

**MINUTES OF THE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
UPPER DEERFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, HELD ON
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 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: Roy Spoltore, Township Administrator/Clerk; 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 Scott Smith.

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 4, 2021. On a motion of Scott Smith, seconded by John Daddario 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, Amending the Municipal Stormwater Control Ordinance, Chapter 345. The Clerk read the proposed Ordinance by title. On motion of by Bruce Peterson, 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 distribute copies to those present. John Daddario stated he was not in favor of the ordinance. There being no other public comments, on motion of Scott Smith, seconded Bruce Peterson, to close the public hearing and unanimously carried. On motion of Scott Smith, seconded by Bruce Peterson, to approve and adopt proposed ordinance, with a recorded roll call vote of 4-1, with John Daddario voting no.

INSERT ORDINANCE

James Crilley, Chairman called for a discussion and introduction of an ordinance entitled, Authorizing the Expenditure of Capital Reserve Funds for Purchase of Public Works Vehicle. The Clerk read the proposed Ordinance by title. Roy Spoltore explained that this would provide balance needed to purchase a new dump truck and pick-up truck in 2021. 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 4, 2021 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 Authorizing Sale of Property Block 1107, Lot 2.15 on the Tax Map of the Township of Upper Deerfield, Known as 1 Abbey Road. The Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by John O'Neill, 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 the Purchase of Surplus Motorola HT1250 500mhz Portable Radios from the City of Bridgeton. 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 Authorizing Awarding Contract for Tub Grinding at the Convenience Center. 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 \$1,239,212.18. On motion of Bruce Peterson, 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 stated that public works did a good job on the roads with the recent storms.

Scott Smith concurred that public works crew did a great job.

Bruce Peterson stated that 7 Pleasant Drive needs to be placed for sale again or the garage needs to be torn down. The neighboring property parcels that were not sold in December will be placed for sale again in April. A convenience center sticker request from Debra Fresne, who lives in Millville but has a rental in Upper Deerfield was denied by the Committee.

John T. O'Neill, Sr. did not have a report this evening.

James Crilley reported that a meeting next week has been established with the new state police commander, county officials and township officials. Topics to be discussed include ATV's, speeding and the court. The zoning officer will send a letter to a resident on Button Mill Road who has been observed shooting fireworks stating that it is illegal. The Mayor added that Mavis Tire and Seabrook East development are both moving along well. Bristol Ponds is progressing and will be before the Planning Board in March. Budget discussions have begun, and a preliminary draft budget will be discussed at the March 4th meeting. Bruce Peterson and the Mayor met with officials at Bottino's to discuss removing the panhandler located on their property exiting onto Cornwell Drive. Bottino's will try to have the individual leave their property.

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 Scott Smith, seconded by Bruce Peterson and unanimously carried the Township Committee meeting was temporarily suspended.

James Crilley, Chairman called for a motion to reconvene the Township Committee meeting. Bruce Peterson made the motion, seconded by Scott Smith and unanimously approved 5-0 to reconvene the Township Committee meeting.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Upper Deerfield Township School is requesting the Rental Registration Fee be waived again this year. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by John O'Neill to approve waiving of the Rental Registration fee for 2021, unanimously approved 5-0 on a roll call vote. Wendy's will be replacing the former Popeye's establishment and the location is currently under renovation. The owner requested that the Committee review their sewer usage as the business is closed. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by John O'Neill to approve billing 1 DCU for the months of January, February and March, with the DCU's returning to 10 in April, unanimously approved 5-0 on a roll call vote. Departmental reports for January 2021, the draft 2021 budget, current vehicle list were included in this evening's packet. Mr. Spoltore added that USDA stated that Recreational products are not eligible under their facilities program and the Planning Board has combined their Planning and Variance application into one form. The Treasurers report was presented.

DEPARTMENTAL MONTHLY REPORTS: January 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

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 CCUA reorganized at their meeting today.

There being no comments or further business to come before the Committee, on motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by John Daddario to adjourn, unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Roy J. Spoltore, Township Clerk