

**MINUTES OF THE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF  
UPPER DEERFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, HELD ON  
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2022, AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 1325  
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; Roy Spoltore, Township Administrator/Clerk; Brian Murphy, Township Engineer, Chad Ott, Chief of EMS, Amy Colaneri, CFO; and Teresa Warburton, Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order by Committeeman 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 John Daddario.

At this time James Crilley, Chairman opened the meeting for public comment. Nancy Ridgway of Irving Avenue thanked the Township for removing the tire on Irving Avenue.

There being no other public comment, James Crilley, Chairman called for the approval of the minutes for the meeting of August 18, 2022. 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.

James Crilley, Chairman called for a public hearing on an ordinance entitled, An Ordinance Amending the Highway 77 Redevelopment Plan. The Clerk read the proposed Ordinance by title. On motion of John Daddario, seconded by Bruce Peterson to open the meeting for a public hearing on the proposed ordinance, and unanimously carried. The Chairman instructed the Clerk to distribute copies to those present. Bruce Peterson stated that this is a great improvement and will give the Township better opportunities for businesses. There being no further public comments, on motion of Thomas Speranza, seconded by Scott Smith to close the public hearing and unanimously carried. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by Thomas Speranza to approve and adopt proposed ordinance, unanimously carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.

**INSERT ORDINANCE**

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution entitled Approval of Change Order #1 Small Cities - Williams. 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 Supplying and Laying Hot Mix Asphalt through a Cooperative Price Contract with the County of Cumberland. The Clerk read the resolution by title. 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 Supplying and Delivering Voc-Compliant High Performance Cold Patch Through a Cooperative Price Contract with the County of Cumberland. 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 A Resolution of the Township Committee of the Township of Upper Deerfield Adopting the Mitigation Plan for Four New Jersey Counties. The Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of Thomas Speranza, 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 Approval of Change #1 for the Contract to Quad Construction Company to Construct a Building Addition and Install WRT Nitrate Removal Components for the Love Lane Water Treatment Facility. Brian Murphy explained the change orders and reported that the system should be operational to test the equipment by the third week in September. 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 Amending Certification of Certain Employee Salary. Mayor Crilley commented to be competitive in the current marketplace we have to make adjustments for certain minimum hourly rate employees. This amendment has the support of the Finance and Personnel Committees. 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 Awarding Bid for Home Rehabilitation Contract 2021-7. On motion of Thomas Speranza, seconded by Bruce Peterson 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 To Award Plenary Retail Distribution License to Qualified Highest Bidder. 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 Emergency Medical Technician - Wright. 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 \$255,350.38. On motion of Thomas Speranza, seconded by Scott Smith, to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.

## INSERT RESOLUTION

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

John Daddario reported that the SJ Futbol soccer season will begin next week. The club is currently working with the local high schools to see if players who have been cut would want to continue play organized soccer. NCLL is also working with high schools to see if there is interest in their spring teams playing fall travel baseball or softball.

Scott Smith thanked the NJSP for their work on the recent break ins.

Bruce Peterson reported that Patty Turkali and Marion Higbee are requesting approval to obtain CEU's at a seminar with at a cost of \$125.20. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by John Daddario, unanimously approved 5-0 on a roll call vote. Beverly Carr who had been running the SECC Museum for the past few years, has recently resigned. The SECC will be taking applications to fill the position. Mr. Peterson requested that the Zoning Department send a letter to Walmart requiring them to re-install a no left turn sign at the non-lighted exit on Highway 77 or a violation notice will be sent to them for failure to comply with their site plan approval.

Thomas Speranza commented that there have been a number of car burglaries in the Upper Deerfield – Pittsgrove Area. They are stealing cars and looking for valuable items in vehicles that are left unlocked. NJSP is working on the case. Call the police if there is any suspicious activity.

Mayor Crilley stated that the Senior Center had a large turnout for the end of the summer BBQ. Tony Lamanteer was the chef. Upper Deerfield Senior Center is very active center and Sherri does a great job. The Seniors thanked the township committee for opening the center back up and giving them a place to go. Township Business visits started back up again, we recently visited Seabrook House, Orr's Flooring, Red Barn Deli, Deerfield Machine and Rutger's Research. Seabrook house was appreciative of the service the ambulance squad provides.

## ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Roy Spoltore, Administrator reported that the Cumberland Regional Music Boosters have requested approval to conduct a bingo, on premise raffle and a 50/50 raffle on October 15<sup>th</sup>. On a motion by Bruce Peterson, seconded Tom Speranza and unanimously approved the games of chance licenses were approved. The NJLM will be held November 15-17. The audit is complete and will be on the agenda for the next meeting. There are no recommendations.

## ENGINEER'S REPORT

Brian Murphy, Township Engineer reported that the nitrate removal system should be operational and through all of testing by Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>. NJEIT has requested that the Township submit engineering contracts and work inspection contracts in order to move the project closer to going out for bids. Slade Construction is supplying a proposal to do the asphalt work at Mill Creek and repair the inlets. Bid proposals for the walk paths are being submitted to DCA for their approval. Mr. Murphy is reviewing the regulations and requirements from moving from a Tier B to a Tier A for storm water management.

## SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Rocco Tedesco, Solicitor reported that the Township was in Superior Court pertaining to litigation for injunctive relief requested by Cohansey Soccer Club. The Court did not grant injunctive relief and SJ Futbol Club can continue to use the soccer fields on township property. The solicitor did need to discuss the litigation in further detail in closed session.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

Peter Chacianas asked if the ordinance was amended since it left the planning board. He added that he did not have any comments as long as there were no changes made. Rocco Tedesco explained the redevelopment agreement and application process in the event of a future development. Nancy Ridgway stated that people need to make sure there equipment and property are locked up.

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 for a resolution Authorizing Closed Session to discuss the Cohansey Soccer Club Litigation 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 on a roll call vote.

## 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 public comments and 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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Teresa L. Warburton, Recording Secretary

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Roy J. Spoltore, Township Clerk