

**MINUTES OF THE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF  
UPPER DEERFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, HELD ON  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 16, 2020, 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: Roy Spoltore, Township Administrator/Clerk; and Chad Ott, Public Works Supervisor. James Crilley was unable to attend the meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman John T. O'Neill 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 gave an invocation followed by the flag salute led by Scott Smith.

At this time Vice-Chairman John T. O'Neill opened the meeting for public comment. Dean Hawk of Merritt Avenue asked about the grant with the County for Substance Abuse. Mr. Peterson explained that the Township has been serving as the host of the grant for the non-profit organization that provides substance abuse programs and services for the Cumberland Regional sending district municipalities.

There being no additional public comments, John T. O'Neill, Vice-Chairman called for the approval of minutes for the meeting of January 16, 2020. John Daddario made a motion, seconded by Scott Smith, to dispense with the reading of the minutes and to accept the minutes as received, unanimously approved 4-0.

John T. O'Neill, Vice-Chairman called for a resolution entitled Authorizing Agreement Between County of Cumberland and Township of Upper Deerfield Regarding the Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention. 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 Authorizing the Tax Collector to Adjust Taxes for a Wartime Service-Connected 100% Disability - Grant. 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**

John T. O'Neill, Vice-Chairman called for a resolution entitled Tax Payments to be Refunded. 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 Authorizing the Sale of Public Property On-Line Through a New Jersey State Contract Auction Service – Municibid. On a motion of John Daddario, 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 \$2,247,706.68. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by Scott Smith to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 4-0 on a roll call vote with Mr. Daddario abstaining on approval of JEM print bill.

#### INSERT RESOLUTION

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

John Daddario stated that the Fire Marshall has been writing tickets for fire lane parking violations.

Scott Smith stated that public works is keeping busy.

Bruce Peterson reported that the Environmental Commission is having a presentation from the author of the book "The Drowning of Money Island" on Tuesday February 11th.

John T. O'Neill, Sr. stated that twelve DEP officials came down to view the pilot study at the Love Lane water treatment facility. Mr. O'Neill added that it was good putting a face to a name and the state officials seem to have a positive outlook toward the pilot program.

#### ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Roy Spoltore informed the Committee that DCA denied the Seabrook Small Cities nitrate removal application but approved the ADA recreation pathway proposal in the amount of \$221,585. A Small Cities home rehabilitation grant in the amount of \$112,700 was also approved. The Committee agreed to put the 8 lots on Center Road and Friesburg Road up for sale in April or May. An ordinance eliminating acceptance of 4 tires a year at the convenience center will be on the agenda for the next meeting. Ultra Clean will be coming in on Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>, for a consistency review from the redevelopment entity for installation of solar panels on their property. Randall Scheule will be present with his analysis. As part of the cyber security, Township email passwords will need to be changed every 6 months, beginning this week. Gordmans, formerly Pebbles, is having their open house on February 18<sup>th</sup> at 9 am. Mr. Spoltore reviewed the preliminary discussion of the 2020 budget. The capital improvement projects previously discussed to be included will exceed last year's budget number by approximately one cent on the tax rate. The balance of the budget will be in line with last year's budget with a few adjustments. Preliminary estimates for County and Regional percentage for the Township appear to be slightly less than last years percentages. A NJLM advisory and the Tax Collector's annual report are in this evening's packet for your review.

At this time John T. O'Neill, Vice-Chairman opened the meeting for additional public comments. Nancy Ridgway of Irving Avenue asked if there needs to be a war time veteran deduction ordinance in place. The Committee replied that this is a state program with state guidelines. The administrator will verify conditions needed for tax exemption.

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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Roy J. Spoltore  
Township Clerk