

**MINUTES OF THE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
UPPER DEERFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, HELD ON
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2020, 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., John Daddario, Bruce Peterson and Scott Smith all being members of the Township Committee. Also present were: Rocco Tedesco, Solicitor; Amy Colaneri, CFO; Roy Spoltore, Township Administrator/Clerk; and Brian Murphy, Township Engineer.

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 John O'Neill.

At this time James Crilley, Chairman opened the meeting for public comment. There being no public comments, James Crilley, Chairman called for the approval of minutes for the meeting of February 6, 2020. Scott Smith made a motion, seconded by Bruce Peterson, to dispense with the reading of the minutes and to accept the minutes as received, unanimously approved, 4-0, with James Crilley abstaining.

James Crilley, Chairman called for a discussion and introduction of an ordinance entitled, Amending Chapter 341 of the Upper Deerfield Township Code Entitled – "Solid Waste". The Clerk read the proposed Ordinance by title. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by John O'Neill to approve and adopt proposed ordinance on first reading and setting the date for public hearing on March 5, 2020 at 7:00 pm and was carried 5-0 on a roll call vote. The Chairman instructed the Clerk to advertise same in the Daily Journal as required by law and copies to be made available upon request.

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 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 Expressing Upper Deerfield Township Committee's Support for the Second Amendment. On a 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 Entering into a Contract to Purchase a Property Identified as Block 1797, Lots 14 & 15. On a motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by John O'Neill, to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 4-0 on a roll call vote with Mr. Daddario abstaining.

INSERT RESOLUTION

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution entitled Payment of Bills in the amount of \$1,353,434.80. 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 requested that the individual who is cutting trees in the open space purchased by the township with Green Acres funding known as Sunset Lake LLC be sent a letter to stop cutting trees or a criminal complaint will be filed.

Scott Smith did not have a report this evening.

Bruce Peterson did not have a report this evening.

John T. O'Neill, Sr. made a motion to authorize Patty Turkali and Marion Higbee to attend a session for Court CEU's at a cost of \$70. Bruce Peterson seconded the motion and a 5-0 roll call vote was recorded.

James Crilley informed the committee that Gordman's had their grand opening on Tuesday and presented a \$1,000 check to Cumberland Regional.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

The Committee approved property appraisal analysis for the property identified as Block 1707, Lots 14 & 15 to Pete Meehan in the amount of \$500 on a motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by Scott Smith and unanimously approved 4-0 on a roll call vote with John Daddario abstaining. The County Planning Board sent a letter requesting input for a property that wants to be included in the farmland preservation program but is contained in a residential zone. This will be forwarded to the Planning Board for their opinion. The Township has requested that the \$35,000 fund balance of the 2018 Small Cities grant be amended to allow for the purchase of ADA playground equipment in conjunction with the recently awarded ADA path ways grant in the recreational area. In this evening's packet for your review are the monthly departmental reports for January 2020 and a draft update on the nitrate removal for the annual water report to be mailed to all the users.

DEPARTMENTAL MONTHLY REPORTS: January 2020

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

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Brian Murphy reported that the pilot study at the Love Lane treatment facility should start next week and last 3 weeks. The Tier B storm water report has been filed. Mr. Murphy will be working on the bid package for Small Cities grant approval ADA pathways.

James Crilley called for a motion to temporarily suspend the Township Committee meeting so that the members could convene a regularly scheduled meeting of the Redevelopment Entity. On a motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by John O'Neill and unanimously carried, 5-0, the Township Committee meeting was temporarily suspended at 7:30 pm.

James Crilley, Chairman called for a motion to reconvene the Township Committee meeting at 7:50 pm. Bruce Peterson made the motion, seconded by John O'Neill and unanimously approved 5-0 to reconvene the Township Committee meeting.

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SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Rocco Tedesco, Solicitor requested that the Committee authorize agreements be made for the following work for the purchase of the property on Old Deerfield Pike: survey work, title work with Beacon Title and Phase 1 Environmental with Marathon Engineering. 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.

At this time James Crilley, Chairman opened the meeting for additional public comments. Dean Hawk of Merritt Avenue agreed with the position on second amendment rights.

With no further 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 Potential Litigation, Contract matter and other matters requiring attorney client privileged confidential communications. The Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by John O'Neill 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.

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