

**MINUTES OF THE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
UPPER DEERFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, HELD ON
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 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; and Teresa Warburton, Recording Secretary.

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 John Daddario.

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 19, 2021. On a motion of John Daddario, 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 Attachment 2 and Attachment 4. The Clerk read the proposed Ordinance by title. Rocco Tedesco explained that the proposed ordinance permits on-premise consumption of alcohol and off-premise sales of alcohol in the District Schedules for B-3 and Town Center Zones. On motion of Scott Smith, seconded by John O'Neill to approve and adopt proposed ordinance on first reading and setting the date for public hearing on September 16, 2021, at 7:00 pm and was carried 4-0 on a roll call vote with Bruce Peterson abstaining. 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 Appointing Part Time Building Inspector - Palumbo. On motion of John O'Neill, 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 \$87,128.90. 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

COMMITTEE COMMENTS

John Daddario reported that an ambulance when up to provide aid to Mullica Hill due to Hurricane Ida.

Scott Smith did not have a report this evening.

Bruce Peterson requested the logs be separated from the brush at the convenience center.

John T. O'Neill, Sr. made a motion to allow Janeen Rossi to attend a Rutgers clerk course at a cost of \$653.00. The motion was seconded by Bruce Peterson and unanimously carried on a 5-0 roll call vote.

James Crilley attended a Mayor's meeting last Saturday where Senator Booker discussed the COVID relief funding program. The Mayor added that he sent a letter to CCUA board member and Township resident Bill Andre to attend one of the monthly Township Committee meetings or submit a written monthly report of the activities at the CCUA. Mr. Andre has not responded to the correspondence, and he is not present at this evening's meeting. The Township was spared any significant damage from Hurricane Ida. He added that he walked the entire walk paths around the recreation complex and it was 2.3 miles long.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Roy Spoltore reported that he and Chad Ott met with a recreation playground representative to develop a plan for the playground off of Veteran's Drive and at the Sunset Lake playground area. Representatives from Cedar Trust (Carlls Corner Shopping Center) requested that their DCU's be lowered from 24 units for 8 vacant stores. The committee felt that the Shopping Center should have individual meters for each of the stores and the owner of the center could then ask that they be disconnected if they are not in use. Mr. Spoltore added the JIF Finance Committee is recommended a dividend release of \$3,750,000 of which the Township will receive \$17,160.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Brian Murphy reported that Chad Ott, Roy Spoltore and himself met with Ginger Benkhart from DEP to review the Storm Water management program. A permit needs to be applied for each year and the state inspects every five years. A few items need to be provided to complete the inspection. The Nitrate Removal system was submitted to the state and has been deemed complete and is now in the technical review. Mr. Murphy has submitted all of the plans, estimates and narrative to Mark Blauer so he can file the Small Cities Grant Application by the end of September.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Rocco Tedesco reported that the developer has agreed to the revised terms of the PILOT and the solicitor is currently reviewing the 50 page redevelopers agreement. There are a few items that will need to be added to the document. Mr. Tedesco stated the CCUA has completed the headwork analysis and the results allow the Township to achieve the Chloride numbers through the proposed nitrate removal system. It is time to get the treatment permit. The Solicitor also suggested that the Township notify chamber of commerce's, restaurant associations and economic agencies that the Township will be conducting a public auction for liquor licenses and that the applicants will need to be pre-qualified to bid for a license.

At this time James Crilley, Chairman opened the meeting for additional public comments. Nancy Ridgway asked about the meeting with Senator Booker. The mayor restated that the meeting only pertained to the American Rescue Plan. Ms. Ridgway added that County Engineer John Knoop has left his position and the County Commissioners have not been receiving the minutes of the CCUA. Mayor Crilley stated that CRHS has hired a new superintendent who may start in November.

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,

Roy J. Spoltore, Township Clerk