

**MINUTES OF THE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
UPPER DEERFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, HELD ON
THURSDAY, MAY 21, 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, Township Solicitor, Roy Spoltore, Township Administrator/Clerk; Brian Murphy, Township Engineer; Amy Colaneri, CFO; and Chad Ott, Public Works Supervisor.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman James Crilley and he read the following public meeting announcement.

"A regularly scheduled public meeting of the Upper Deerfield Township Committee is being held pursuant to P.L. 2020, Ch. 11, the meeting will be conducted via teleconference. A call-in number, meeting ID and access code to listen to the meeting for the public was provided on the Township website and on the rear door of township municipal building. **THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING IS NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.** Public comment will be held according to the agenda in the usual manner via teleconference. The agenda is posted on the Township website under "Public Records". 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.

James Crilley gave an invocation followed by the flag salute led by James Crilley.

At this time James Crilley, Chairman asked for a Roll Call and opened the meeting for public comment.

There being no public comments James Crilley, Chairman called for the approval of minutes for the Meeting of May 7, 2020. On a motion of John Daddario, seconded by Bruce Peterson, to dispense with the reading of the minutes, and to accept the minutes as received, unanimously approved, 5-0.

James Crilley, Chairman called for a public hearing on an ordinance entitled, Authorizing the Expenditure of Capital Reserve Funds for Purchase of Ambulance. The Clerk read the proposed Ordinance by title. On motion of John Daddario, 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 make copies available. There being no public comments, on motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded John O'Neill, to close the public hearing and unanimously carried. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by Scott Smith, 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 Payment of Bills in the amount of \$821,149.99. The Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of John Daddario, seconded by John O'Neill, to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.

INSERT RESOLUTION

COMMITTEE COMMENTS

John Daddario stated that NCLL is waiting to see if they will be able to have the season in the summer and that Chad Ott reported that things are going smoothly in public works.

Scott Smith stated that everything is good.

Bruce Peterson did not have a report this evening

John T. O'Neill, Sr. stated that Roy Kaneshiki had passed away.

Chairman Crilley stated that the conference calls for mayors and the county have been very insightful. The County College will be keeping the cost of credits flat for the next semester, the Ag program at CTEC is proceeding, Senator Testa presented his observations and the CCIA is working on Economic Development updates. Upper Deerfield now has 2 new cases of COVID-19 for a total of 62 cases with 4 fatalities.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Roy Spoltore reported that the old state police barracks on Highway 77 has been demolished and the basement should be filled in tomorrow. Upper Deerfield is at 67.7% filing for the 2020 census. Virtual municipal court should begin their first session on June 9th. The committee discussed a request from Stow Creek Township to utilize the zoning officer for a conflict case. The Committee agreed that Stow Creek should just hire the individual for the conflict case and be paid by Stow Creek. Information pertaining to the Primary election was just released – the new date is July 7th, vote by mail, party ballots will be sent to registered party individuals, unaffiliated voters will be sent a notice that they can request a party ballot, voting at a reduced number of local polls will be for disabled and provisional ballots, ballots must be postmarked by July 7th and no ballot will be recorded if it is received after July 14th. The Committee discussed requests from residents to waive the late fees for rental registration received after the April 30th deadline. On motion of John Daddario, seconded by Bruce Peterson the committee waived the late fee penalty for rental registration until May30th, and unanimously carried 5-0 on a roll call vote. The Township is \$113,000 behind last year's second quarter tax collection and would have been only \$29,000 behind if the tax appeal from Carlls Corner Shopping Center was not in effect. The OPRA case for State Police records that was before the NJ Records Council from September of 2018 has been dismissed by the requester. Monthly departmental reports were available for April.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Brian Murphy reported that he had good conversations with DEP officials regarding the Nitrate issue. Seabrook East should be beginning construction soon. Mr. Murphy has nearly completed the plans for the ADA walk paths through the soccer areas. The Township received word from DEP that the radioactive licensing has been approved for the Township.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Rocco Tedesco reported that Ray Ferrera for the Township and Pennoni for the CCUA have had discussions regarding the nitrate removal issue. The Solicitor suggested that an ordinance be prepared for the purchase of the Old Deerfield Pike and Park Drive property. Mr. Tedesco recommended that

the Township accept the settlement proposal for a foreclosed home rehabilitation property as the Township has a secondary lien position.

At this time James Crilley, Chairman opened the meeting for additional public comments. Nancy Ridgway of Irving Avenue wished everyone to be safe.

With no further public comments and no further business to come before the Committee James Crilley, Chairman called for a motion to adjourn. Bruce Peterson made the motion, seconded by John Daddario to adjourn, and unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Roy J. Spoltore
Township Clerk