

**MINUTES OF THE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF  
UPPER DEERFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, HELD ON  
THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 2023, AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING,  
HIGHWAY 77, SEABROOK, NEW JERSEY, PURSUANT TO NOTICE**

Present were James Crilley, 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; Brian Murphy, Township Engineer; and Chad Ott, Public Works Supervisor.

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.

Ross Bear of Eisenhower Drive, a volunteer with Seabrook #32 Fire Department asked about the potential closing of fire company #2. He stated that the company has been around for 104 years, volunteer members are trained and talented, donate their time and the importance of response time.

Mayor Crilley stated that the fire companies have been discussing consolidation for four to five years. John Daddario added he has been the liaison to the Fire Departments for sixteen years and consolidation has been discussed with the chiefs for the past four to five years. A new fire truck is going to cost between \$900,000 to \$1,300,000.

Anna Sutton stated her husband has dedicated his career to Seabrook #32 Fire Department. Mayor Crilley asked the public to submit their comments and the committee will review them. He thanked the public for sharing their concerns.

Jason Coombs, of Hood Drive and Dr. White from Vineland stated they would like to re-start the Upper Deerfield Midget Football league and have it eventually serve as a feeder program for Cumberland Regional High School. Their plan is to start small and gauge the interest of the public. The target audience would be the sending districts of CRHS. Rocco Tedesco told them to organize as a non-profit and submit their request to the Recreation Committee to be sanctioned to use the facilities.

There being no other public comments, James Crilley, Chairman called for the approval of minutes for the Meeting of March 16, 2023. Scott Smith made a motion, second by Joseph Spoltore, to dispense with the reading of the minutes and to accept the minutes as received, unanimously approved, on a roll call vote of 4-0-1 with James Crilley abstaining.

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution authorizing Tax Payment to be Refunded. The Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of Joseph Spoltore, 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 Authorizing Awarding of Contract for Spring Activation and Fall Winterization to Certain Underground Irrigation Systems Within the Township of Upper Deerfield. The Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of John Daddario, seconded by Joseph Spoltore, 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 \$349,929.86. 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

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

John Daddario reported that soccer's opening day got rained out and opening day for baseball is April 15th. Mr. Daddario reported that he and Mr. Speranza will hold a meeting with the fire companies on April 26th. He also welcomed back Mayor Crilley.

Scott Smith asked how things were coming along with the building material for the convenience center. Chad Ott reported that the building materials were delivered this morning and construction will begin Tuesday morning.

Joseph Spoltore reported that the recreational participants for Soccer increased and Little League is around the same as last season. At the Environmental Commission meeting, the commission approved submitting a grant to ANJEC to begin establishing pollinators on a portion of the Munyon property.

Thomas Speranza reported there are reports that a pop up car show may happen on Saturday evening. The State police, prosecutor and sheriff's offices are aware of the possibility.

James Crilley reminded everyone that the rabies clinic will take place on April 15<sup>th</sup> between noon and 2 pm. The spring clean-up is anticipated to take place on April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

## ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Roy Spoltore, Administrator reported the audit has begun and they anticipate they will be in the building for two weeks. The newsletter will be sent to the designer next week and will mail them out the following week. Community Day is April 29<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. The Tax Collector, Janeen Rossi, provided a list of Municipal Tax Liens that the Committee should consider foreclosing. There are a few properties that should not be foreclosed due to potential issues that need to be further investigated. On motion of Joseph Spoltore, seconded by Scott Smith, to approve the Township Administrator/Clerk to send a letter to Todd Heck to begin foreclosure, unanimously carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.

## ENGINEER'S REPORT

Brian Murphy, Township Engineer reported the bid packets are available to install the playground equipment for the Sunset Lake Park and the Township Recreation Complex. Mr. Murphy continues to respond to requests from NJEIT to go out to bid for the Seabrook Water Tower. The

engineer's office is preparing bid specifications for the installation of the two ADA bathrooms for the recreation complex. Homeowners from Thoroughbred Court may be going to the Planning Board to request modifications to the landscape plan for the development. John Daddario requested speed limit signs be installed on MacArthur and Eisenhower Drives. Mr. Murphy's office is also mapping storm water inlets and basins.

## SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Rocco Tedesco, Solicitor reported that the Township does not have an obligation to repair or remove any improvements in rights-of-way unless the Township owns the improvement. An Attorney for K & E Holding will be submitting information to have their three-year renewal for resource extraction approved by the Committee. The possible warehouse development located on Love Lane and Silver Lake Road has requested the township submit information pertaining to the redevelopment designation. In the Cohansey Soccer litigation, the Township has filed a motion to dismiss the case, which will be heard on April 14, 2023.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

Sandy Acevedo, of Old Burlington Road, asked what is happening about the food truck discussion. Roy Spoltore, Township Administrator/Clerk reported the Township issued a 6-month temporary use permit with conditions for the food truck at Carlls Corner. The Planning Board has a subcommittee reviewing the guidelines for a potential food truck ordinance.

With no public comments and no further business to come before the Committee, on a motion by Scott Smith, seconded by Thomas Speranza to adjourn the meeting, and unanimously carried

Respectfully submitted,

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Janeen Rossi, Township Deputy Clerk

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Roy J. Spoltore, Township Clerk