were any bids beginning at \$25,000. There were not any bids on the property.

Block 303, Lot 1.08 - Mr. Tedesco asked if there were any bids beginning at \$25,000. There were not any bids on the property.

Block 604, Lot 29 - Mr. Tedesco asked if there were any bids beginning at \$25,000. Spencer Willis bid \$25,000. There were no other bids.

Block 608, Lot 6 - Mr. Tedesco asked if there were any bids beginning at \$5,000. Lisa Kincaid began the bidding at \$5,000. Michael Taylor and Lisa Kincaid began bidding in \$500 increments with Lisa Kincaid having the highest bid at \$8,000.

Block 708, Lot 8 - Mr. Tedesco asked if there were any bids beginning at \$10,000. Sandra Morrissey bid \$10,000. There were no other bids.

Block 907, Lot 9 - Mr. Tedesco asked if there were any bids beginning at \$5,000. Kevin Nakai bid \$5,000. There were no other bids.

Block 911, Lot 20 - Mr. Tedesco asked if there were any bids beginning at \$5,000. Ronald Campbell began the bidding at \$5,000. Kevin Nakai and Ronald Coleman began bidding in \$500 increments with Kevin Nakai having the highest bid at \$7,500.

Block 2201, Lot 8.01- Mr. Tedesco asked if there were any bids beginning at \$20,000. Sam Regalbuto bid \$20,000. There were no other bids.

Block 2801, Lot 4 - Mr. Tedesco asked if there were any bids beginning at \$25,000. Salvatore Pipitone bid \$25,000. There were no other bids.

Mr. Tedesco informed the public that the Township Committee would review the bids and at the next meeting would determine if any of the bids would be accepted or rejected.

At this time James Crilley, Chairman opened the meeting for public comment. Nancy Ridgway of Irving Avenue asked about the tax implication if the Township takes title to the property known as Silver Lake Estates.

With no other public comments, the minutes for the meeting of September 21, 2017 and the meeting of October 5, 2017 meeting were approved on a motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by John T. O'Neill, Sr., to dispense with the reading of the minutes and accept the minutes as received. The September 21, 2017 meeting had Bruce Peterson, John O'Neill and Scott Smith approving the minutes with James Crilley and John Daddario abstaining. The October 5, 2017 meeting had James Crilley, John Daddario and Scott Smith approving the minutes with John O'Neill and Bruce Peterson abstaining..

Chairman James Crilley called for a discussion and introduction of an ordinance entitled, Authorizing the Acquisition of Lands Consisting of 87 Acres, More or Less, Identified on the Upper Deerfield Township Tax Map as Lot 13 Of Block 1101. The Clerk read the proposed Ordinance by title. Solicitor Rocco Tedesco stated that The Trust of Public Lands inquired if the Township wanted to purchase title insurance for the property. Mr. Tedesco believed that it would not be necessary for the township to purchase title insurance, as the Township is not one of the funding entities in the purchase of the property. The committee concurred. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded John O'Neill to approve and adopt proposed ordinance on first reading and setting the date for public hearing on November 2, 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

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution entitled Payment of Bills, in the amount of \$1,269,933.97. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by John O'Neill, to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.

INSERT RESOLUTION

COMMITTEE COMMENTS

John Daddario did not have report this evening.

Scott Smith reported that the Love Lane water line construction project is almost complete and that leaf collection would begin the week of October 30th.

Bruce Peterson reported that the SECC was developing a long term strategic plan.

John O'Neill reported that there will be meetings in the future to discuss the potential closing of the Cumberland SPCA.

James Crilley added that the County is requesting information regarding the operations of the SPCA. The Chairman added that he, John O'Neill and Roy Spoltore attended the 40 Mayors 40 Developers session at Rowan College last week and that discussions were held with a few potential developers. The Mayor reminded everyone that the Township Veterans Program will be held on Saturday, November 4th and Cumberland Regional High School will also have a program the following week at the school.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Roy Spoltore, Township Administrator reported that two proposals were received from the RFQ for a judge for the CS Regional court for 2018. He added that the Love Lane road paving project is

scheduled to begin on the 26th and flu shots and a health fair will take place at the senior center on Friday. The state has determined that the budgetary COLA for 2018 will be 2 ½%. The committee agreed to move the election day holiday for the staff to December 26th. A schedule for the convenience center will be developed for the December holiday week. Mr. Spoltore stated that the September monthly departmental reports are included in the packet.

DEPARTMENTAL MONTHLY REPORTS September 2017

Animal Control and Dog Registrar Monthly Report
Clerks Monthly Report
Construction Office Monthly Report
Housing and Zoning
Municipal Court Monthly Report
Tax Collectors Report
Vital Statistics
Fire Marshall

TREASURERS REPORT

The Treasurer's report was accepted.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Rocco Tedesco, Solicitor reported that the mining ordinance has been reviewed and forwarded to the planning board for their review. Mr. Tedesco had a couple of items for closed session

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

Lisa Kincaid of Centerton Road, stated her Down South Primitive shop on Park Drive is doing well and encouraged everyone to stop in and see the store. Nancy Ridgway of Irving Avenue stated that the CCUA will be having a 2018 budget hearing at their next meeting and she added that some municipalities are opposing the new OPRA bill before the legislature.

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 Bruce Peterson, seconded by Scott Smith to approve and adopt resolution, unanimously carried 5-0.

INSERT RESOLUTION

On a motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by John O'Neill and unanimously approved 5-0, the meeting was reopened to the public.

Ken Cymbalisky of Woodruff Road informed the committee that he was having trouble with his neighbor who received planning board approval to park six dump trucks on their property on Woodruff Road. He stated he has filed complaints in the court but the judge has not found probable cause on any of his complaints. Mr. Cymbalisky added there is not any municipal ordinance that addresses his concerns. The committee will review his concerns.

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,

Roy J. Spoltore, Township Clerk