

**MINUTES OF THE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF  
UPPER DEERFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, HELD ON  
THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 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 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 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 March 3, 2022. On a motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by Scott Smith 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 discussion and introduction of 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. Bruce Peterson informed everyone that this does not affect the local tax rate. On motion of Scott Smith, seconded by John Daddario to approve and adopt proposed ordinance on first reading and setting the date for public hearing on April 7, 2022 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 Introduction of 2022 Municipal Budget and 2022 Utility Budget. The Clerk read the resolution by title. Roy Spoltore, Clerk gave an overview of the general budget and the utility budget explaining that there will not be an increase in the local municipal tax. On motion of Thomas Speranza, seconded by Bruce Peterson, 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 Appointing Part Time Construction Code Administrative Clerk. The Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of Bruce Peterson,

seconded by Thomas Speranza, 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 Appointing Part Time Emergency Medical Technician - Fizur. 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 Payment of Bills in the amount of \$1,428,785.77. 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

#### COMMITTEE COMMENTS

John Daddario reported that one of the Mill Creek streetlights was repaired and a mark out has been requested to repair the other streetlight. North Cumberland Little League has over 200 kids signed up for Little League.

Scott Smith did not have a report this evening.

Bruce Peterson reported that Skip Akers recently passed away. He was very active in Upper Deerfield Township with EMS, he was a good man and had a great career. Mr. Peterson suggested that the Township sell the book written by Alan Palmer about Upper Deerfield Township entitled "This Place Called Home" at the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration that are stored in the attic.

Thomas Speranza reported that Lt. Gates has been promoted to Bureau Chief overseeing the southern state police barracks. Kurt Kennedy will be the new commander at the Bridgeton barracks. Property checks have been added to the itinerary for the recreation area and Dubois Road.

James Crilley reported that trees were planted on Veteran's Drive and it looks nice. Paving of Veteran's Drive will be completed through the NJ Transportation Trust Grant. The Senior Center reopening went well, the seniors are ecstatic to be back. The T-Mobile grant opening was on the same day the Center re-opened and T-Mobile donated information packs and food to the senior center. The CDC Meeting discussed animal sheltering with the hope that the County will study the idea of creating a countywide shelter. A letter was sent to the Cumberland County Commissioners and the mayors will be attending their March 22nd meeting. The mayor added that there is a piece of plywood crossing the ravine on Cornwell Drive that 4-wheelers and ATV's are using that needs to be removed.

#### ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Roy Spoltore reminded the Committee that the JIF's elected officials training is online and they need to register. On Wednesday Chad Ott and Chris Williams and myself met with the firework company. The fireworks will be shot behind the soccer buildings and will have a clearing of 420 feet

which will up to 6” fireworks to be shot. Soccer games will be shut down the entire day. The spring newsletter is due to be delivered next week. The 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary commemorative newsletter will be delivered mid-April. Departmental reports in packet for review. The Treasurer’s report is also included in the packet.

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

Sandy Acevedo of Old Burlington Road reported that the County will use some of their American Rescue Plan money for local Recreation activities. Nancy Ridgway of Irving Avenue stated that the County Commissioners meeting on Tuesday will discuss the county budget, Economic Development and the Jail. Ms. Ridgway asked if the Planning Board meeting will be in person or zoom? The Planning Board will be discussing at their meeting. Helen Elwell of Martin Drive asked how to get to the meeting minutes on the Township website.

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