

**MINUTES OF THE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF  
UPPER DEERFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, HELD ON  
THURSDAY, AUGUST 4, 2022, AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 1325  
HIGHWAY 77, SEABROOK, NEW JERSEY, PURSUANT TO NOTICE**

Present were: James Crilley, 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. John Daddario was unable to attend.

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 Scott Smith.

Solicitor Rocco Tedesco announced the results of who submitted proposals for the alcoholic beverage license. Mr. Tedesco reported that no bids were received for plenary retail consumption license, and he recommended that a resolution be adopted stating that no bid proposals were received. James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution entitled No Award in Response to the Notice to Bidders for the Plenary Retail Consumption License. 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**

Mr. Tedesco announced that there were two 2 bid proposals received for the plenary retail distribution license. The bid proposal of Deepikaben Patel and Mehulkumar Patel was deemed to be complete and qualified to be opened at the August 18<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Township Committee. The bid from Shiv Maruti, LLC will be deemed complete and qualified to be opened at the August 18<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Township Committee provided that the applicant provides an explanation of the inclusion of a document pertaining to Express Food Mart in Sicklerville, NJ. James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution entitled Notice of Qualified Bidders for the Plenary Retail Distribution License. The Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of Thomas Speranza, seconded by Scott Smith, to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 4-0 on a roll call vote.

**INSERT RESOLUTION**

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 July 21, 2022. On a motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by Thomas Speranza to dispense with the reading of the minutes and to accept the minutes as received, unanimously approved 4-0.

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution entitled Authorizing the Tax Collector to Adjust Taxes for a Wartime Service-Connected 100% Disability - Smith. The Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by Thomas Speranza, to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 4-0 on a roll call vote.

#### INSERT RESOLUTION

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution entitled Awarding Contract for Monitoring Alarms to Various Locations in Upper Deerfield. The Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of Thomas Speranza, seconded by Scott Smith, to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 4-0 on a roll call vote.

#### INSERT RESOLUTION

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution entitled Tax Payments to be Refunded. The Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of Thomas Speranza, seconded by Bruce Peterson, to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 4-0 on a roll call vote.

#### INSERT RESOLUTION

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution entitled Authorizing Coin Drop for Upper Deerfield Township Fire Company #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

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution entitled Payment of Bills, in the amount of \$2,459,442.95. On motion of Thomas Speranza, seconded by Scott Smith, to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 4-0 on a roll call vote.

#### INSERT RESOLUTION

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Scott Smith did not have a report this evening.

Bruce Peterson did not have a report this evening.

Thomas Speranza reported that the NJ State Police station commander met with Countryside Village management to review procedures for removing abandoned vehicles in the development. Crime in the Township has been quiet and a couple of arrests have been made for the individuals who were stealing catalytic converters. Bridgeton is allowing 4 wheelers in the city park one day in August. He will provide more details in the future.

Mayor Crilley stated that the senior center is open as a cooling center. He added that there has been illegal dumping in the cul-de-sac of Krysta Court. Chad Ott added that there has also been illegal dumping on Veteran's Drive.

### ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Roy Spoltore, Administrator reported that the Planning board will be reviewing an amendment for permitted uses in the Highway 77 redevelopment zone at their August 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. It should be included on the next township meeting agenda. Mr. Spoltore reported that the parks playground equipment will not be delivered until February 2023. The salesman is recommending that it not be installed until the end of March. The committee agreed to prepare an application for Phase V ADA compliance at the parks which will include new ADA bleachers, retrofitting the existing bleachers and adding ADA picnic tables under pavilions and near the complex's concession stands. The discussed applying for an American Rescue Plan Firefighters Grant. The application will consist of a washer and dryer capable of cleaning firefighter's turnout gear and installing air purification systems in each of the 3 firefighters fire truck bays. James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution entitled Authorization to Apply for an American Rescue Plan Firefighter Grant Through the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs. 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

#### ENGINEER'S REPORT

Brian Murphy reported that the construction of the nitrate removal system is about 95% complete and the WRT components are being assembled. Quad Construction is making sure the system components are working. WRT will install the media and start the system up in September. Mr. Murphy has approved Mill Creek's engineering plans to fix the drainage problem at Taft and Eisenhower.

#### SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Rocco Tedesco, Solicitor did not have a report this evening.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Teresa L. Warburton, Recording Secretary

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Roy J. Spoltore, Township Clerk