

**MINUTES OF THE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF  
UPPER DEERFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, HELD ON  
THURSDAY, AUGUST 5, 2021, AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING,  
HIGHWAY 77, SEABROOK, NEW JERSEY, PURSUANT TO NOTICE**

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

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.

At this time James Crilley, Chairman opened the meeting for public comment. Sandy Acevedo of Old Burlington Road asked about the status of the representative to the CCUA from Upper Deerfield. James Crilley responded that the Township has asked that a new representative be appointed who is voting in the interest of the Township be appointed. Mr. Peterson stated that he and the mayor have been talking with the County Commissioners throughout the discussion of monetizing the CCUA. Ms. Acevedo stated that some people are afraid to use social media for fear of retaliation. The Committee suggested that the individuals call the County Commissioners on the phone to express their concerns. Carol Maier of Smith Drive expressed her concern over using funds for Broadband. Margarita Jespersion stated that she likes the new path ways around the soccer area.

There being no other public comments James Crilley, Chairman called for the approval of minutes for the meeting of July 15, 2021. On a motion of Scott Smith, seconded by Bruce Peterson 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, Amending Section 405-3, Attachment 2 and Attachment 4. The Clerk read the proposed Ordinance by title. Roy Spoltore explained that the proposed ordinance defines bona fide food service for chapter 405. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by John Daddario to approve and adopt proposed ordinance on first reading and setting the date for public hearing on August 19, 2021, at 7:00 pm and was carried 5-0 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.

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution entitled Authorizing Shared Service Agreement with the County of Cumberland for Use of the Wash Bay Facility. The Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded 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 Acting Planning Board Secretary –Dixon. 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 Appointing Part Time Emergency Medical Technician –Silvers & Ellis. On 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 Imposing Lien on Block 1106, Lot 13 – 26 Silver Brook Dr. – Laster. 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 Coin Drop for Upper Deerfield Township Fire Company #3. 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 Amending Contract to Water Remediation Technology, LLC as the Component Manufacturer of the Low Waste Nitrate Treatment and Brine Supply System for the Love Lane Water Facility. On 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

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution entitled Amending Contract to Command Company Inc. for the Installation of Walkways at the Municipal Recreation Complex. 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 Payment of Bills in the amount of \$863,974.34. On 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

COMMITTEE COMMENTS

John Daddario stated that the new walk paths through the recreation facility are awesome. He is looking at the cost to add a dog park to the facility. Mr. Daddario added that he appreciates the stance and conviction the Mayor has displayed on behalf of the Township during the CCUA’s monetization discussions.

Scott Smith did not have a report this evening.

Bruce Peterson requested that the Administrator review the feral cat ordinances that he downloaded from other municipal codifications to see if there is a way to allow animal control to have more authority to bring residents to court.

John T. O'Neill, Sr. made a motion to allow Patty Turkali and Marion Higbee to attend CEU classes for renewal of their Court Administrator certificates at a cost of \$200. The motion was seconded by Bruce Peterson and unanimously carried on a 5-0 roll call vote.

James Crilley asked everyone to read their tax bill carefully. The Township only keeps five cents of every dollar paid. The other ninety-five cents is distributed to the schools and county.

#### ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Roy Spoltore reported that the Township received \$380,836.53 for the American Rescue Plan to be used for water and sewer infrastructure improvements and for COVID related losses. The balance of the funds will be made available later this year or in 2022. The Committee discussed the small cities facilities grant application for 2022 and decided to apply for two ADA restrooms in the recreation area and to make the Sunset Lake playground area ADA compliant. The Committee began discussing possible alternative plans for the closure of the Convenience Center on Saturday, December 25<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, January 1<sup>st</sup>. The tax bills will be mailed toward the end of next week with a payment extension till September 7<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Spoltore reported that the County introduced a grant program providing grants up to \$10,000 for small businesses in the Townships to provide partial relief for COVID related losses. It is a first come first serve program.

#### ENGINEER'S REPORT

Brian Murphy reported that the Phase II walk paths project is almost finished, striping of the parking areas and cleaning up in a couple of areas is all that needs to complete the project. The project went very smoothly. The Township is anticipating a permit from the CCUA for the nitrates. Mr. Murphy continues to answer questions from NJEIT for replacing the water tower in Seabrook.

#### SOLICITOR'S REPORT

At this time James Crilley, Chairman opened the meeting for additional public comments. Carol Maier of Smith Avenue asked how four members of the CCUA commission can control the long-term financial decisions of the Board. The Committee stated that the County Board of Commissioners can veto parts of the Boards minutes which gives the Commissioners ultimate control. Ms. Maier asked if the Ambulance squad can refuse service to an individual. She was informed that the service must be provided but the individual can refuse help. Ms. Maier added that Millville recently adopted a new feral cat ordinance.

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,

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Roy J. Spoltore, Township Clerk