

**MINUTES OF THE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF  
UPPER DEERFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, HELD ON  
THURSDAY, MARCH 16, 2023, AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING,  
HIGHWAY 77, SEABROOK, NEW JERSEY, PURSUANT TO NOTICE**

Present were 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; and Chad Ott, Public Works Supervisor. James Crilley was unable to attend the meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman John Daddario, 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.

John Daddario requested a moment of silence followed by the flag salute led by Scott Smith.

At this time John Daddario, Vice Chairman opened the meeting for public comment.

There being no public comments John Daddario, Vice Chairman called for the approval of minutes for the Meeting March 2, 2023. On a motion of Scott Smith, seconded by Thomas Speranza 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

John Daddario, Vice Chairman called for a public hearing on an ordinance entitled, Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a Cap Bank (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14). The Clerk read the proposed Ordinance by title. On motion of Joseph Spoltore, 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. There being no public comments, on motion of Joseph Spoltore, seconded by Scott Smith to close the public hearing and unanimously carried. On motion of Thomas Speranza, seconded by Joseph Spoltore to approve and adopt proposed ordinance, unanimously carried 4-0 on a roll call vote.

**INSERT ORDINANCE**

John Daddario, Vice Chairman called for a resolution entitled Introduction of 2023 Municipal Budget and 2023 Utility Budget. The Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of Thomas Speranza seconded by Scott Smith to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 4-0 on a roll call vote.

**INSERT RESOLUTION**

John Daddario, Vice Chairman called for a resolution entitled Authorizing the Issuance of One (1) Plenary Retail Distribution License for the Sale of Alcoholic Beverages to Keshav Liquor Inc. for the Premises Located at Suite #9, Carlls Corner Shopping Center, Bridgeton, New Jersey 08302. The Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of Joseph Spoltore seconded by Thomas Speranza to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 4-0 on a roll call vote.

**INSERT RESOLUTION**

John Daddario, Vice Chairman called for a resolution entitled Awarding Contract to Highway Equipment Company of NJ Inc. for the Purchase of a 2023 Kubota Skid Steer. The Clerk read the resolution by title. The Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of Thomas Speranza seconded by Scott Smith to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 4-0 on a roll call vote.

INSERT RESOLUTION

John Daddario, Vice Chairman called for Resolution entitled Payment of Bills in the amount of \$ 1,480,401.65 the Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of Thomas Sprenaza, seconded by Joseph Speranza, to approve and adopt resolution, unanimously carried 4-0 on a roll call vote.

INSERT RESOLUTION

COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Scott Smith did not have a report this evening.

Joseph Spoltore reported that things are going well in recreation. There is a group interested in starting a football program and will present their plan at the next recreation meeting.

Thomas Speranza made a motion for Dan Sutton to attend a continuing education training in the amount of \$270.00, seconded by Scott Smith and unanimously carried 4-0 on a roll call vote.

John Daddario stated that the committeemen are very active within the community and attend various meetings throughout the months. He added that Mayor Crilley is home and is feeling better. Thomas Speranza made a motion to appoint Linda Carman to the Historical Committee and Ken Mecouch to the Planning Board as Alternate #4, seconded by Joseph Spoltore and unanimously carried 4-0 on roll call vote.

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Roy Spoltore reported that Community Day is scheduled for April 29, 2023 10am – 4pm. The CCIA’s pole barn contractor has submitted their cost to construct the shell of the Pole Barn building for \$158,561.00. Chad Ott is meeting with them at the site tomorrow and they are anticipating materials will be delivered the first week of April. Mr. Ott is in the process of getting the cost to install the concrete floor. The state Financial Disclosures will be available to complete at the beginning of April. The JIF’s elected officials training can be completed by viewing a 30 minute video, the link will be forwarded. Fralinger Engineering is submitting a \$75,000 grant request to the state for storm water management implementation. Brian Murphy continues to work with NJEIT for the Seabrook Water Tower replacement. It appears the township may make the June 30<sup>th</sup> award cycle. The Committee discussed the polling place locations for the elections and requested that the same locations as 2022 be submitted. The departmental reports for February are included in this evening’s packet as well as the Treasurer’s report.

DEPARTMENTAL MONTHLY REPORTS: February 2023

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

Rocco Tedesco reported that he reviewed the ABC manual, and the normal licensing is from July to June. After passing the resolution tonight and submitting it to the state, the township has to wait for the state to issue the license for the plenary distribution license to Keshav Liquor. The solicitor reported that he reviewed case law, and the Township does not have an obligation to repair or remove any improvements in rights-of-way unless the Township owns the improvement. Mr. Tedesco added that he has spoken with two different attorneys representing clients who have property in the Highway 77 redevelopment area who are looking to be named the redeveloper and eligible for PILOT's. The attorney for Cohansey Soccer requested to be relieved of his duties as the Club's attorney, the court approved his request. There will be another court teleconference in April, the Township has filed a motion to dismiss the case, which will be heard at that time.

Tom Speranza state that the 4-wheelers are back and the state police have been notified.

At this time John Daddario, Vice Chairman opened the meeting for additional public comments.

There being no public comments and no further business to come before the Committee, on motion of Scott Smith, 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