

**MINUTES OF THE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF  
UPPER DEERFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, HELD ON  
THURSDAY, MARCH 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: Rocco Tedesco, Township Solicitor; Roy Spoltore, Township Administrator/Clerk; and Amy Colaneri, CFO.

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 of March 4, 2021. 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.

James Crilley, Chairman called for a public hearing on an ordinance entitled, Repealing Chapter 405-21 of the Upper Deerfield Township Code Entitled – "Conversion of Dwellings". 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. Dean Hawk asked, what was the purpose of the ordinance. Bruce Peterson explained that residences in the residential and agricultural zones would no longer be permitted to convert existing homes into multi-family dwellings. There being no other public comments, on motion of John Daddario, seconded Scott Smith, to close the public hearing and unanimously carried. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by Scott Smith, to approve and adopt proposed ordinance, with a recorded roll call vote of 5-0.

**INSERT ORDINANCE**

James Crilley, Chairman called for a public hearing on an ordinance entitled, Amending Chapter 405-109 of the Upper Deerfield Township Code Entitled – "Zoning Permits". The Clerk read the proposed Ordinance by title. On motion of by Scott Smith, seconded by John O'Neill 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 Bruce Peterson, seconded by Scott Smith, to close the public hearing and unanimously carried. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by John O'Neill, to approve and adopt proposed ordinance, with a recorded roll call vote of 5-0.

**INSERT ORDINANCE**

James Crilley, Chairman called for a discussion and introduction of an ordinance entitled, Amending Chapter 93, Article XII of the Code of the Township of Upper Deerfield With Respect to No Parking. The Clerk read the proposed Ordinance by title. Bruce Peterson stated he appreciated the support of the committee to have this ordinance introduced. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by Scott Smith to approve and adopt proposed ordinance on first reading and setting the date for public hearing on April 1, 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 Introduction Of 2021 Municipal Budget And 2021 Utility Budget. The Clerk read the resolution by title. Roy Spoltore provided an overview of the proposed budget. 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 Approval of Change Order #1 Small Cities – Gilman. The Clerk read the resolution by title. 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 Approval of Change Order #1 Small Cities – Gonzalez. On motion of John Daddario, 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 Tax Collector to Adjust Taxes for a Wartime Service-Connected 100% Disability- Puskas, Tibor Frank Jr. On motion of John O'Neill, 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 Payment of Bills in the amount of \$1,344,659.59. 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 cleaning up the vandalism at NC Little League. Cohansey Soccer has not submitted their annual reports and Recreation will be

holding back any funding until reports are received. Mr. Daddario reported that the spring clean-up will occur on April 17<sup>th</sup>. Shop Rite, Wawa and Walmart should clean up their areas of trash.

Scott Smith reported that the Planning Board approved Preliminary Subdivision and Preliminary Site Plan approval for the development known as Bristol Ponds, a mixed-use development. Rocco Tedesco added that the development is currently owned by Amboy Bank. The bank has a developer for the project requesting a long-term tax exemption. A new financial analysis will be needed and the township may need to consider bringing in a consultant due to the sophistication of the proposed development.

Bruce Peterson reported that the Bostwick Lake Commission met and there is no non-profit group that is interested in owning the lake. The Commission is working with the Stewart Estate to try and come up with a solution. Copies of the diversion letters for area farmers will be reviewed. Convenience center hardship sticker request were approved for one year with a term to expire on Dec. 31, 2021 for Tammy Watson and Florence Garrison. A hardship request was denied for Diane Burt because they are commercial vehicles registered in Montana.

John T. O'Neill, Sr. requested approval for Janeen Rossi to obtain CEU's for the tax collector at a cost of \$90. The motion was seconded by Bruce Peterson and unanimously approved on a roll call vote of 5-0.

James Crilley reported that residents have inquired about growing cannabis under the new state legislation. Millville is currently reviewing the legislation.

#### ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Roy Spoltore reminded the Committee that the ACMJIF has the elected officials training posted on line to receive the \$250 credit and the Nitrate removal proposals are due on March 30<sup>th</sup>. Proposals for the engineering design and inspections for the reconstruction of Love Lane (railroad tracks to Highway 77), Midway Avenue and Maple Avenue will be advertised early next week. According to Senator Booker's website the Township will be receiving \$714,835.81 from the federal American Rescue Plan which can be used for COVID budget losses last year or to upgrade sewer and water infrastructure.

Departmental reports for February 2021, was included in this evening's packet. The Treasurers report was presented.

#### DEPARTMENTAL MONTHLY REPORTS: February 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

Rocco Tedesco updated the Committee on the developers proposed amendment to the developer's agreement for Seabrook East. The solicitor suggested that the developer come to the Committees April 15<sup>th</sup> meeting to present their proposal. Mr. Tedesco added that he has been trying to obtain information from the CCUA.

At this time James Crilley, Chairman opened the meeting for additional public comments. Nancy Ridgway of Irving Avenue asked if the proposed roads in the Bristol Ponds development will be public or private roads. It was explained that the only public road in the development would be the section in the Township Master plan identified as the Big Oak Road Extension.

With no other public comments and no further business to come before the Committee James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution Authorizing Closed Session to for a resolution Authorizing Closed Session to discuss Contracts and other matters requiring attorney client privileged confidential communications. The Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by Scott Smith to approve and adopt resolution, unanimously carried 5-0.

### INSERT RESOLUTION

The Committee reopened the public portion of the meeting on a motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by John Daddario and unanimously carried.

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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Roy J. Spoltore, Township Clerk