

**MINUTES OF THE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
UPPER DEERFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, HELD ON
THURSDAY, AUGUST 2, 2018, 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., Bruce Peterson, Scott Smith and John Daddario all being members of the Township Committee. Also present were: Rocco Tedesco, Solicitor; Roy Spoltore, Township Administrator/Clerk; Chad Ott, Public Works Supervisor, Brian Murphy, Township Engineer; and Amy Colaneri, CFO.

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 Chairman James Crilley opened the meeting for public comment.

There being no public comments Chairman James Crilley called for the approval of minutes for the meeting of July 19, 2018. On a motion of Scott Smith, seconded by Bruce Peterson 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 resolution entitled Awarding Contract for Installing a Pilot Well at Love Lane Water Facility. The Clerk read the resolution by title. Brian Murphy stated that the contractor intends to begin the project in September. 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

Chairman James Crilley called for a resolution entitled Amending the Shared Service Agreement with the City of Bridgeton for use of the City's Jet Vacuum Truck and Operator. The Clerk read the resolution by title. 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

Chairman James Crilley called for a resolution entitled Appointing Full Time Public Works Maintenance. The Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of John T. O'Neill, Sr., seconded by John Daddario to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.

INSERT RESOLUTION

Chairman James Crilley called for a resolution entitled Authorizing Installment Tax Payments Regarding Block 803, Lot 8 on the Tax Map of the Township of Upper Deerfield. The Clerk read the

resolution by title. 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

Chairman James Crilley called for a resolution entitled Payment of Bills in the amount of \$707,275.13. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by 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 payment to JEM Print.

INSERT RESOLUTION

COMMITTEE COMMENTS

John Daddario did not have a report this evening.

Scott Smith did not have a report this evening.

Bruce Peterson commended public works on the removal of brush from the facility.

John T. O'Neill, Sr. reported that he and the Mayor attended a meeting held by the three county chambers and CDC to discuss south jersey not getting its share of state funding. Senator Sweeney and Van Drew were on the panel. Sweeney stated that the municipalities need to take care of themselves and that the quality of workforce is a problem statewide.

Mayor Crilley added that Sweeney suggested the area come up with a plan for the future that he can put before the legislature for funding sources. The Rand institute representative reported that north jersey receives a disproportionately higher amount of state funds than south jersey. The chairman stated that Sweeney is for the legalization of recreational marijuana and anticipates a new source of tax revenue for the state. Mayor Crilley asked if the Township should amend its ordinances to state whether the sale of recreational marijuana would be a permitted use in any of the business zones. Solicitor Tedesco suggested the Committee wait to see what the legislation might be before amending any ordinances. The chairman reminded everyone that Countryside Village was having their annual National Night Out on August 7th from noon to 5 pm if anyone wanted to attend.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Roy Spoltore reported that the JIF has updates needed for the personnel manual based on new state or federal statutes or case law decisions. The JIF has suggested that the municipalities adopt an ordinance that allows the modifications to be incorporated into the manual by resolution rather than be ordinance. The Committee recommended that the ordinance that allows changes to the manual by resolution be introduced at the next meeting. The previous agreement with Comcast for cable television services required that a store be located in Bridgeton or Upper Deerfield. Comcast has asked the Township Committee to consider the new location in Union Crossing as the local store. The Committee agreed to introduce an ordinance that would permit the Millville location to be considered local; however, in the event the Millville store should close the Township would need to approve a future location.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Brian Murphy reported that the slip lining contractor should be putting in the slip lining in the next week or two, he has been pleased with the quality of the work. The Sunset Lake Road project is almost complete except for a few punch list items. A.C. Shultes should be sealing the Seabrook water well next week. The engineer is preparing a time frame with milestones for the nitrate problem at Love Lane.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

The Solicitor reported that he has been in discussions with county counsel regarding the deed for the development known as Silver Lake Estates that has been deeded to the Township. Rocco Tedesco suggested that the Planning Board amend the Township ordinances to require a developer to have the development completed within a certain period of time before the approval would lapse or request an extension of the approval. Bruce Peterson asked about the foreclosed development owned by Fulton Bank on Love Lane. Brian Murphy stated that they bank has had a contractor mow the basin and provide a mowed ten foot buffer around the vacant properties. An asphalt contractor has been contacted to come in and patch the roads. The Solicitor suggested that the surety bond be reviewed and recalculated to determine that there are sufficient funds to cover the unfinished improvements. Mr. Murphy will stay in contact with bank officials.

At this time Chairman James Crilley opened the meeting for additional public comments. Lisa Kinkaid of Centerton Road wanted to know how the designation for south jersey can be universally accepted. Nancy Ridgway of Irving Avenue reported that the CCUA is still having issues with the bonding company on the construction of the pump station behind the convenience center in Upper Deerfield.

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, contracts 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 T. O'Neill, Sr., and unanimously carried.

There being no comments or further business to come before the Committee, on motion of Bruce Peterson seconded by Scott Smith to adjourn, unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Roy J. Spoltore
Township Clerk