

**MINUTES OF THE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
UPPER DEERFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, HELD ON
THURSDAY, MAY 4, 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 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 Joseph Spoltore.

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

Ross Bear of Eisenhower Drive reported that Seabrook Fire Department is having its semi-annual BBQ Roast Saturday May 6, 2023, tickets are \$15.00. Mr. Bear asked if there was an update on the planting of trees at Mill Creek. Brian Murphy, Township Engineer reported there are no plans to plant trees in the neighborhood, the survey work in the neighborhood is for property monument markers. He added that there were a few trees along the perimeter that have died but they will not be required to be replaced. Mr. Bear stated that there are buses parked on the streets. The zoning officer is aware of the buses.

There being no other public comments, James Crilley, Chairman called for the approval of minutes for the Meeting of April 20, 2023. John Daddario 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 5-0.

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution Authorizing the Tax Collector to Adjust Taxes for a Wartime Service-Connected 100% Disability- Comley. The Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of Thomas Speranza, seconded 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 Authorizing Tax Payment to be Refunded. 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

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution Amending Certification of an Employee Salary. On motion of Scott Smith, 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 Approval to Submit a Grant Application and Execute a Grant Agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for Farmar Drive, Jereco Drive and Church Street Reconstruction Street Reconstruction. 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 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. 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 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 Grant. 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 Rejecting Bids for Playground & Pavilions Recreation Complex. The Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of Joseph Spoltore, 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 Rejecting Bids for Sunset Lake Park Improvements. 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 Payment of Bills in the amount of \$ 2,489,659.55. 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 the fire company consolidation sub-committee will continue to meet and bring their findings to the Township Committee at a meeting in the near future. The

complaints received regarding walkaways from the Seabrook House will be addressed next week when members of the Township Committee will meet with the institution to discuss their release procedure and how to keep the community free from theft and violence.

Scott Smith did not have a report this evening.

Joseph Spoltore reported that the Recreation Committee approved the Upper Deerfield Youth Football League. Everything is good at the Environmental Committee.

Thomas Speranza reported that everything is quiet.

James Crilley reported that they met with the new bank president at Century Bank as part of the Township's business visits. The mayor added that due to weather forecasts for Community Day and the rain date, the event was canceled after much deliberation as the vendors needed to be notified.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Roy Spoltore, Administrator reported the 2022 Recycling Tonnage Grant was filed with the state. In order to replace any streetlight that is out, Atlantic City's Electric website shows the pole numbers on its map. The Attorney for K&E Holding Company is requesting a 60-day extension from their April 30th deadline to make an application before the Township Committee for their three-year resource extracting permit. The Planning Board granted approval to K & E on March 13, 2023. On motion of Joseph Spoltore, seconded by Thomas Speranza, to approve the 60-day extension, unanimously carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.

INSERT RESOLUTION

On a motion of John Daddario, seconded by Joseph Spoltore and unanimously approved, the Township Committee meeting was temporarily adjourned for the meeting of the Upper Deerfield Township Redevelopment Entity.

On a motion of Thomas Speranza, seconded by Joseph Spoltore and unanimously approved, the Township Committee meeting was re-opened.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Brian Murphy reported the specifications for the installation of the two new bathrooms at the recreational complex are almost complete. Mr. Murphy continues to work with officials at NJEIT for the construction of a new water tower in Seabrook.

PUBLIC COMMENT

At this time James Crilley, Chairman opened the meeting for public comment. Nancy Ridgway of Irving Avenue suggested that the prisoners could build the pavilions. With no other 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,

Janeen Rossi, Township Deputy Clerk

Roy J. Spoltore, Township Clerk