

**MINUTES OF THE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
UPPER DEERFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, HELD ON
THURSDAY, MAY 17, 2018, 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., John Daddario and Scott Smith all being members of the Township Committee. Also present were: Dante Romanini, Assistant Solicitor; Amy Colaneri, CFO and Roy Spoltore, Township Administrator/Clerk;

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 Bruce Peterson.

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

Joe Lacotte from the Environmental Commission introduced officials from ANJEC and Rutgers to discuss the possibility of installing a Cistern system on the back of the Senior Center. Cheryl Reardon from ANJEC provided an overview of the proposed project. Chris Obropta from Rutgers explained that the tanks would hold 265 gallons of rain water and they were proposing installing two tanks behind the Center. They added that the system is only operational during the Spring, Summer and Fall. The speakers further added that the project would be funded by ANJEC. The Township Committee asked about having pumps on each tank so the plants in the front of the Senior Center could be watered through the Cistern system. The Township committee approved the installation of a two tank Cistern System behind the Senior Center and authorized spending up to \$1,000 for pumps if necessary on a motion of John O'Neill, seconded by Bruce Peterson and unanimously approved on a 5-0 roll call vote.

There being no other public comments James Crilley, Chairman called for the approval of minutes for the meeting of May 3, 2018. On a motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by John O'Neill, to dispense with the reading of the minutes and to accept the minutes as received, unanimously approved 5-0.

James Crilley, Chairman called for a public hearing on an ordinance entitled, Amending Chapter 303 Article II of the Code of the Township of Upper Deerfield with Registration of Premises. The Clerk read the proposed Ordinance by title. On motion of 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. There being no public comments, on motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by John Daddario to close the public hearing and unanimously carried. On motion of John Daddario, seconded by John T. O'Neill, Sr, to approve and adopt proposed ordinance, unanimously carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.

INSERT ORDINANCE

James Crilley, Chairman called for a public hearing on an ordinance entitled, Amending Chapter 352 Article I of the Code of the Township of Upper Deerfield with Street Excavations and Encroachments. 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 John T. O'Neill, Sr., 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

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution entitled Tax Payments to be Refunded. The Clerk read the resolution by title. 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 Authorizing Installment Tax Payments Regarding Block 1401, Lot 14 on the Tax Map of the Township of Upper Deerfield. The Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of John Daddario, seconded by Bruce Peterson 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 Individual for Temporary Seasonal Employment. The Clerk read the resolution by title. 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 Appointing Individual for Part Time Custodian Employment. The Clerk read the resolution by title. 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 Payment of Bills, in the amount of \$899,902.30. 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 with John Daddario abstaining on the JEM Print bill.

INSERT RESOLUTION

COMMITTEE COMMENTS

John Daddario reported that due to the rainy weather, the rec leagues are behind in their schedules and public works has been doing a good job at keeping the storm drains open. Mr. Daddario added that Fire Truck 33-02 is going in for repair.

Scott Smith did not have a report this evening.

Bruce Peterson did not have a report this evening.

John T. O'Neill stated that we continue to meet with businesses and there appears to be an increase in activity.

Mayor Crilley reported that more businesses will be met with next week and officials continue to have preliminary meetings with developers and businesses about expanding or coming into the Township. The chairman reminded everyone of the Memorial Day service on Sunday May 27th at Laurel Lawn Cemetery. He added that we may need to revise the ordinances to prohibit grass being left in the road right-of-way

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Roy Spoltore informed everyone that the Phase 1 Sunset Lake paving project should begin after Memorial Day, weather permitting and should take about 4 weeks to complete. He added that there will be a Bostwick Lake Commission meeting on Monday, May 21st in the Municipal building and an Economic Development meeting sponsored by the Bridgeton Chamber and CDC in the Township Senior Center on Thursday May 31st. Departmental reports for April are included in the packet for review.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Dante Romanini had a couple of issues to discuss in closed session.

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 Pending Litigation and other matters requiring attorney client privileged confidential communications. The Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of John O'Neill, 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 a resolution entitled Authorizing Settlement of Declaratory Judgment Action to Establish the Township's Third Round Affordable Housing Obligation. Dante Romanini explained that the Township is in negotiations with the Fair Share Housing Council. He added that by adopting this resolution it is the preliminary step in reaching a tentative agreement for Affordable Housing assessment for the gap years and round 3. The agreement will require ordinance modifications once an agreement has been reached. 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 Directing the Upper Deerfield Township Planning Board to Conduct a Study to Determine Whether the Property Known as Block 905, Lots 1, 9, 10 and 12 as Shown on the Upper Deerfield Township Tax Map Meets the Requirements for a Declaration for Area in Need of Redevelopment. Dante Romanini explained that this resolution would have the planner determine whether additional general industrial lands west of the railroad tracks could be included in the redevelopment area. Bruce Peterson stated that the planning board should review the industrial land so potential growth in Upper Deerfield could be competitive with other communities that offer the incentives that come from being located in a redevelopment area. The Clerk read the resolution by title.

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

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