

**MINUTES OF THE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
UPPER DEERFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, HELD ON
THURSDAY, APRIL 1, 2021, AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING,
HIGHWAY 77, SEABROOK, NEW JERSEY, PURSUANT TO NOTICE**

Present were James Crilley, John Daddario and John T. O'Neill, Sr. all being members of the Township Committee. Also present were Rocco Tedesco, Township Solicitor; Brian Murphy, Township Engineer; Roy Spoltore, Township Administrator/Clerk; Teresa Warburton, Recording Secretary and Amy Colaneri, CFO. Bruce Peterson and Scott Smith were unable to attend.

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 Sale of Township Property. Solicitor Rocco Tedesco explained the process for the sale of property and reviewed the conditions of the sale. Solicitor Tedesco explained that the following properties do not meet ordinance requirements for an improvement to be constructed and shall only be offered for sale to the adjoining neighboring property owner. The neighboring property owners were identified for each lot and bids were requested.

Block 406 Lot 26 – 5 Polk Lane – \$5,000.00 - Deerfield Presbyterian Church.

Block 406 Lot 26.02 – 9 Polk Lane – No Minimum Bid.

Block 604 lot 19 – 182 Northville Road – No Minimum Bid.

Block 1802 Lot 12 – 7 Pleasant Drive – \$2,500.00 - Matthew Hemighaus.

Block 2001 Lot 6 – 2019 S. Burlington Road – No Minimum Bid.

Block 2002 Lot 4 – 62 Centerton Road – No Minimum Bid.

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 18, 2021. On a motion of John Daddario, seconded by John O'Neill to dispense with the reading of the minutes, and to accept the minutes as received, unanimously approved, 3-0.

James Crilley, Chairman called for a public hearing on 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. On motion of by John Daddario, 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 John O'Neill, seconded John Daddario, to close the public hearing and unanimously carried. On motion of John Daddario, seconded by John O'Neill, to approve and adopt proposed ordinance, with a recorded roll call vote of 3-0.

INSERT ORDINANCE

James Crilley, Chairman called for a discussion and introduction of an ordinance entitled, Bond Ordinance Providing for the Purchase of a Nitrate Removal System and Facility in and by the Township of Upper Deerfield, in the County of Cumberland, New Jersey, Appropriating \$600,000 Therefor and Authorizing the Issuance of \$570,000 Bonds or Notes of the Township for Financing the Cost Thereof. The Clerk read the proposed Ordinance by title. Roy Spoltore explained that the purpose of the bond ordinance. On motion of John Daddario, seconded by John O’Neill to approve and adopt proposed ordinance on first reading and setting the date for public hearing on April 15, 2021 at 7:00 pm and was carried 3-0 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 Approval of Change Order #1 Small Cities – Boehm. The Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of John O’Neill, seconded John Daddario, to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 3-0 on a roll call vote.

INSERT RESOLUTION

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution entitled Awarding Bids for Home Rehabilitation Contract 2020-6. The Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of John O’Neill, seconded by John Daddario, to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 3-0 on a roll call vote.

INSERT RESOLUTION

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution entitled Authorizing Awarding of Contract for Spring Activation and Fall Winterization to Certain Underground Irrigation Systems Within the Township of Upper Deerfield. On motion of John Daddario, seconded by John O’Neill to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 3-0 on a roll call vote.

INSERT RESOLUTION

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution entitled Payment of Bills in the amount of \$99,209.90. On motion of John O’Neill, seconded by John Daddario to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 3-0 on a roll call vote.

INSERT RESOLUTION

COMMITTEE COMMENTS

John Daddario stated that there will be a clean-up at NC Little League this weekend. The Convenience Center handed out 150 stickers last Saturday when Chad had an on-site registration. Mr. Daddario reported that the spring clean-up will occur on April 17th.

John T. O’Neill, Sr. stated that the residents have to understand there are state regulations in place that the Township must uphold at the convenience center.

James Crilley stated that Terry’s Custard presented a check in the amount of \$200 for North Cumberland Little League. The Mayor added that the Township has exceeded 600 COVID cases. Jim Crilley stated that the CDC will be discussing the off-road vehicle issues in the county at their April

meeting. Fulton Bank will be asked if they have given permission for off road vehicles to be using the development know as Jack's Crossing or Button Woods.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Roy Spoltore reported that Elevator Subcode Official is having some health issues and will be resigning effective April 30th. Teresa Warburton has recommended the Township turn this responsibility over to the state. Mr. Spoltore reminded the Committee that the ACMJIF has the elected officials training posted on-line in order to receive the \$250 premium credit. Atlantic Electric submitted a proposal to install a street light at McCormick Boulevard and Landis Avenue in the amount of \$4,058.03. On motion of John O'Neill, seconded by John Daddario to approve the Electric Company's street light proposal, unanimously carried 3-0 on a roll call vote. Mr. Spoltore added that he is working with Randall Scheule on the senior housing element of the fair share housing element of the master plan. Engineering design proposals for Love Lane, Maple Drive and Midway Drive are due on April 13th. After speaking with Matt Pisarski, County Planning Director, it was recommended that the Township take the year off from the Planning Incentive Grant for farmland preservation as the Township does not have the 5% match required for the program in this year's budget. Hardship cases for Convenience Center stickers were approved for Camille – 3 yr., and Anderson, Hatzantonis and Uzanski were approved for 1 yr. Schaeffer was denied as the vehicle is registered as a commercial vehicle.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Brian Murphy reported that the Nitrate Removal Treatment System proposals were received on March 30th with a proposal from WRT in the amount of \$385,150 and a proposal from Ad-Edge in the amount of \$571,298. Mr. Murphy will have a report for the next meeting. Mr. Murphy stated that proposals were requested to install a water tap to the new water lines on Love Lane and to disinfect the lines and repair any breaks in the lines. He added that phase II of the ADA walk paths through the recreation area are due on April 14th.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Rocco Tedesco stated that Brian's report on recommending the competitive contract proposal to be selected for nitrate treatment should include the items to be considered contained in the request for proposals. Mr. Tedesco added that a tentative meeting with the CCUA is scheduled for April 9th, but he is waiting on information on the discharge parameters of various elements. The Seabrook developers will be attending the April 15th meeting to discuss potentially amending the Developers Agreement. Mr. Tedesco stated he has reached out to consultants who have had more experience with sophisticated PILOT agreements to help with the Bristol Ponds Redevelopment Agreement. The solicitor added that WAWA has appealed their taxes for 2021 and Todd Heck would continue with their appeal along with the 2020 appeal.

At this time James Crilley, Chairman opened the meeting for additional public comments. Nancy Ridgway of Irving Avenue asked if the farmland assessment reports are checked each year to see if the land still qualifies for farmland assessment. Ms. Ridgway added that Crestwood is closing. Dean Hawk of Merritt Avenue asked if the Township had received any response from the soccer club regarding tournaments. Amy Colaneri, Secretary to the Recreation Committee is obtaining information.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Roy J. Spoltore, Township Clerk