

**MINUTES OF THE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
UPPER DEERFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, HELD ON
THURSDAY, JUNE 2, 2022, AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 1325
HIGHWAY 77, SEABROOK, NEW JERSEY, PURSUANT TO NOTICE**

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

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 Thomas Speranza.

Community Solar Presentation for Landfill Property – Jeffrey Daniels, Esq. Angelini, Viniar & Freedman, L.L.P., Ian Diamond, Director of New Jersey Resources Clean Energy Ventures Corp., John Renz, President of Equals Energy, LLC, Meredith Harris, Engineer with Roux Associates Inc. made a presentation to the township committee about the company and their plan to develop solar on the old landfill. They explained that they are developing solar at other landfill sites in New Jersey. NJR is looking for the township to appoint NJR as the redeveloper and create a redevelopers agreement that would result in a 25-year lease agreement, with the Township receiving annual lease payments. Currently they are working with Pennsville, Monroe Township and MOUNTY OLIVE. NJR proposed establishing a conditional redevelopment agreement with the developer setting up an escrow to fund the fees for preparing a redevelopment plan. The proposed developer will submit existing developers agreements, a proposed comprehensive construction plan and an outline of the DEP approval process for Rocco Tedesco to review.

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

There being no public comment, James Crilley, Chairman called for the approval of the minutes for the meeting of May 19, 2022. On a motion of John Daddario, seconded by Bruce Peterson 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 Providing for Insertion of a Special Item of Revenue in the Budget Pursuant to NJSA 40A:4-87. 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 entitled Payment of Bills, in the amount of \$358,745.26. 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 stated that there are issues at the Mill Creek Development consisting of the drainage inlets have covering to keep stuff from going in, final paving needs to be completed, two streetlights are still out, there are no street signs or stop signs and the curbs are falling apart. Brian Murphy added that Taft/Truman has settled and there is a drainage problem the developer needs to address prior to paving. Brian Murphy, Township Engineer will send a letter to the developer requesting that the issues be addressed by a specific date.

Scott Smith did not have a report this evening.

Bruce Peterson commented the time capsule is in and it is quite large. He suggested that pictures of the Township, Shopping Centers, Fire Companies, EMS, Schools be included as well as the rosters from each of the Fire Companies and EMS.

Thomas Speranza reported that he attended the Environmental meeting, and they had a couple of questions that he received answers from the staff. A petition was received to add speed bumps in the Shadow Brook area. Mr. Speranza will speak with the petitioner and explain the issues with speed bumps in a closed community. Crime in the Township has been quiet except for Red Barn Deli which got hit 2 days in a row. There is a crew going around hitting Dollar Generals and small stores. The State Police have a few leads.

Mayor Crilley stated that on June 14th he will be making two scholarship presentations for 8th grade graduates at Upper Deerfield Township School.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Roy Spoltore, Administrator reported that Chad Ott and Brian Murphy have recommended that West Dawson Drive, Acorn Drive, Oak Hill Drive and Colonial Terrace should be the roads submitted to be repaved under the NJ Transportation Trust program. The Committee agreed and a resolution will be on the next meeting's agenda. The Committee reviewed the surveillance proposals for NCLL and public works from Security Tech and DNS. On a motion of Mr. Peterson, seconded by Mr. Speranza, the Committee approved DNS, who submitted the low bid at each location, to install the surveillance cameras on a 4-0 roll call vote with Mr. Daddario abstaining.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Brian Murphy reported that the construction of the nitrate removal system building is moving along on schedule. The floor was poured, and the building is scheduled to be completed in August. Mr. Murphy has found an individual to move the NJEIT Seabrook Water Tower replacement project. He added that the state is modifying storm water regulations again.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Rocco Tedesco, Solicitor discussed the idea of creating a storm water utility as contained within the state regulations, but he has not seen a municipality that has created one yet. The solicitor asked Mr. Murphy if the new regulations required the existing basins be updated to meet the new standards. Mr. Murphy will need to research. Mr. Tedesco added that he is waiting for a reply from the Bristol Ponds attorney.

Mayor Crilley reported he received a letter form the City of Bridgeton requesting donations to pay lifeguards at Sunset Lake. The Committee agreed that no funds have been budgeted for this expenditure.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa L. Warburton, Recording Secretary

Roy J. Spoltore, Township Clerk