

**MINUTES OF THE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
UPPER DEERFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, HELD ON
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 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 Scott Smith.

At this time James Crilley, Chairman opened the meeting for public comment. Dan Ackley of Cohansey Road requested that the speed limit on Highway 77 from Hannah Lane to the Township schools be reduced. He also requested that the stop sign at Polk Lane be reviewed due to the recent accident. The Committee explained that they are state and county roads but they will forward the concerns to the appropriate officials.

There being no further public comments James Crilley, Chairman called for the approval of minutes for the Meeting of September 1, 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, 5-0 on a voice vote.

James Crilley, Chairman called for a discussion and introduction of an ordinance entitled, An Ordinance Adopting the Amended Zoning Map. The Clerk read the proposed Ordinance by title. Roy Spoltore explained that the zoning map revisions are a compilation of previous ordinance modifications to the zoning map and that no new changes are being considered. On motion of Scott Smith, seconded by Thomas Speranza to approve and adopt proposed ordinance on first reading and setting the date for public hearing on October 6, 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 The Annual Report of Audit for the Year 2021. The Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by Tom 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 Authorizing the Tax Collector to Adjust Taxes for a Wartime Service-Connected 100% Disability- Blair. 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 Tax Payments to be Refunded. 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 \$1,246,321.91. 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 reported that fall soccer and baseball are going well.

Scott Smith did not have a report this evening.

Bruce Peterson did not have a report this evening.

Thomas Speranza reported that the State Police are making headway into the car burglaries in the area. He reminded everyone to keep the vehicle doors locked.

James Crilley reported that it was reported at the CDC meeting that the state is going to require the municipalities to require businesses to have liability insurance. There was also a presentation by the USDA on the various programs the agency has for municipalities. The mayor added that Hopewell's Community Day is October 1st and the county chamber of commerce's will be holding a business expo on September 21st at the County College. The Committee agreed to follow the CDC recommendation to hold Halloween on Monday October 31st.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Roy Spoltore informed the committee that the health benefits will be going up 24% for 2023. Love Lane will be paved, there is some drainage work at Maple and Midway that will begin next week. Slade has received the contract to repair the drainage and pave Mill Creek which is scheduled to begin shortly. The State fire safety inspector inspected the Municipal Building and found the lower level of the building will need to be sprinklered. Chad Ott is getting estimates. August Departmental reports and the Treasurer's report are in this evening's packet for review.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Roy J. Spoltore
Township Clerk