

**MINUTES OF THE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
UPPER DEERFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, HELD ON
THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 2020, AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING,
HIGHWAY 77, SEABROOK, NEW JERSEY, PURSUANT TO NOTICE**

Present were: James Crilley, John T. O'Neill, Sr., Bruce Peterson, John Daddario and Scott Smith all being members of the Township Committee. Also present were: Rocco Tedesco, Township Solicitor, Roy Spoltore, Township Administrator/Clerk; Brian Murphy, Township Engineer; Amy Colaneri, CFO; and Chad Ott, Public Works Supervisor.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman James Crilley and he read the following public meeting announcement.

"A regularly scheduled public meeting of the Upper Deerfield Township Committee is being held pursuant to P.L. 2020, Ch. 11, the meeting will be conducted via teleconference. A call-in number, meeting ID and access code to listen to the meeting for the public was provided on the Township website and on the rear door of township municipal building. **THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING IS NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.** Public comment will be held according to the agenda in the usual manner via teleconference. The agenda is posted on the Township website under "Public Records". 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.

James Crilley gave an invocation followed by the flag salute led by James Crilley.

At this time James Crilley, Chairman asked for a Roll Call and opened the meeting for public comment. There being no public comments James Crilley, Chairman called for the approval of minutes for the Meeting of May 21, 2020. On a motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by Scott Smith, 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 discussion and introduction of an ordinance entitled, Authorizing the Acquisition of Lands Consisting of 1.83 Acres, More or Less, Identified on the Upper Deerfield Township Tax Map as Lots 14 & 15 of Block 1707. The Clerk read the proposed Ordinance by title. Bruce Peterson thanked the Committee for their support and added the property will provide long term benefits for future transportation projects. Rocco Tedesco stated that the Geo-physical analysis showed two anomalies. The township will provide a backhoe to dig test pits for the contractor to see what caused the anomalies next Friday. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by Scott Smith to approve and adopt proposed ordinance on first reading and setting the date for public hearing on June 18, 2020 at 7:00 pm and was carried 4-0 on a roll call vote with John Daddario abstaining. 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 Awarding Contract to New Jersey Emergency Vehicles PL Custom Body & Equip Co Inc. for the Purchase of a 2020 Ford F-550 4x4 / PL Custom Classic Ambulance. The Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of John Daddario,

seconded by John O'Neill 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 Tax Payment to be Refunded. The Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by John O'Neill 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 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 O'Neill, 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 Payment of Bills in the amount of \$142,350.34. The Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded John O'Neill, to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.

INSERT RESOLUTION

COMMITTEE COMMENTS

John Daddario reported that Little League will follow State Guidelines and begin practice for some of the age groups the week of June 22nd, the modified season would begin early July. Mr. Daddario added he hopes the Committee can begin face to face meetings as soon as possible.

Scott Smith did not have a report this evening

Bruce Peterson stated that Wigberto is doing a good job at the top of the Convenience ramp.

John T. O'Neill, Sr. complimented the work being done at the Convenience Center and noted that the County Landfill will open to the public on June 15th.

Chairman Crilley stated that he receives the latest COVID-19 numbers from the County Health Department every day if anyone wants the information. Guy Johnson has requested to donate Pet Waste Stations along the recreation walk paths. The Committee discussed Mr. Johnson purchasing two and the Township would purchase two with signage recognizing military dogs.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Roy Spoltore reported that: the census completion rate is 69.0% for Upper Deerfield, second highest in the county. A resolution for authorizing estimated tax bills for the third quarter will be on the agenda for the next meeting. The tentative polling places for the primary election will be Fire Company 2 and 3. The ACMJIF is anticipating a dividend release this year somewhere between \$3.5 to \$4 million dollars. The Committee discussed whether to require homeowner to get a permit for a yard sale since there is no fee to hold a yard sale. After review the Committee agreed to not require a

permit at this time. The eight properties the Township own on Center Road and Friesburg Road had county requirements that would prohibit the Township from selling the parcels. The County is reviewing their requirements from mid 2000's.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Brian Murphy stated that Seabrook East development has begun construction of a couple of homes. The ADA pathways through the soccer area are almost complete for review by the State. Mr. Murphy had good conversations with DEP and will be submitting a request to allow blending of raw water with treated water through Ion Exchange that would reduce the nitrate level as well as reduce the amount backwash produced.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Rocco Tedesco reported that information was received yesterday from the CCUA. The Director and Counsel at the CCUA have pledged their cooperation. An attorney for a property owner wants to know if the Township would accept a donation of a 4+ acre parcel of land off of Cornwell Drive rather than going through the foreclosure process. The Committee would accept the parcel as long as the title is clear. The Solicitor began a discussion regarding the Township's taking responsibility for the HOA at the Lennar Homes development. He stated he would need to review the actual HOA before providing his thoughts

At this time James Crilley, Chairman opened the meeting for additional public comments. Nancy Ridgway stated that whatever isn't sold a yard sale is taken to the Convenience Center.

With no further public comments and no further business to come before the Committee, James Crilley, Chairman called for a motion to adjourn. Bruce Peterson made the motion, seconded by Scott Smith to adjourn, and unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Roy J. Spoltore
Township Clerk