

**MINUTES OF THE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
UPPER DEERFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, HELD ON
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 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; Brian Murphy, Township Engineer; and Amy Colaneri, Township Treasurer.

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

With no public comments, the minutes for the meeting of October 19, 2017, were unanimously 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

James Crilley, Chairman called for a public hearing on 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. On motion of John O'Neill, seconded by Bruce Peterson 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. Mr. Peterson explained that this parcel has poor road access to the property for Silver Lake Road. There being no public comments, on motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by John Daddario to close the public hearing and unanimously carried. On a 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

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution entitled Authorizing Sale of Property Block 604, Lot 29 on the Tax Map of the Township of Upper Deerfield, Known as 152 Northville Road. With acknowledgement that a 10% payment bid amount was received John Daddario made a motion, 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 Sale of Property Block 608, Lot 6 on the Tax Map of the Township of Upper Deerfield, Known as 463 Centerton Road. With acknowledgement that a 10% payment bid amount was received Bruce Peterson made a motion, seconded by John O'Neill to approve and adopt said resolution, and unanimously carried 4-0 on a roll call vote with John Daddario abstaining.

INSERT RESOLUTION

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution entitled Denying the Sale of Property Block 708, Lot 8 on the Tax Map of the Township of Upper Deerfield, Known as Northville Road for non-compliance of bid requirements. 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

Resolutions Authorizing Sale of Property Block 907, Lot 9 on the Tax Map of the Township of Upper Deerfield, Known as 1104 First Avenue and Authorizing Sale of Property Block 911, Lot 20 on the Tax Map of the Township of Upper Deerfield, Known as 1405 Second Avenue were tabled until the November 16, 2017 meeting on a motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by Scott Smith, and unanimously carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution entitled Authorizing the Sale of Property Block 2201, Lot 8.01 on the Tax Map of the Township of Upper Deerfield, Known as 143 Woodruff Road. With acknowledgement that a 10% payment bid amount was received Bruce Peterson made a motion, seconded by Scott Smith to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.

INSERT RESOLUTION

A Resolution Authorizing the Sale of Property Block 2801, Lot 4 on the Tax Map of the Township of Upper Deerfield, Known as Irving Avenue was tabled until the November 16, 2017 meeting on a motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by Scott Smith, and unanimously carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution entitled Payment of Bills, in the amount of \$2,120,642.95. 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

COMMITTEE COMMENTS

John Daddario reported that leaf collection started and residents are throwing sticks in the leaf piles. Mr. Daddario suggested that a letter be prepared to hand out to residents explaining that their leaves will not be collected until they remove branches from their piles. Mr. Daddario suggested looking for grants to create a walking path with a bridge through the woods to get to the football fields. There may be a need to get a stream encroachment and/or wetlands approval to go through the woods. John Daddario noted that there is a shrub that needs trimming on Quail Ridge as it is difficult to see when pulling out on to Love Lane.

Scott Smith echoed Mr. Daddario's comments regarding sticks in the leaf piles.

Bruce Peterson stated that the no left turn sign is missing from Walmart's northern exit on Highway 77. Mr. Peterson reported on a meeting called by the County to discuss the closing of the County SPCA at the end of the year. Projected SPCA Budget numbers for 2018 and three concepts to cover the budget shortfall were handed out. Contributions are down from a few years ago and the SPCA only bills for the costs of the first 7 days of sheltering, while the normal length of stay is between 28 to 34 days. Mayor Crilley added that Ron's Animal Shelter is also closing at the end of the year so it is imperative to find a way to keep the SPCA operational. Rocco Tedesco informed the Committee that he has been retained by the SPCA and updated the Committee on the SPCA's charter and status as a non-profit organization. Mayor Crilley asked the Committeeman to review the financial information that has been presented so far and he will continue to update them on any new information.

John O'Neill stated that USDA informed the Township that the water rates are too low to be eligible for a long term loan through USDA and that the Township had the financial ability to afford a private sector bond

James Crilley reminded everyone that the Township Veterans program will be held Saturday the 4th at 10 am and Cumberland Regional will have a Veterans program on Nov. 8th. The Mayor added that he presented proclamations to Township affiliated businesses and residents who were honored at the Bridgeton Chambers Salute to Business dinner. Mr. Crilley stated he attended a meeting of the steering committee for the Chamber of Commerce and Cumberland Development Corporation which is trying to get more business for western Cumberland County. Representatives from Choose New Jersey and the NJ Business Action Center attended the meeting and then toured redevelopment areas in the Township. Roy Spoltore added that he attended an earlier meeting with the representatives in the day and they discussed the future of the Grow NJ program with the impending change in leadership in state government. Mayor Crilley read a few letters from students at Woodruff School regarding their concerns.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Roy Spoltore, Township Administrator informed the Committee that State Health Benefits will be flat for 2018, the JIF insurance premium in 2018 will be \$6,385 less if the draft budget is adopted by the ACMJIF, the JIF intends on releasing \$3 million in dividends in 2017 and the Planning Board will be adopting consistency reviews on a land mining ordinance and a modification to the zoning map and zoning schedules ordinance. The Committee agreed unanimously to close the Senior Center the week between Christmas and New Years, to request proposals for professionals and to attend the elected officials meeting for the JIF on February 7th. Mr. Spoltore added that the annual report for the JIF and the remaining Townsend budget spreadsheet as of Oct. 31st are included in the packet.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Brian Murphy informed the Committee of the anticipated change orders on the Love Lane road project. He stated their will be approximately \$6,000 in credits for items not needed but there will be added drainage and curbing work for Love Lane as well as paving the Tunbridge cul-de-sac totaling approximately \$31,000 for a potential change order in the amount of \$25,000. The Committee agreed to move forward with the work changes and prepare a formalized resolution when the exact numbers are known. Mr. Murphy added that he has prepared maps for the water utility to show revised water sampling sites for the DEP. The state has also requested every municipality to test every valve and fire hydrant annually.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Rocco Tedesco, Solicitor did not have a report this evening.

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

Lisa Kinkaid of Centerton Road asked when the 18 month time frame to rehab or demo the house on Centerton Road that she is purchasing would begin. Rocco Tedesco stated the time period would begin once she takes ownership of the property. Merick Bierbrunner of Merritt Avenue asked if sewer lines would be coming to her neighborhood soon as she is preparing to sell her house and she may need to upgrade her septic system. She was informed that sewer lines are not scheduled to be installed any time in the near future.

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution Authorizing Closed Session to for a resolution Authorizing Closed Session to update the Committee on personnel 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

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

With 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