

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

Present were: 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; Chad Ott, Streets & Roads Supervisor and Amy Colaneri, Township Treasurer. James Crilley was unable to attend the meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman John T. O'Neill, Sr. 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."

John T. O'Neill, Sr. gave an invocation followed by the flag salute led by Bruce Peterson. At this time Vice-Chairman John T. O'Neill opened the meeting for public comment.

Nancy Ridgway of Irving Avenue stated that the Cumberland County Improvement Authority is having data centers placed on their property in Deerfield Township which takes away ratables from other municipalities. Oriesti Rieti of Finley Road informed the Committee that there are coyotes in the area. With no other public comments, on a motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by Scott Smith the reading of the minutes for the meeting of November 16, 2017 were dispensed and approved as received unanimously.

John T. O'Neill, Vice-Chairman called for a public hearing on an ordinance entitled, Amending Chapter 93, Article XII of the Code of the Township of Upper Deerfield with Respect to Mid-Block Crosswalks. The Clerk read the proposed Ordinance by title. On motion of 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. Nancy Ridgway asked if there were any sidewalks. It was explained that the crosswalk lines up with the exits from the church and the parking lot on the other side of the street. There being no other 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 4-0 on a roll call vote.

**INSERT ORDINANCE**

John T. O'Neill, Vice-Chairman called for a public hearing on an ordinance entitled, Authorizing the Expenditure of Utility Capital Reserve Funds for Purchase of a Trailer Mounted Portable Generator System. The Clerk read the proposed Ordinance by title. On motion of 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. 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 John Daddario, seconded by Scott Smith to approve and adopt proposed ordinance, unanimously carried 4-0 on a roll call vote.

**INSERT ORDINANCE**

Vice-Chairman John T. O'Neill called for a discussion and introduction of an ordinance entitled, Amending Chapter 125-7 of the Code of the Township of Upper Deerfield. The Clerk read the proposed Ordinance by title. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by Scott Smith to approve and adopt proposed ordinance on first reading and setting the date for public hearing on December 21, 2017 at 7:00 pm and was carried 4-0 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

John T. O'Neill, Vice-Chairman called for a resolution entitled Imposing Lien on Block 1504, Lot 54 – 26 Hickory Drive - Barrickman. On a motion of John Daddario, seconded by Bruce Peterson to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 4-0 on a roll call vote.

INSERT RESOLUTION

John T. O'Neill, Vice-Chairman called for a resolution entitled Purchasing Rock Salt Through a Cooperative Price Contract with the County of Cumberland. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by John Daddario, to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 4-0 on a roll call vote.

INSERT RESOLUTION

John T. O'Neill, Vice-Chairman called for a resolution entitled Providing and Delivering Various Traffic and Sign Materials Through a Cooperative Price Contract with the County of Cumberland. On a motion of Bruce Peterson made a motion, seconded by Scott Smith to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 4-0 on a roll call vote.

INSERT RESOLUTION

John T. O'Neill, Vice-Chairman called for a resolution entitled Designating Seabrook Volunteer Fire Company, Upper Deerfield Fire Company #2, as an Eligible Organization Recognized by the Division of Fire Safety to Participate in the State's Firefighter Certification Program. On a motion of Scott Smith, seconded by John Daddario, to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 4-0 on a roll call vote.

INSERT RESOLUTION

John T. O'Neill, Vice-Chairman called for a resolution entitled Authorizing the Tax Collector to Adjust Taxes for a Wartime Service-Connected 100% Disability-Mokuau. On a motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by Scott Smith to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 4-0 on a roll call vote.

INSERT RESOLUTION

John T. O'Neill, Vice-Chairman called for a resolution entitled 2017 Budget Transfer. On a motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by Scott Smith to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 4-0 on a roll call vote.

INSERT RESOLUTION

John T. O'Neill, Vice-Chairman called for a resolution entitled Payment of Bills, in the amount of \$236,753.43. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by Scott Smith, to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 4-0 on a roll call vote.

INSERT RESOLUTION

## COMMITTEE COMMENTS

John Daddario did not have a report this evening

Scott Smith reported that Love Lane repaving is almost complete.

Bruce Peterson stated that State Legislation is being prepared pertaining to animal control. Mr. Peterson added that the County SPCA is working with towns and that shelter contracts may be sent out soon. Bruce thanked Rocco Tedesco, Ted Baker and the County for their help in getting information gathered and getting the municipalities together.

John O'Neill made a motion to allow Amy Colaneri take a Tax Collector course at a cost of \$1,093 and a Clean Communities course in the amount of \$115. Mr. Peterson seconded the motion and a 4-0 roll call vote was approved for Ms. Colaneri to take the two classes.

## ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Roy Spoltore, Township Administrator informed the Committee that the proposed land mining ordinance and a modification to the zoning map and zoning schedules ordinance have been approved by the Planning Board and should be ready for introduction at the next meeting. The Committee requested that the Township Planner Randy Scheule be available to discuss and answer any questions about the ordinances. Mr. Spoltore reported that a conference call with NJEIT will take place on January 4<sup>th</sup> to review the application process for the replacement of the Seabrook Water Tower. He added that proposals are being gathered for replacement of the three copiers whose lease expires in February 2018. The Committee agreed to have a resolution prepared to place the entire JIF dividend into the Township's AELCF fund. Mr. Spoltore added that the remaining Township budget spreadsheet as of Nov. 30th is included in the packet. The Committee unanimously agreed, on a 4-0 roll call vote, to replace the Township phone system with RFP Solutions, who has a state contract, in the amount of \$16,250 on a motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by Scott Smith.

## ENGINEER'S REPORT

Brian Murphy informed the Committee that the Love Lane road project is complete except for the line striping. The contractor is waiting for a three day window to remove and repave the Tunbridge Road cul-de-sac. Mr. Murphy added that County Engineer met with Oriesti Rieti regarding his drainage issue on Finley Road which is a county road.

## SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Rocco Tedesco, Solicitor stated that the state is discussing potential changes in the Open Public Meetings Act which will modify the way meetings and issues may be addressed. The Solicitor added that he is recommending that Rice notices be provided to all employees prior to the Committee discussing their re-appointment based on his interpretation of a recent court ruling.

At this time Vice-Chairman John T. O'Neill opened the meeting for additional public comments.

Nancy Ridgway thanked the Committee and Solicitor for having the Planner be present to discuss draft zoning and development ordinances and answer anyone's questions.

Vice-Chairman John T. O'Neill called for a resolution Authorizing Closed Session to for a resolution Authorizing Closed Session to update the Committee on contracts, 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 4-0.

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,

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Roy J. Spoltore, Township Clerk