

**MINUTES OF THE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF  
UPPER DEERFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, HELD ON  
THURSDAY, JUNE 6, 2019, AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING,  
HIGHWAY 77, SEABROOK, NEW JERSEY, PURSUANT TO NOTICE**

Present were: John T. O'Neill, Sr., Bruce Peterson, John Daddario and Scott Smith all being members of the Township Committee. Also present were: Rocco Tedesco, Solicitor, Roy Spoltore, Township Administrator/Clerk; Chad Ott, Chief of EMS, Brian Murphy, Township Engineer; Teresa Warburton, Recording Secretary, and Amy Colaneri, CFO. James Crilley was unable to attend.

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 John Daddario.

At this time Vice Chairman John T. O'Neill, Sr. opened the meeting for public comment.

Nancy Ridgway of Irving Avenue stated that she would like additional information on two of the resolutions, the regional school and estimated tax bills.

There being no further public comments Vice Chairman John T. O'Neill, Sr. called for the approval of minutes for the Meeting of May 16, 2019. On a motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by John Daddario, to dispense with the reading of the minutes and to accept the minutes as received, unanimously approved, 4-0.

Vice Chairman John T. O'Neill, Sr. called for a public hearing on an ordinance entitled, permitting the Managed Care of Free-Roaming Cats. The Clerk read the proposed Ordinance by title. On motion by Bruce Peterson, seconded by John Daddario to open the meeting for a public hearing on the proposed ordinance, and unanimously carried. The Vice-Chairman instructed the Clerk to distribute copies to those present. There being no public comments, on motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded Scott Smith, to close the public hearing and unanimously carried. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by John Daddario to approve and adopt proposed ordinance, unanimously carried 4-0, on a roll call vote.

**INSERT ORDINANCE**

Vice Chairman John T. O'Neill, Sr. called for a resolution entitled Providing the Insertion of a Special Item of Revenue in the Budget Pursuant to NJSA 40A:4-87 – Clean Communities. The Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of Scott Smith, seconded by Bruce Peterson to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 4-0 on a roll call vote.

**INSERT RESOLUTION**

Vice Chairman John T. O'Neill, Sr. called for a resolution entitled Resolution in Support of a Designation that Allows Cumberland County High Schools to Serve as Satellite County Vocational

Centers for Specialized CTE Programs. The Clerk read the resolution by title. On 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

Vice Chairman John T. O'Neill, Sr. called for a resolution entitled Imposing Lien on Block 2005, Lot 6 – 16 Hildreth Avenue – SMB Investments, LLC. The Clerk read the resolution by title. 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

Vice Chairman John T. O'Neill, Sr. called for a resolution entitled Authorizing Township Tax Collector to Prepare Estimated Tax Bills in Accordance with N.J.S.A. 54:4-66.3. The Clerk read the resolution by title. 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

Vice Chairman John T. O'Neill, Sr. called for a resolution entitled Payment of Bills in the amount of \$189,739.44. 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

#### COMMITTEE COMMENTS

John Daddario commented that Lidl property grass needs to be taken care of as it is on the main corridor into the Township and it looks terrible,

Scott Smith did not have a report this evening.

Bruce Peterson asked if Chad Ott would forward the proposed signs for the Recycling Center for his review.

John T. O'Neill, Sr. deferred to Brian Murphy, Township Engineer to update the Committee on the status of Cumberland County Utilities Authority accepting the nitrate backwash. Mr. Murphy reported that the Township received a letter on Tuesday from the CCUA that they would not accept the backwash and requested additional information. Mr. Murphy stated he has reached out to various departments in DEP for them to provide assistance and guidance. He believes the CCUA is afraid of the unknown and he is preparing additional information to provide them to show that the backwash will not cause a problem. He will be reaching out to the CCUA engineer from Pennoni, Hugh Docherty, to review the proposal. The Township may need to move up the chain of command at DEP to receive help with the Township's nitrate problem.

#### ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Roy Spoltore informed the Committee that a request was received from Shanta Collins to utilize the Township Park for a family event on July 5<sup>th</sup> for approx. 75-80 people to attend. The committee requested that Ms. Collins provide an certificate of insurance showing the Township s an additional insured for the day. A request from JDRF, a nonprofit for Type 1 Diabetes, to hold a bike

ride going thru Upper Deerfield Township using Landis Ave., Finley Road, Silver Lake Road and Old Deerfield Pike, all of which are State and County Roads on Saturday June 15<sup>th</sup>. The Township does not have a problem but noted the Township cannot give approvals for State or County Roads. A certificate of insurance was requested. The Planning Board did not recommend that a farm located in a residential zone on Richards Road be approved for the County Farmland Preservation program as the property did not fall in the Township's PIG area.

#### ENGINEER'S REPORT

Brian Murphy reported that the DEP Permits for construction of the new Seabrook water tower should be coming up soon. Mr. Murphy informed Walmart that they needed to install new no left turn signals on their non-lighted exit onto Route 77. He will follow up with the manager.

#### SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Rocco Tedesco, Solicitor reported that the County is doing environmental testing in Silver Lake. Seabrook East developers requested an extension till September 1<sup>st</sup> to acquire the offsite affordable housing obligation properties due to unforeseen delays. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by Scott Smith to extend the timetable in the Developer's Agreement till September 1<sup>st</sup> was unanimously carried 4-0 on a roll call vote.

#### INSERT RESOLUTION

Mr. Tedesco explained the tentative time table required for adopting the Housing Element Plan and Fair Share Plan. The Planning Board will have a public hearing on the Housing Plan in June and the Township Committee will introduce the affordable housing ordinance in June and hold a public hearing on the ordinance in July.

At this time Vice Chairman John T. O'Neill, Sr. opened the meeting for additional public comments. Nancy Ridgway of Irving Avenue asked if the Township hires substitute employees and if they are entitled to sick time. Ms. Ridgway was informed that the Township hires part-time employees and based on the new state statute, part time employees are entitled to sick time accumulation.

With no further public comments and no further business to come before the 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 potential 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 on a roll call vote.

#### INSERT RESOLUTION

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

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Teresa L. Warburton, Recording Secretary

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Roy J. Spoltore, Township Clerk