

**MINUTES OF THE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
UPPER DEERFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, HELD ON
THURSDAY, JUNE 17, 2021, AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING,
HIGHWAY 77, SEABROOK, NEW JERSEY, PURSUANT TO NOTICE**

Present were John Daddario, Bruce Peterson, John T. O’Neill, Sr., and Scott Smith all being members of the Township Committee. Also, present were Roy Spoltore, Township Administrator/Clerk; and Amy Colaneri, CFO. James Crilley was unable to attend the meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman John Daddario, 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.

John Daddario asked for a moment of silence followed by the flag salute led by Scott Smith.

At this time Vice-Chairman John Daddario opened the meeting for public comment.

There being no public comments Vice-Chairman John Daddario called for the approval of minutes for the Meeting of June 3, 2021. On a motion of Bruce Peterson Scott Smith, seconded by Scott Smith to dispense with the reading of the minutes, and to accept the minutes as received, unanimously approved, 4-0.

Vice-Chairman John Daddario called for a public hearing on an ordinance entitled, Amending Chapter 114 of the Upper Deerfield Township Code Entitled – “Alcoholic Beverages”. The Clerk read the proposed Ordinance by title. On motion of by John O’Neill, seconded by Bruce Peterson to open the meeting for a public hearing on the proposed ordinance, and unanimously carried. The Vice-Chairman instructed the Clerk to distribute copies to those present. The Clerk explained that the ordinance broadens the definition of a restaurant and includes prohibited uses. Nancy Ridgway of Irving Avenue thanked the Committee for the clarification. There being no other public comments, on motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded John O’Neill, to close the public hearing and unanimously carried. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by John O’Neill, to approve and adopt proposed ordinance, with a recorded roll call vote of 4-0.

INSERT ORDINANCE

Vice-Chairman John Daddario called for a discussion and introduction of an ordinance entitled, Prohibiting the Operation of Any Class of Cannabis Businesses and Amending Section 405-12 of the Zoning and Development Code. The Clerk read the proposed Ordinance by title. Roy Spoltore explained that this ordinance would have the Township opting out of the cannabis licenses at this time. The Committee will be creating an advisory committee to review the state statutes and guidelines to see if any of the licenses should be permitted in the Township. He added that the Planning Board

deemed this proposed ordinance to be consistent with the master plan at their June 14th meeting. 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 July 15, 2021 at 7:00 pm and was carried 4-0 on a roll call vote. 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

Vice-Chairman John Daddario called for a resolution entitled Appointing Part Time Construction Code Administrative Clerk. The Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of Scott Smith seconded by John O'Neill to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 4-0 on a roll call vote.

INSERT RESOLUTION

Vice-Chairman John Daddario called for a resolution Authorizing a Tax Payment to be Refunded. The Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by Scott Smith, to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 4-0 on a roll call vote.

INSERT RESOLUTION

Vice-Chairman John Daddario called for a resolution Authorizing the Township Tax Collector to Prepare Estimated Tax Bills in Accordance with N.J.S.A. 54:4-66.3. The Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by Scott Smith, to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 4-0 on a roll call vote.

INSERT RESOLUTION

Vice-Chairman John Daddario called for a resolution entitled Authorizing a Developer's Agreement with Love Lane 1, LLC, for the Solar Development of Block 1301, Lot 1.11. The Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of John O'Neill, seconded by Scott Smith to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 4-0 on a roll call vote.

INSERT RESOLUTION

Vice-Chairman John Daddario called for a resolution entitled Tax Payments to be Refunded. The Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of John O'Neill, seconded by Scott Smith to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 4-0 on a roll call vote.

INSERT RESOLUTION

Vice-Chairman John Daddario called for a resolution entitled Payment of Bills in the amount of \$1,511,958.94. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by Scott Smith to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 4-0 on a roll call vote.

INSERT RESOLUTION

COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Scott Smith reported that the Planning Board approved a minor subdivision for Cedar Trust Realty and the Committee approved the consistency review by Planner Randall Scheule pertaining to the cannabis licensing.

Bruce Peterson informed the Committee that there was a meeting with WRT regarding the scheduling of the delivery of the nitrate removal components. Due to COVID material shortages, WRT informed the Township that delivery would be around 32 to 33 weeks after receiving a notice to proceed. Mr. Peterson added he cannot understand why the CCUA would be discussing providing broadband to rural areas of the County, it defies logic, because the CCUA is a rate payer based service.

John T. O'Neill, Sr. stated that the utilities are all functioning fine at this time.

John Daddario reported that there was a fire on Concord Court and the home was lost. The firefighters and residents are safe.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Roy Spoltore informed the Committee that the County is waiting on guidelines from the state pertaining to providing meals at the senior centers. Current regulations still require 6 feet social distancing. The Solicitor has sent to the DR Horton attorneys a revised amended Developers Agreement that has received the approval from Fair Share Housing and the Township's Affordable Housing Planners. Since the next scheduled meeting is July 15th, Chad Ott requested approval to hire additional EMT's with the consent of the personnel committee. Hiring's would be memorialized at the July 15th meeting. Bruce Peterson made the motion to approve the hiring of an EMT with the personnel committee's consent, John O'Neill seconded the motion and unanimously carried 4-0 on a roll call vote. Departmental reports for May and a letter from the Director of the County Commissioners pertaining to the monetizing of the CCUA are in this evening's packet for review. Mr. spoltore reminded the committee of the special meeting on June 21st. The Treasurers report was accepted.

At this time Vice-Chairman John Daddario opened the meeting for additional public comments. Nancy Ridgway of Irving Avenue asked about the Special Meeting on June 21st. There will be no formal action taken by the Committee at this meeting. Helen Elwell of Martin Drive stated that the CCUA solicitor said the Authority could provide broadband under state statutes.

There being no comments or further business to come before the Committee, on motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by John O'Neill to adjourn, unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Roy J. Spoltore
Township Clerk