

**MINUTES OF THE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
UPPER DEERFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, HELD ON
THURSDAY, JULY 15, 2021, AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING,
HIGHWAY 77, SEABROOK, NEW JERSEY, PURSUANT TO NOTICE**

Present were: James Crilley (arrived 7:10), John T. O'Neill, Sr., John Daddario, Bruce Peterson and Scott Smith all being members of the Township Committee. Also present were: Rocco Tedesco, Solicitor; Brian Murphy, Engineer; Amy Colaneri, CFO and Roy Spoltore, Township Administrator/Clerk.

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 John Daddario, Vice-Chairman opened the meeting for public comment. There being no public comments, John Daddario, Vice-Chairman called for the approval of minutes for the meeting of June 17, 2021, and the special meeting of June 21, 2021. 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, 4-0. James Crilley was not present at the time of the vote.

Vice-Chairman John Daddario called for a public hearing on 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. On motion of by Scott Smith, 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. Wayne Sabota asked if the municipality may opt back in if it opts out. Mr. Tedesco stated that it is the opinion of the NJLM attorney and his reading of the law that a municipality may opt in at any time. There being no other public comments, on motion of Scott Smith, seconded John O'Neill, to close the public hearing and unanimously carried. On motion of John O'Neill, seconded by Bruce Peterson, to approve and adopt proposed ordinance, with a recorded roll call vote of 4-0.

INSERT ORDINANCE

John Daddario, Vice-Chairman called for Resolutions 21-121 through 21-139 to be combined as a consent agenda and voted upon as one item. Motion by Mr. Peterson, seconded by Mr. Smith to adopt as a Consent Agenda Resolutions 20-121 to 21-139, and unanimously carried. Roy Spoltore, Clerk then read each resolution by title. On a motion by Mr. Peterson, seconded by Mr. Smith, Resolutions 21-121 to 21-139 were unanimously approved by a roll call vote of 5-0.

Resolution 21-121 – Awarding Contract for Providing Bottled Water to the Township

INSERT RESOLUTION

Resolution 21-122 – Awarding Contract for Providing IT Support

INSERT RESOLUTION

Resolution 21-122 – Awarding Contract for Providing Electrical Services.

INSERT RESOLUTION

Resolution 21-123 – Awarding Contract for Township Employee and Volunteers Physicals.

INSERT RESOLUTION

Resolution 21-124 – Awarding Contract for Providing Yearly Fire Extinguisher Maintenance.

INSERT RESOLUTION

Resolution 21-125 – Awarding Contract for Occasional Hauling of Containers from the Upper Deerfield Township Convenience Center to Cumberland County Solid Waste Complex & Giordano Vineland Scrap & Metal.

INSERT RESOLUTION

Resolution 21-126 – Awarding Contract for Providing Heating & Air Conditioning General Maintenance.

INSERT RESOLUTION

Resolution 21-127 – Awarding Contract for Providing Heating Oil #2.

INSERT RESOLUTION

Resolution 21-128 – Awarding Contract for Providing Off Road Ultra Low Sulfur.

INSERT RESOLUTION

Resolution 21-129 – Awarding Contract for Providing Overhead Door Repairs and Maintenance.

INSERT RESOLUTION

Resolution 21-130 – Awarding Contract for Providing General Plumbing Repairs and General Maintenance.

INSERT RESOLUTION

Resolution 21-131 – Awarding Contract for Supplying Chemicals to the Water Plants

INSERT RESOLUTION

Resolution 21-132 – Awarding Contract for Providing Jetting & Vassing Pipes.

INSERT RESOLUTION

Resolution 21-133 – Awarding Contract for Providing Lift Stations Pump Outs.

INSERT RESOLUTION

Resolution 21-134 – Awarding Contract for Providing Repairs of Control and Alarm Systems at Lift Stations.

INSERT RESOLUTION

Resolution 21-135 – Awarding Contract for Providing Repairs of Flow Meters.

INSERT RESOLUTION

Resolution 21-136 – Awarding Contract for Providing Repairs or Replacement of Lift Station Pumps.

INSERT RESOLUTION

Resolution 21-137 – Awarding Contract for Supplying Stationary Services.

INSERT RESOLUTION

Resolution 21-138 – Awarding Contract for Supplying DGA Material in Upper Deerfield Township.

INSERT RESOLUTION

Resolution 21-139 – Awarding Contract for Supplying Portable Toilets in Upper Deerfield Township.

INSERT RESOLUTION

John Daddario, Vice-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 Hoover Road and Veteran’s Drive Reconstruction. 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.

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John Daddario, Vice-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 Reconstruction. On a motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by Scott Smith to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.

INSERT RESOLUTION

John Daddario, Vice-Chairman called for a resolution entitled The Annual Report of Audit for the Year 2020. Bruce Peterson stated that the Township has not had a finding for the last ten to fifteen years, it is a tremendous accomplishment and thanked CFO Amy Colaneri. James Crilley added it is tribute to the entire organization. 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

John Daddario, Vice-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- Small Cities Home

Rehabilitation. On motion of John O'Neill, seconded by Bruce Peterson to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.

INSERT RESOLUTION

John Daddario, Vice-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- Small Cities Facilities. John Daddario stated that there are a lot of good things happening in the recreation area and this will further link the everything together. On a motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by Scott Smith, to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.

INSERT RESOLUTION

John Daddario, Vice-Chairman called for a resolution entitled Appointing Part Time Construction Office Officials. On motion of John O'Neill, seconded by Bruce Peterson to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.

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John Daddario, Vice-Chairman called for a resolution entitled Opposing the Efforts of the Cumberland County Utilities Authority to Monetize Their Financials with an Outside Agency. James Crilley stated that it is important that voices be heard by the County Commissioners. On a motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by Scott Smith, to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.

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John Daddario, Vice-Chairman called for a resolution entitled Appointing Part Time Emergency Medical Technicians – Banks & Edwards. On motion of Scott Smith, seconded by John O'Neill to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.

INSERT RESOLUTION

John Daddario, Vice-Chairman called for a resolution entitled Approval of Change Order #1 Small Cities – Lopez. On a motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by Scott Smith, to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.

INSERT RESOLUTION

John Daddario, Vice-Chairman called for a resolution entitled Payment of Bills in the amount of \$108,768.13. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by Scot Smith to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.

INSERT RESOLUTION

COMMITTEE REPORTS

John Daddario reported that a couple of Little League teams are in the sectionals. The pathways through soccer are being installed.

Scott Smith stated that the Planning Board approved a minor subdivision. Mr. Smith noted that it was nice ceremony that honored two residents who aided a family whose house was on fire.

Bruce Peterson did not have a report this evening.

John T. O'Neill, Sr. stated that the recreation fields look good.

James Crilley reported that the ceremony that honored two residents who aided a family whose house was on fire was nice and well attended. He added that he thanked the individuals, local fire companies and the neighboring fire companies at the ceremony. The mayor stated that he sent a letter to the County Commissioners requesting that the Township representative to the CCUA board be replaced with an individual who votes with the positions of the Township. Mr. Crilley explained that he was late to the meeting as he was attending the CCUA meeting. The CCUA meeting discussed replacing the executive director and monetizing the CCUA. The CCUA will involve all Commissioners in the appointment of a new director. Mr. Crilley stated that he spoke at the meeting telling the Board that they are the wrong County agency to be looking at Broadband and Economic Development. There were two conflicting legal opinions as to whether the CCUA could be involved in broadband for the county. The solicitor added that after a quick review of the state statutes, the MUA law limits the Authority's operation. The Broadband law allows the County to engage in broadband or they can create an agency.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

The Administrator discussed two possible 2022 Small Cities Facilities Grant - Phase IV for ADA compliance in the park and municipal building or providing infrastructure wo the Hildreth tract which will require a grant approved income survey of the neighborhood. The Committee felt the ADA would be appropriate this year and to move begin the necessary background documents for infrastructure upgrades at the Hildreth Tract in 2023. The Committee authorized Chad Ott to hire additional EMT's between meeting and a resolution will be memorialized at the next meeting on a motion of John Daddario, seconded by Bruce Peterson and unanimously approved on a unanimous roll vote of 5-0. The June Departmental and Treasurer Reports were included in this evening's packet. The Committee accepted the Treasurer's report.

DEPARTMENTAL MONTHLY REPORTS: June 2021

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

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Brian Murphy reported that the ADA walk paths around soccer are about half done and Command Company has been good to work with through the project. Mr. Murphy informed the Committee that he is keeping DEP involved with the current activities for nitrate removal at Love Lane. He hopes to get the nitrate removal permit to the state in the next week or so, still working out a few details with WRT. Love Lane passed the July water test which brings Love Lane to be water compliant for two years.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Rocco Tedesco, Solicitor informed the Committee that there is an amended agreement in place for the Seabrook East development. The developer agreement was approved in December of 2018 and the terms and conditions of the inclusionary development for the project were detailed in the agreement. Around April 2021, the Certificate of Occupancies were capped because the developer/builder had not met

the first milestone condition for the affordable housing. Since April, the Township has been working with the developer/builder, state fair share housing office and the township's affordable housing planner. All parties have agreed to the amended conditions for the issuance of future Certificate of Occupancies. The next four CO's will be released shortly. The solicitor stated that the Township is still waiting for a temporary waste permit for the nitrate removal system. Mayor Crilley stated that he expects a temporary permit to be issued in the near future. Mr. Tedesco added that he saw that Morrestown NJ issued a liquor license using the historical method, he will contact the municipal attorney to discuss their process. He noted that the Township will need to revise the district schedule in the B-3 and Town Center to include the revised terminology for a bona fide food service.

At this time John Daddario, Vice-Chairman opened the meeting for public comment. Carol Maier of Smith Drive asked for a copy of the CCUA resolution adopted this evening. Nancy Ridgway of Irving Avenue was disappointed with the CCTEC as the internet does not work in their parking lot, yet she is advocating broadband. Gus Maier of Smith Drive asked if there were any plans to connect Smith Drive with Old Deerfield Pike. He was informed that the Township does not have any plans and an individual may have bought the connecting property with the intent to build a house on the end of the cul-de-sac on Smith Drive. Natalie Chick asked if there were any plans to fill Seeley Lake. Mr. Peterson explained that it is a private lake with a County road and there do not appear to be any plans to construct a new dam.

With no further public comments and no further business to come before the Committee John Daddario, Vice-Chairman called for a resolution Authorizing Closed Session to discuss contract matters and other matters requiring attorney client privileged confidential communications. The Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by Scott Smith to approve and adopt resolution, unanimously carried 5-0.

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The Committee reopened the public portion of the meeting on a motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by Scott Smith and unanimously carried.

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