

**MINUTES OF THE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
UPPER DEERFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, HELD ON
THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 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., John Daddario, Bruce Peterson and Scott Smith all being members of the Township Committee. Also present were: Amy Colaneri, CFO and Roy Spoltore, Township Administrator/Clerk.

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 Bruce Peterson.

At this time James Crilley, Chairman opened the meeting for public comment. Dean Hawk of Merritt Avenue asked about the purchase of the property on Old Deerfield Pike and Park Drive. Bruce Peterson explained that the purchase is to allow for the alignment of the road with the master plan proposal for the creation of the Big Oak Road extension. Chairman Crilley added that the Township only purchases land that is needed for master plan purposes. There being no other public comments, James Crilley, Chairman called for the approval of minutes for the meeting of June 4, 2020. Bruce Peterson made a motion, 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 public hearing on 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. On motion of by Scott Smith, seconded by John O'Neill to open the meeting for a public hearing on the proposed ordinance, and unanimously carried with John Daddario abstaining. The Chairman instructed the Clerk to distribute copies to those present. There being no public comments, on motion of John O'Neill, seconded Scott Smith, to close the public hearing and unanimously carried with John Daddario abstaining. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by Scott Smith, to approve and adopt proposed ordinance, unanimously carried 4-0-1, on a roll call vote with John Daddario abstaining.

INSERT ORDINANCE

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution entitled Providing for the 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 Bruce Peterson, 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 Authorizing Township Tax Collector to Prepare Estimated Tax Bills in Accordance with N.J.S.A. 54:4-66.3. On a 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 Tax Payment To Be Refunded. On a 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 Approval to Submit a Grant Application and Execute a Grant Agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for Love Lane, Midway Avenue and Maple Avenue. On motion of Bruce Peterson, 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 Approval to Submit a Grant Application and Execute a Grant Agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for Franmar Drive, Jereco Drive and Church Street. On a 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 entitled Amending Certification of Certain Employee Salaries. On motion of John O'Neill, 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 Appointing Part Time Emergency Medical Technician - Bowe. On a 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 entitled Payment of Bills in the amount of \$1,529,728.98. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by Scott Smith to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 5-0 on a roll call vote with John Daddario abstaining on the JEM Print bills.

INSERT RESOLUTION

COMMITTEE REPORTS

John Daddario reported that Little League will begin practice on the 22nd. The Committee unanimously agreed to waive any fire inspection fees in the event a local restaurant wanted to utilize tents for outdoor dining.

Scott Smith congratulated the fire and EMS squads for assisting in the drive by for 8th grade graduation. Mr. Smith stated it was good to back in the building for a meeting.

Bruce Peterson did not have a report this evening.

John T. O'Neill, Sr. reminded everyone that only the Seabrook Fire Hall would be open for the Primary Election voting on July 7th in the Township.

James Crilley informed the Committee that the ride around to each of the 8th grade graduates was a great success with almost 95% of the graduates being home. Chairman Crilley presented the Humanitarian awards at the schools picnic for 8th grade graduates. Representatives will walk the Deerfield Organics property next week. A story about the CS Regional Court is being prepared to send to the NJ League of Municipalities. Interviews will be held for the Tax collector position next week.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

The Committee unanimously agreed to waive the fire inspection fee in the event a restaurant would be utilizing tents to accommodate outdoor dining. The addition of Commercial Township to CS Regional Court has been approved by the Judge Telsey even though Downe and Greenwich will not be adopting their ordinances until mid-July. The closing on the Old Deerfield Pike property will take place on Thursday next week. Omni Trax is now open to bidding on the Seabrook Rail line owned by the Township. The Ritters are preparing a resolution that will amend the Bostwick Lake agreement to have three commissioners with each commissioner being a member of the governing body. The preliminary property tax for 2020 was submitted by the County Board of Taxation. The Committee agreed to advertise for bids for the lease of the Steliga property. The Solicitor sent an email to the committee that updates everyone on the CCUA backwash from a potential Ion Exchange System at Love Lane to remove nitrates. The committee agreed to close the Convenience Center on Saturday July 4th and open on Thursday July 2nd.

DEPARTMENTAL MONTHLY REPORTS: May 2020

Animal Control and Dog Registrar Monthly Report
Clerks Monthly Report
Construction Office Monthly Report
Housing and Zoning
Municipal Court Monthly Report
Tax Collectors Report
Vital Statistics
Fire Marshall

The Committee accepted the Treasurer's report.

At this time James Crilley, Chairman opened the meeting for additional public comments. There being no comments or further business to come before the Committee, on motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by Scott Smith to adjourn, unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Roy J. Spoltore
Township Clerk