

**MINUTES OF THE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF  
UPPER DEERFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, HELD ON  
THURSDAY, AUGUST 18, 2022, 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, Thomas Speranza and Scott Smith all being members of the Township Committee. Also present were Rocco Tedesco, Solicitor; 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.

There being no public comments James Crilley, Chairman called for the approval of minutes for the Meeting of August 4, 2022. 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, 4-0 on a voice vote with John Daddario abstaining.

James Crilley, Chairman called for a discussion and introduction of an ordinance entitled, An Ordinance Amending the Highway 77 Redevelopment Plan. The Clerk read the proposed Ordinance by title. Roy Spoltore explained that the Planning Board planner prepared a consistency report, the board reviewed the proposed amendment, and deemed it to be consistent with the Township's master plan at their August 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. Rocco Tedesco, Solicitor added that potential developers were informed of the proposed amendment and their comments were taken into consideration by the board. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by Thomas Speranza to approve and adopt proposed ordinance on first reading and setting the date for public hearing on September 1, 2022 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.

**INSERT ORDINANCE**

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution entitled Authorizing the Closure of Escrow Accounts with Unexpended Balances. The Clerk read the resolution by title. 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 Appointing Part Time Electrical Inspector - Maier. 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 Cancelling Ordinance Number 711. Roy Spoltore explained that this ordinance was for improvements at the old landfill. The auditors have recommended that the funds be moved back to the capital reserve account for landfill improvements. 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 Appointing Part Time Custodial Position for Public Works Employment - Guy. The Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by Thomas Speranza, 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 Opposing the Proposed Increases to the State Health Benefits Program. The Clerk read the resolution by title. 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 Payment of Bills in the amount of \$1,461,313.29. On motion of Thomas Speranza, seconded by John Daddario to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.

#### INSERT RESOLUTION

#### COMMITTEE COMMENTS

John Daddario did not have a report this evening.

Scott Smith reported that the Planning Board approved the site plan for Chipotle.

Bruce Peterson did not have a report this evening.

Thomas Speranza reported that Lt. Gates was in attendance at the City of Bridgeton's ATV approved function in the city park. There were a few glitches but no major incidents.

James Crilley requested approval for Mark Webster to be appointed to the Economic Development Committee. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by Scott Smith, to approve and adopt said nomination, unanimously carried 5-0. Chairman Crilley had a personnel issue for closed.

## ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Roy Spoltore presented the proposed rendering for the new playground equipment at the Sunset Lake Tot Lot utilizing funding from the Small Cities Facilities Grant. The committee unanimously agreed to purchase the equipment under state contract. It is anticipated that the equipment will be received in January/February with installation to occur in March/April. The American Rescue Firefighters grant has been submitted to purchase a washer and dryer to clean turnout gear and to purchase air purification systems for the three fire companies fire truck bays. A Potential phase V Recreation area ADA Compliant grant is being investigated which would enable the township to install ADA compliant bleachers and picnic tables throughout the park. July Departmental reports and the Treasurer's report are in this evening's packet for review.

## SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Rocco Tedesco reported that he has responded to the latest redline redevelopment agreement for Bristol Ponds. Mr. Tedesco added that he is waiting on the final financial agreements. Mr. Tedesco has spoken with the attorney who will be representing the SJ Futbol Club. Tentative judicial meeting pertaining to Cohansey Soccer with judge is set for August 30<sup>th</sup>.

At this time James Crilley, Chairman opened the meeting for additional public comments. Nancy Ridgway of Irving Avenue stated that there is a discarded tire in the shoulder of the road in front of her house.

With no further public comments and no further business to come before the Committee Chairman James Crilley, called for a resolution Authorizing Closed Session to discuss personnel and other matters requiring attorney client privileged confidential communications. After the matter has been concluded, the closed session minutes will be released. The Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by Thomas Speranza to approve and adopt resolution, unanimously carried 5-0.

## INSERT RESOLUTION

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Roy J. Spoltore  
Township Clerk