

**MINUTES OF THE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF  
UPPER DEERFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, HELD ON  
THURSDAY, MARCH 3, 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.

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

Dean Hawk of Merritt Avenue asked if the Township checked other vendors even though they may be involved with a cooperative price agreement with a company. Roy Spoltore, Township Clerk stated that the Township checks other vendors before purchasing items.

There being no other public comments James Crilley, Chairman called for the approval of minutes for the Meeting of February 17, 2022. 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 on a voice vote.

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution entitled Supplying and Delivering Office Supplies Through a Cooperative Price Contract with the County of Cumberland. The Clerk read the resolution by title. 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**

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution entitled Awarding Engineering Services to Fralinger Engineering PA to Prepare Engineering Field Survey, Design, Construction Inspection and Contract Administration for the Reconstruction of Hoover Road and Veterans Drive. 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 Payment of Bills in the amount of \$132,504.28. On motion of John Daddario, seconded by Thomas Speranza to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.

#### INSERT RESOLUTION

#### COMMITTEE COMMENTS

John Daddario reported that he spoke with Roy Spoltore and Brian Murphy regarding two streetlights on Eisenhower Drive that do not work and need to be repaired. It appears the wires are cut. He added that there is an area of MacArthur Drive that is dark and needs a streetlight. It appears that a section of the Soccer fence was hit by a car. The Little League tower has been broken into as well as the old bathroom. Need to install cameras at the recreation buildings to see who is causing the damage.

Scott Smith reported that the Planning Board approved a minor subdivision on Irving Avenue.

Bruce Peterson did not have a report this evening.

Thomas Speranza reported that he met with Lt. Gates and there is an uptick of juvenile fights at Countryside Village. He reminded everyone not to leave keys in your vehicle and be aware of your surroundings. Mr. Speranza added that the Sheriff and State Police have a manpower issue and are not currently available to assist in enforcing the no parking in fire lanes.

James Crilley reported that the Senior Center will open on Tuesdays and Wednesdays beginning on March 8<sup>th</sup> as we move forward to a new normal. Masks will be optional and participants who are not vaccinated will be asked to wear a mask and maintain 6' social distancing. The mayor read a thank you from John "Terry" O'Neill for the honor the Township provided to him by naming the Public Works building after him.

#### ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Roy Spoltore reported that the Township was awarded \$14,487.71 for the recycling tonnage grant for 2019. He added that the Auditors completed a 12-day review of the Township's financial affairs and reported their findings of no recommendations. A copy of the draft 2022 budget is in this evening's packet and will be introduced at the next meeting. A COLA ordinance will also be introduced at the next meeting to allow for an additional one percent increase in appropriations. The budget will not have an increase in the local tax rate. It appears that if the County maintains their pledge to not increase the amount to be raised the Township will have four tenths of a cent increase from the county. The Committee approved a blood drive to be held in the Senior Center on May 5<sup>th</sup> by the American Red Cross. The Committee requested that the administrator send a letter to the County Commissioners to purchase additional voting machines due to the long lines to vote in last years general election.

#### ENGINEER'S REPORT

Brian Murphy reported that the Township has received an industrial discharge permit from the Cumberland County Utilities Authority. Quad Construction is reviewing the shop drawings for the Love Lane Water Facility addition. WRT is waiting for the building to be constructed before

delivering the nitrate removal components. A meeting is scheduled with the railroad company to review the need to have truck traffic on their rails near the water treatment facility. The annual storm water report will be sent to the state within the next couple of days.

## SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Rocco Tedesco, Solicitor reported there was a conference call with the developer, their attorney, Township's PILOT attorney, Roy and himself to discuss the Bristol Ponds redevelopment agreement. He added there were four issues to resolve that appear to have a workable conclusion. The developer will be working out the details with the Township's affordable housing consultants in order to be compliant with the terms of the court approved plan. The Solicitor stated that the Township did not receive any bids for the liquor licenses. Mr. Tedesco suggested that the Committee establish a sub-committee to meet with him to review the previous bid packets and make suggestions to possibly modify and bring back to the committee. Mr. Tedesco also requested the committee adopt a resolution that no bids were received and subsequently were not awarded. James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution entitled No Award in Response to the Notice to Bidders for the Plenary Retail Consumption License or the Plenary Retail Distribution License. On a 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

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

Anil Patel of Pennsville commented that he looked over the bid packet and he could not comply with the terms/conditions. He noted that he would need to buy land, build the building and purchase the inventory, which made it difficult to submit a bid. Mr. Patel felt that a 5000 sq. ft. building for a package goods store would be adequate.

Nancy Ridgway of Irving Avenue commented the Cumberland County Utilities Authority permit needed to have a Notice for the permit to be published. She added that with the cost of gas, the committee should look at the grass ordinance and consider modifying it due to the cost of gas.

Dean Hawk of Merritt Avenue asked the solicitor who will maintain the retention basin for the Mill Creek development. Mr. Tedesco stated that this subdivision was originally approved in the late 70's and there was no drainage requirements at that time and that newer developments basins are approved with Home Owners Associations to maintain them.

Joe Spoltore of John's Way asked about the potholes at the intersection of Love Lane and Old Deerfield Pike. The committee commented that this should be addressed when the paving of Love Lane occurs this spring. He added that an indoor recreation center at the sports complex would be a good way to get the kids involved and off the streets if funding is available.

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,

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Teresa L. Warburton  
Recording Secretary

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Roy J. Spoltore  
Township Clerk