

**MINUTES OF THE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF  
UPPER DEERFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, HELD ON  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2023, AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING,  
HIGHWAY 77, SEABROOK, NEW JERSEY, PURSUANT TO NOTICE**

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

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.

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 January 19, 2023. On a motion of Thomas Speranza, seconded by Scott Smith to dispense with the reading of the minutes, and to accept the minutes as received, unanimously approved, on a roll call vote of 4-0-1 with Joseph Spoltore abstaining.

James Crilley, Chairman called for a public hearing on an ordinance entitled, Amending Ordinance 405-68. The Clerk read the proposed Ordinance by title. Roy Spoltore explained that this establishes escrow hourly rate for professionals be included as part of the professional's annual contract rather than at the rate of \$125.00 per hour that was established in 2011. On motion of Scott Smith, seconded by John Daddario to open the meeting for a public hearing on the proposed ordinance, and unanimously carries. The Chairman instructed the Clerk to distribute copies to those present. There being no public comments, on the motion of Joseph Spoltore, second by Scott Smith the public hearing was closed, and unanimously carried. On the motion of Joseph Spoltore, seconded by John Daddario to approve and adopt proposed ordinance, unanimously carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.

**INSERT ORDINANCE**

James Crilley, Chairman called for a discussion and introduction of an ordinance entitled, Bond Ordinance Providing for the Construction of a Pole Barn at the Convenience Center and the Purchase of a Backhoe, Skid Steer and Capital Equipment needed for the Recycling Facility in and by the Township of Upper Deerfield. In the County of Cumberland, New Jersey, Appropriating \$500,000 Therefor and Authorizing the Issuance of \$475,000 Bonds or Notes of the Township for Financing the Cost Thereof. The Clerk read the proposed Ordinance by title. On motion of Joseph Spoltore, seconded by Thomas Speranza to approve and adopt proposed ordinance on first reading and setting the date for Public Hearing on February 16, 2023 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 Approval of Change Order #1 Small Cities - Wolbert. The Clerk read the resolution by title. 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

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution entitled Amending the 2023 Temporary Budget of the Township of Upper Deerfield-1. 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 Resolution 23-59 entitled Payment of Bills in the amount of \$2,394,707.76 the Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of Joseph Spoltore, seconded by Thomas Speranza, to approve and adopt resolution, unanimously carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.

## INSERT RESOLUTION

## COMMITTEE COMMENTS

John Daddario announced NCLL baseball online registration is going well and opening day is April 15, 2023. CRHS baseball would like to hold a clean up day in the spring.

Scott Smith did not have a report this evening.

Thomas Speranza made a motion for Dan Sutton to attend Arson School Training in the amount of \$910.00, seconded by John Daddario and unanimously carried 5-0 on a roll call vote. There may be a vigil at Walmart on Saturday evening and the new station commander at the Bridgeton State Police barracks will be starting shortly.

Joseph Spoltore reported that the planning board will be meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup>. He stated that the Environmental Commission at its meeting on January 11<sup>th</sup> wanted to develop the Munyon property into a preserve similar to what Hopewell Township is doing on their park area near their Township school. In addition, the Commission is exploring potential grants through ANJEC (Association of New Jersey Environmental Commissions) and other groups.

Mayor Crilley congratulated John Daddario's on his appointment to the CUA (Cumberland County Utilities Authority). On Saturday January 28, 2023, Upper Deerfield hosted Senator Edward Durr at the Convenience Center who helped residents dispose of their trash. Senator Durr also visited the Seabrook Water tower and the redevelopment area. The mayor informed everyone that Fresenius Dialysis will be closing.

## ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Roy Spoltore stated that Cumberland Regional High School Music Boosters are requesting approval to hold an off-premises raffle for a prize to detail a vehicle on February 28<sup>th</sup> and a 50/50 Raffle drawing on March 3, 2023. On motion of Thomas Speranza seconded by Scott Smith to approve the raffles, on a roll call vote of 4-0-1 with Joseph Spoltore abstaining. The Cumberland County Department of Health will partner with Upper Deerfield to host a Rabies Clinic on April 15, 2023 tentatively scheduled for 12-2 pm. The Committee approved submitting a first responders grant request to FEMA to purchase two LUCA Chest Compression Machines at a projected cost of around \$50,000 on a motion of John Daddario, seconded by Joseph Spoltore and unanimously approved. The Administrator reported that Chipotle is submitting plans to the construction office for their review. The State Police have completed their background check for the package goods store owners, the Township is waiting for the background approval report from the State.

## ENGINEER'S REPORT

Brian Murphy reported that the Nitrate system at Love Lane is operating electronically, he will be sending a letter to Lassonde Pappas that they will soon be receiving their water from Love Lane and to invite them to view the new treatment facility. Mr. Murphy stated that he is contacting contractors about building a new pole barn at the convenience center. He added that most of the check list items at Mill Creek are completed except there is one water well that has not been capped to his knowledge.

#### SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Rocco Tedesco stated that he is in receipt of the Mill Creek street documents needed to formally dedicate them over to the Township. The developer will need to show that the roads are title free and clear. Rocco Tedesco reported that the Bristol Ponds is scheduled for the February 16th meeting of the redevelopment entity. He added that the settlement proposal was sent to Cohansey Soccer Clubs attorney but he has not heard back from him. Discovery was due on January 27<sup>th</sup>, but nothing has been submitted. There will be a meeting next week with representatives of an international company looking to construct a facility in the Township.

At this time James Crilley, Chairman opened the meeting for additional public comments. Nancy Ridgway of Irving Avenue stated she was glad the Township was requiring clear title for the roadways. With no other public comments and there being no further business to come before the Committee, on motion of Joseph Spoltore, seconded by Thomas Speranza, to adjourn, and unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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Janeen Rossi, Township Deputy Clerk

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Roy J. Spoltore, Township Clerk