

**MINUTES OF THE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
UPPER DEERFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, HELD ON
THURSDAY, JANUARY 21, 2021, 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, John T. O'Neill, Sr. and Scott Smith all being members of the Township Committee. Also present were: Rocco Tedesco, Solicitor; Roy Spoltore, Township Administrator/Clerk; Amy Colaneri, CFO; 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 Bruce Peterson.

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution Authorizing Closed Session to for a resolution Authorizing Closed Session to update the Committee on Contracts and other matters requiring attorney client privileged confidential communications. The Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded John Daddario to approve and adopt resolution, unanimously carried 5-0.

INSERT RESOLUTION

The meeting was reopened, on a motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by Scott Smith at 7:18 pm and unanimously carried.

At this time James Crilley, Chairman opened the meeting for Sale of Township Property. Solicitor Rocco Tedesco explained the process for the sale of property and reviewed the conditions of the sale. The property was originally scheduled to be auctioned December 3rd, but the sale was tabled until January 21st. The solicitor opened the bidding to the general public and the high bid for the property is listed below:

Block 1107 Lot 2.15 – 1 Abbey Road – Joanne Zimmerman & Maria Martinez \$40,000.00.

The meeting was temporarily halted for the successful bidder to complete paperwork for the sale of Township Property. Once the paperwork was completed, James Crilley, Chairman opened the meeting for public comment.

Nancy Ridgway of Irving Avenue asked if taxes are due on the tax sale of property. Rocco Tedesco, Solicitor commented that there are two types of sales. The sale of a tax sale certificate requires the successful entity to keep the taxes current for 2 years and then they can proceed with

foreclosure to recoup their fees. The second way is through an In Rem Sale where the municipality takes ownership of the tax lien and after 6 months can begin foreclosure through the court. If the municipality has no use for the property, it can be sold through a public land sale.

Dean Hawk of Merritt Avenue stated he was coming down Carmel Road and saw a CCIA trash truck doing roadside cleanup. Can Upper Deerfield see if the CCIA will do a cleanup on Highway 77? The Township will look into it, to see if the CCIA will conduct a cleanup or if this is just an agreement with Deerfield Township since they are the host township for the landfill. Nancy Ridgway of Irving Avenue commented that CCIA has a litter cleanup program they have been doing this for about 2 years now.

There being no other public comments James Crilley, Chairman called for the approval of minutes for the Meeting of December 30, 2020 and January 7, 2021. 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, unanimously approved, 4-0 with Bruce Peterson, abstaining on both sets of minutes.

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution entitled Support a Partnership Between the Township of Upper Deerfield, Upper Deerfield Township Schools and Cumberland Regional High School to Address Educational Connectivity Issues. The Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by John Daddario, 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 \$543,825.30. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by John Daddario to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.

INSERT RESOLUTION

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 T. O'Neill, Sr. and unanimously carried the Township Committee meeting was temporarily suspended at 7:34 pm.

James Crilley, Chairman called for a motion to reconvene the Township Committee meeting at 7:44 pm. John Daddario made the motion, seconded by John T. O'Neill, Sr. and unanimously approved 5-0 to reconvene the Township Committee meeting.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS

John Daddario requested approval for a CEU class for Daniel Sutton pertaining to Fire Safety courses with a total fee of \$1,093.50 of which \$950.00 is for the week of training and annual membership fee. On motion of John Daddario, seconded by Scott Smith and unanimously approved 5-0 on a roll call vote.

Scott Smith reported that leaf collection is complete and Public Works crew did a great job.

Bruce Peterson did not have a report this evening.

John T. O'Neill, Sr. requested the Township Engineer to update the Sanitary Sewer lines mapping. Roy Spoltore to speak with Brian Murphy regarding the mapping.

James Crilley reported that the committee will continue to speak with the John's Way residents and the Homeowners Association to see if there is an agreeable solution to their HOA concerns. A meeting with Pappas is scheduled for Tuesday to update them on the construction of a nitrate removal system at Love Lane. A letter was received from Bridgeton resident, Baustino Hernandez requesting a dump sticker so he can transport the household trash of his elderly parents who reside in Upper Deerfield Township. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by John Daddario to request documentation of residency for the parents and issue a one-year pass for the Baustino Hernandez. Mayor Crilley asked the township committee to regrettably accept the resignation of Ed Overdevest who has served over 30 years on the Upper Deerfield Township Planning Board. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by John Daddario to accept the resignation of Ed Overdevest from the Township Planning Board. Mayor Crilley requested that Ken Jackson be moved from First Alternate to regular member, move Wayne Sabota from Second Alternate to First Alternate and appoint Bill Whelan to fill the Second Alternate position for the Township Planning Board. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by Scott Smith to move Ken Jackson to regular member, Wayne Sabota to First Alternate and appoint Bill Whelan to Second Alternate for Township Planning Board, unanimously carried 5-0 on a voice vote.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Roy Spoltore informed the Committee that the Cumberland County Health Department Rabies Clinic will be at all outdoor facilities with appointments required and social distancing along with mask requirements. Chad Ott, EMS Chief picked up the new ambulance yesterday which still needs to have the State inspection before being put in service. The first quarter water tests for Love Lane and Seabrook both passed within the Safe Drinking Standards. Departmental reports for December 2020 and the Treasurers report were presented.

DEPARTMENTAL MONTHLY REPORTS: December 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

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

The Solicitor did not have a report this evening.

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

Nancy Ridgway of Irving Avenue stated that the Fairfield Township Committee entered into a shared service agreement with Inspira for \$20,000.00 per year to cover the Township EMS calls. She added that there were a few changes in the annual appointments at the CCUA meeting.

With no other 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 Pending Contracts 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 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,

Teresa L. Warburton
Recording Secretary

Roy J. Spoltore
Township Clerk