

**MINUTES OF THE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
UPPER DEERFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, HELD ON
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2019, AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING,
HIGHWAY 77, SEABROOK, NEW JERSEY, PURSUANT TO NOTICE**

Present were: James Crilley, John Daddario, John T. O'Neill, Sr., Bruce Peterson, and Scott Smith all being members of the Township Committee. Also present were: Roy Spoltore, Township Administrator/Clerk; Amy Colaneri, CFO; and Teresa Warburton, Recording Secretary.

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.

Ken Cymbalisky of Woodruff Road commented that Chiarelli Trucking is using a power washer in the building to clean the trucks which has nothing to do with the State truck inspections or maintenance. The machine is very loud and annoying. The Committee requested that the zoning officer review the situation. Dean Hawk of Merritt Avenue suggested that the committee look into putting up signs requesting that drivers turn their headlights on when coming into the Township when it is raining. The Committee noted that this is a state law

There being no other public comments James Crilley Chairman called for the approval of minutes for the Meeting of February 7, 2019. On a motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by Scott Smith, to dispense with the reading of the minutes and to accept the minutes as received, unanimously approved, 4-0, with James Crilley abstaining.

Chairman James Crilley called for a public hearing on an ordinance entitled, Amending Chapter 328 of the Code of the Township of Upper Deerfield with Respect to Sewer Use and Fees. The Clerk read the proposed Ordinance by title. On motion of by Bruce Peterson, seconded by John Daddario 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. Bruce Peterson commented that this needed to be done as the township is struggling with the cost of the utility operations. There being no public comments, on motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded John Daddario, 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

Chairman James Crilley called for a public hearing on an ordinance entitled, Amending Chapter 396 of the Code of the Township of Upper Deerfield with Respect to Water Use and Fees. The Clerk read the proposed Ordinance by title. On motion of by 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. Bruce Peterson commented that with the State regulations for nitrate removal and the tower replacement the cost of operations for water treatment are going to increase significantly. There being no public comments, on motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded John T. O'Neill, Sr., to close the public hearing and unanimously carried. On motion of Scott Smith, seconded by Bruce Peterson, 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 Coin Drop for Upper Deerfield Cumberland Midget Football League 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

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution entitled Authorizing Shared Service Agreement with Pittsgrove Township for CFO services. 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

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution entitled Payment of Bills in the amount of \$1,107,534.01. 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

COMMITTEE COMMENTS

John Daddario did not have a report this evening.

Scott Smith did not have a report this evening.

Bruce Peterson requested that the committee review the TNR resolution that Hopewell Township adopted to see if they would like to implement a similar concept. If the Committee wants to move forward the next step is to meet with the non-profit organization to see if they are interested in implementing a voluntary program in Upper Deerfield. Mr. Peterson requested that the two street lights by Chiari's be removed and install one at the entrance to the convenience center.

John T. O'Neill, Sr. thanked the efforts of Mr. Peterson as something needs to be done with the feral cat situation.

James Crilley reported that Bruce Peterson has been selected to be inducted into the NJLM Elected Officials Hall of Fame. An individual must serve 20 years or more as an elected official. The Township Committee congratulated Mr. Peterson on his selection, who has compiled 33 years of service as an elected official. Mayor Crilley suggested that William Taylor be appointed as Alternate

#3 on the Planning Board. On a motion of John Daddario, seconded by Scott Smith and unanimously carried on a roll call vote of 5-0, William Taylor was appointed as Alternate #3 on the Planning Board.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Roy Spoltore informed the Committee that the NJ DCA has approved amending the Small Cities facility grant for Slip lining to include adding two fire hydrants on the east side of 77 by the old Board office and near Woodruff School. Mr. Spoltore reported that the real estate ratio value dropped from 103.88% to 100.29%, while the actual Township valuation increased from \$626,731,500 to \$632,905,900 and the equalized valuation increased from \$603,322,581 to \$631,075,780. Mr. Spoltore added that the solar project on Love Lane appears to be active again and departments and organizations have been requested to submit information for a March newsletter.

DEPARTMENTAL MONTHLY REPORTS: January 2019

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

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.

Nancy Ridgway of Irving Avenue stated that Indian Fields stream is flooding her property and she has notified the County of her problem. Dean Hawk of Merritt Avenue asked for more details about the CFO shared service with Pittsgrove. It was explained that Upper Deerfield would be providing up to 10 daytime hours a week of our CFO to Pittsgrove and Pittsgrove would pay the proportional amount of our CFO for the service.

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,

Teresa L. Warburton
Recording Secretary

Roy J. Spoltore
Township Clerk