

**MINUTES OF THE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
UPPER DEERFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, HELD ON
THURSDAY, JANUARY 20, 2022, AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING,
HIGHWAY 77, SEABROOK, NEW JERSEY, PURSUANT TO NOTICE**

Present were: James Crilley, John Daddario, Bruce Peterson, Thomas Speranza and Scott Smith all being members of the Township Committee. Also present were: Rocco Tedesco, Solicitor; Roy Spoltore, Township Administrator/Clerk; Amy Colaneri, CFO; Brian Murphy, Township Engineer; Chad Ott, Public Works Supervisor 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 John Daddario.

Since the January 6, 2021 meeting was an in person and teleconference meeting Scott Smith and Thomas Speranza repeated their Oath of Office in front of their family and residents to serve their three-year term of office as Committeemen by Rocco Tedesco, Solicitor.

Mayor Crilley presented a plaque to John "Terry O'Neill, Sr. for his 50 years of community service including his recent service as a Township Committeeman. The Township Committee also dedicated the Public Works Building on Old Burlington Road in his honor and will forever be known as the Upper Deerfield Township John Terry O'Neill Public Works Building. Each of the Committeeman thanked Terry for his service to the community. Terry thanked everyone for the honor and explained that he enjoyed every minute of his service and encouraged others to get involved.

At this time James Crilley, Chairman opened the meeting for public comment.

Nancy Ridgway of Irving Avenue wished Mr. O'Neill well in his retirement and asked him to join her as a member of public at future meetings.

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 Scott Smith and unanimously carried the Township Committee meeting was temporarily suspended at 7:28 pm.

James Crilley, Chairman called for a motion to reconvene the Township Committee meeting at 7:32 pm. Thomas Speranza made the motion, seconded by Bruce Peterson and unanimously approved 5-0 to reconvene the Township Committee meeting.

REOPEN TO PUBLIC SESSION

There being no other public comments James Crilley, Chairman called for the approval of minutes for the Meeting of December 30, 2021 and January 6, 2022. On a motion of John Daddario, seconded by Scott Smith to dispense with the reading of the minutes, and to accept the minutes as received. The December 30th meeting minutes were approved 3-0 with Bruce Peterson and Thomas Speranza abstaining and the minutes from January 6th were unanimously approved 5-0.

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution entitled Awarding Contract to Quad Construction Company to Construct a Building Addition and Install WRT Nitrate Removal Components for the Love Lane Water Treatment Facility. The Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of Scott Smith, seconded by Bruce Peterson, 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 Advertisement of the Public Bid of One Plenary Retail Consumption Alcoholic Beverage License and One Plenary Distribution Alcoholic Beverage License. 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 Payment of Bills in the amount of \$506,597.04. On motion of Thomas Speranza, seconded by Scott Smith to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.

INSERT RESOLUTION

COMMITTEE COMMENTS

John Daddario thanked the Township Staff, Public Works, EMS and the Fire companies for the great job they do. Mr. Daddario welcomed Scott Smith back to the Committee and looked forward to working with Tom Speranza and his knowledge of Public Safety.

Scott Smith stated it is a pleasure to be back and he looked forward to working with Tom Speranza and the rest of the Committee. Public Works has done a great job with the storms.

Bruce Peterson welcomed Scott Smith back and looked forward to working with Tom Speranza. Mr. Peterson thanked all of the Township volunteers because the Township doesn't work without the volunteers.

Thomas Speranza commented that he is looking forward to this term, he has a lot to learn, along with big shoes to fill.

James Crilley thanked all of the Township volunteers who make the Township what it is today. The Mayor added that this will be a busy year as there appears to be a lot that will be

happening. He reminded everyone that on April 23rd the Township will be celebrating it's 100th anniversary.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Roy Spoltore informed the Committee that this evening's packet contained the monthly departmental reports from December 2021 and meeting dates from all boards and committees for 2022. The nitrate tests for January were 6.71 at Love Lane and 5.27 at Seabrook. The new auditors were in working on the annual financial statement and will be back February 14th to begin the annual audit. A newsletter is being prepared, please provide any topics that should be included.

DEPARTMENTAL MONTHLY REPORTS: December 2021

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 thanked the Committee for his re-appointment. The nitrate removal facility is moving forward with tonight's approval to hire Quad Construction to build the facility and WRT is currently testing the treatment components. Still waiting on permit from the CCUA.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Rocco Tedesco reported that he has not received a response from the DEP regarding the potential donation of the Bench Property. In Rem Foreclosure may be another way to proceed. Title work will still be needed which will be time consuming and expensive. The Solicitor is working on the Bristol Ponds Redevelopment Agreement trying to make sure the agreement addresses the affordable housing and timing of releasing CO's issues the Township had with the Mill Creek development.

At this time James Crilley, Chairman opened the meeting for additional public comments. Bill Whelan of Park Drive thanked the Committee for exemplifying Good Governance and doing things properly. Mayor Crilley thanked Mr. Whelan and stated Bill is a new CCUA Board member.

There being no comments or further business to come before the Committee, on motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by Scott Smith to adjourn at 7:54 pm, unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa L. Warburton, Recording Secretary

Roy J. Spoltore, Township Clerk