

**MINUTES OF THE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
UPPER DEERFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, HELD ON
THURSDAY, AUGUST 19, 2021, 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 Rocco Tedesco, Township Solicitor, Roy Spoltore, Township Administrator/Clerk; Teresa Warburton, Recording Secretary, 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 Bruce Peterson.

At this time Chairman James Crilley opened the meeting for public comment.

Sandy Acevedo - Old Burlington Road – stated that at Tuesday's Board of Commissioners meeting she asked about ethic issues with CCUA member Andre. Rocco Tedesco, Solicitor commented stated that the Township has sent two letters to the Commissioners opposing the monetization of the CCUA and requesting that Mr. Andre be replaced or provide monthly updates to the Township Committee. Mayor Crilley added he has not had any recent conversations with Director Derella.

There being no other public comments Chairman James Crilley called for the approval of minutes for the Meeting of August 5, 2021. On a motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by Scott Smith to dispense with the reading of the minutes, and to accept the minutes as received, unanimously approved, 5-0 with James Crilley noting he arrived at the meeting around 7:10.

A Public Hearing on Amending Chapter 405-3, Attachment 2 and Attachment 4 has been withdrawn and will be reintroduced at a later date in order to clarify sections. On a motion by Mr. Peterson, seconded by Mr. O'Neill, Sr. to withdraw said public hearing, unanimously carried 5-0 on a voice vote.

Chairman Crilley called for Resolutions 21-159 through 21-166 to be combined as a consent agenda and voted upon as one item. Motion by Mr. Peterson, seconded by Mr. Daddario, to adopt as a Consent Agenda Resolutions 21-159 to 21-166, and unanimously carried. Roy Spoltore, Clerk then read each resolution by title. On a motion by Mr. Daddario, seconded by Mr. Smith, Resolutions 21-159-21-166 were unanimously approved by a roll call vote of 5-0.

Resolution 21-159 – Approving Housing Rehabilitation Grant Management Plan.

INSERT RESOLUTION

Resolution 21-160 – Approving of Housing Rehabilitation Policies and Procedures Manual.

INSERT RESOLUTION

Resolution 21-161 – Small Cities Grant to Provide Rehabilitation Loans to Low and Moderate-Income Homeowners to Repair their Homes Throughout Upper Deerfield Township.

INSERT RESOLUTION

Resolution 21-162 – Approving Public Facilities Grant Management Plan.

INSERT RESOLUTION

Resolution 21-163 – Small cities Facilities Grant to Construct Phase IV ADA Project at the Seabrook Recreational Complex.

INSERT RESOLUTION

Resolution 21-164 – Identifying Small Cities Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity Officer.

INSERT RESOLUTION

Resolution 21-165 – Adoption of State Model Citizen Participation Plan for DCA Small Cities Program.

INSERT RESOLUTION

Resolution 21-166 – Awarding Professional Service Contract to Mark Blauer – DBA/Blauer Associates.

INSERT RESOLUTION

Chairman Crilley called for a resolution entitled Authorizing Professional Service Agreement with Scheule Planning Solutions, LLC for Planning Services. The Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of Mr. O’Neill, Sr., seconded by Mr. Smith to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.

INSERT RESOLUTION

Chairman Crilley called for a resolution Providing for Insertion of a Special Item of Revenue in the Budget Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87. The Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of Mr. Peterson, seconded by Mr. O’Neill, Sr., to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.

INSERT RESOLUTION

Chairman Crilley called for a resolution entitled Payment of Bills in the amount of \$3,429,851.40. On motion of Mr. Peterson, seconded by Mr. Smith to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.

INSERT RESOLUTION

COMMITTEE COMMENTS

John Daddario reported that a beer distributor claims that an individual is telling people they have been awarded an Upper Deerfield Township liquor license. Mr. Daddario wants to make sure the public knows that no one has been awarded a license. The township will encourage individuals and entities to bid on the licenses. Mr. Tedesco suggested notifying area licensed businesses that the Township will have licenses available for public bid in the near future.

Scott Smith did not have a report this evening.

Bruce Peterson reported that the zoning officer has been addressing illegal businesses being operated in residential areas without receiving zoning approval. Issues on Old Deerfield Pike, Fern Road and Dawson Drive have been addressed.

John T. O'Neill, Sr. commented that the utilities are all functioning properly.

Mayor Crilley reported that the tax bills have been sent out and encourages everyone to read the tax bills. The majority of the tax bills are for the county, open space, and the two school districts; the township only receives about 5 % of the taxes paid. Mayor Crilley recently attended the dedication ceremony at the new Veteran's Cemetery building, which turned out very nice. This afternoon was the opening at the CCUA for the monetization RFQ. Two bids were received one from American Water Co. which was incomplete and the other was from Bernard Capital for 37 million but did not mention that all addendums have been received. The acting Director felt both had fatal flaws and need to be rejected, the solicitor will provide his opinion after reviewing the bid documents. The Mayor thanked all those who discussed the monetization plan at the bid opening. The regularly scheduled evening meeting was cancelled as 4 members had family emergencies and a special meeting will be set up next week to pay bills, etc. Mayor Crilley thanked everyone for being involved and encouraged them to stay vigilant and gave a special thanks to CCUA Chairman Al Jones.

Sandy Acevedo of Burlington Road asked what can be done pertaining to CCUA member Andre's alleged ethic issues? The County's Counsel stated that the local government Ethics Board is who should be contacted if you want to file a complaint. Carol Maier of Smith Drive reported that she did an OPRA request asking for all information on how CCUA members were appointed; was it by phone calls received, personal recommendations or resumes submitted, however no paper trail exists and no qualifications were provided.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Roy Spoltore reported that Brian Murphy received an administratively completer from DEP for the Nitrate Removal system at Love Lane. The Committee agreed to advertise for new auditors

as Nick Petroni is retiring. The Committee discussed the potential need for Air BnB regulations. The solicitor and planner will review existing regulations and the need to amend current regulations. Departmental reports for July were contained in this evening's packet.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Rocco Tedesco, Solicitor reviewed the methodology for requesting bids for the issuance of liquor licenses; historical and public bid. Mr. Tedesco has prepared preliminary specifications for utilizing the public bid format that will contain pre-qualifications; such as new construction, evidence of a lease or ownership of land and requiring the CO to be issued within 18 to 24 months after clearance of the individual or entity to hold a license by the state ABC. The Township would still retain the ability to reject any or all bids. The intent is to get the bid documents out in the next couple of months.

At this time Chairman Crilley opened the meeting for additional public comments.

Gus Maier of Smith Drive stated that the ATV's are being stored at the U-Haul storage facility in Bridgeton. Nancy Ridgway of Irving Avenue apologized for missing the last meeting and thanked the committee for encouraging these residents to get involved. At the last commissioner's meeting Mr. Derella commented that there would not be a tax increase which is not correct as the tax rates for municipalities are equalized based on assessed value and percentage of valuation.

There being no comments or further business to come before the Committee, on motion of Mr. Peterson, seconded by Mr. Smith to adjourn, unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa L. Warburton
Recording Secretary

Roy J. Spoltore
Township Clerk