

**MINUTES OF THE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
UPPER DEERFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, HELD ON
THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 2022, AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 1325
HIGHWAY 77, SEABROOK, NEW JERSEY, PURSUANT TO NOTICE**

Present were: James Crilley, Bruce Peterson, Thomas Speranza, Scott Smith, and John Daddario all being members of the Township Committee. Also present were: Rocco Tedesco, Solicitor; Roy Spoltore, Township Administrator/Clerk; Amy Colaneri, CFO; and Teresa Warburton, Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order by Committeeman 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 Bruce Peterson.

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

Nancy Ridgway of Irving Avenue asked if the Committee had heard about the no mow May to save the bees?

There being no other public comments, James Crilley, Chairman called for the approval of the minutes for the meeting of April 7, 2022. On a motion of Scott Smith, seconded by John Daddario 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 resolution entitled Authorizing the Reading of the 2022 Municipal Budget and 2022 Utility Budget by Title. The Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by Scott Smith, to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 5-0.

INSERT RESOLUTION

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution entitled Confirming Compliance with N.J.A.C. 5:30-7; Conducting Local Examination of 2022 Annual Municipal Budget Township of Upper Deerfield, County of Cumberland. The Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by Tom Speranza to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.

INSERT RESOLUTION

James Crilley, Chairman called for a public hearing on the 2022 Municipal Budget and 2022 Utility Budget. Michael Garcia of Ford-Scott & Associates Township Auditor gave an overview of the 2022 Municipal Budget and 2022 Utility Budget that does not increase the local municipal tax. On motion of 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. Nancy Ridgway of Irving Avenue commented that since we are celebrating the 100th Anniversary this year, I thank you for no tax increase. There being no further public comments, on motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by Tom Speranza to close the public hearing and unanimously carried.

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution entitled Adoption of the 2022 Municipal Budget and 2022 Utility Budget. 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

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution entitled Providing for the insertion of a Special Item of Revenue in the Budget pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 – Small Cities Home Rehab. 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

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution entitled Providing for the insertion of a Special Item of Revenue in the Budget pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 – Small Cities Facilities Grant. 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 Authorizing Tonnage Grant Application to the NJ Department of Environmental Protection. 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 Medical Technician - DeVito. On motion of Thomas Speranza, 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 Awarding Bid for Home Rehabilitation Contract 2021-1, 2021-2, AND 2021-3. 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

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution entitled Payment of Bills, in the amount of \$1,266,049.06. 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 the spring trash pickup had over 20 people participating. Teresa Warburton had the worst street, and she had a group of young kids who did a great job. Basketball opened up with 105 kids, Robbi Ford is doing a great job it will run for the next six Saturdays. Baseball is going well.

Scott Smith stated he is looking forward to this Saturday's 100th Anniversary festivities.

Bruce Peterson commented that a time capsule will be buried after the Community Day activities. The Historical committee has done a great job in organizing the event. A request for CEU's for Janeen Rossi in the amount of \$745.00 for her final Clerk course in Municipal Finance. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by John Daddario, the CEU course for Janeen Rossi, was approved unanimously carried on a 5-0 roll call vote.

Thomas Speranza spoke with Lt. Kennedy for his bi-monthly meeting. Lt. Kennedy was very receptive with arrangements for Saturdays 100th Anniversary, there will be four officers from TAC pack from 5-9 pm, and the local squad will also have a couple of patrolmen in attendance. Spoke with the Lieutenant about having an officer present at the convenience center on a weekend to enforce the use of stickers.

Mayor Crilley commented that he has walked the municipal complex and public works has done a great job in having the grounds maintained for the 100th anniversary this Saturday. The weather looks good for Saturday and lots of activities are planned.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Roy Spoltore, Administrator reported that the last two JIF elected officials training sessions ends on 4/27 & 4/28. In this evening's packet for review are the monthly March departmental reports and the MEL's annual report. Brian Murphy and Roy Spoltore previously met with Love Lane Partners about constructing solar on the old landfill. They would like to make a presentation to the committee for solar on this site.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Rocco Tedesco, Solicitor commented that tax appeal filed for H & M Medical offices, has been sent to Todd Heck. The Solicitor provided a redraft for liquor license sale, based on the subcommittee's comments. He asked any committeeman to provide him comments after they reviewed the document. The Committee discussed the parking lot at the professional center on Old Deerfield Pike. The owners need to repair the parking lot.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dean Hawk of Merritt Avenue asked if there is any update on the Animal Shelter discussions? Mayor Crilley replied that the mayors have met with the County and a subcommittee is being created to look at all options that are available. Mr. Hawk asked if the municipalities could require the Regional Animal Shelter to open their books for review. Mr. Tedesco responded by saying that the Shelter is not governed by state statutes and is not required to open their books. Joe Spoltore asked if the township has a license plate reader at the convenience center to see if the vehicles entering have been registered with the Township. The Township does not have currently have this capability.

With no further public comments and no further business to come before the Committee Chairman James Crilley, called for a resolution Authorizing Closed Session to discuss contract

negotiations for the Bristol Ponds Redevelopment Agreement and other matters requiring attorney client privileged confidential communications. After the redevelopment agreement has been signed, the closed session minutes will be released. 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 on a roll call vote.

INSERT RESOLUTION

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa L. Warburton, Recording Secretary

Roy J. Spoltore, Township Clerk