

**MINUTES OF THE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
UPPER DEERFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, HELD ON
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2020, 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., Bruce Peterson, John Daddario and Scott Smith all being members of the Township Committee. Also present were: Rocco Tedesco, Solicitor; Roy Spoltore, Township Administrator/Clerk; Amy Colaneri, CFO; Chad Ott, Public Works Supervisor and Brian Murphy, Township Engineer.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman James Crilley and he read the following public meeting announcement.

A regularly scheduled public meeting of the Upper Deerfield Township Committee is being held pursuant to P.L. 2020, Ch. 11, the meeting will be conducted via video and teleconference. A call-in number, meeting ID and access code to listen to the meeting for the public was provided on the Township website and on the rear door of township municipal building. Public comment will be held according to the agenda in the usual manner via teleconference. The agenda is posted on the Township website under "Public Records". 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.

James Crilley gave the invocation followed by the flag salute led by John O'Neill.

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 September 17, 2020. 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 resolution entitled Authorizing Sale of Property Block 2901, Lots 1, 3, 4, 5, 6 & 7 on the Tax Map of the Township of Upper Deerfield, Known as the Seabrook Rail Line. 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 Awarding Bids for Home Rehabilitation Contract 2019-01. The Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of John O'Neill, 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 Payment of Bills, in the amount of \$170,733.64. 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 did not have a report this evening.

Scott Smith did not have a report this evening.

Bruce Peterson did not have a report this evening.

John T. O'Neill, Sr. did not have a report this evening.

James Crilley reported that Trick or Treat is scheduled for Saturday, October 31 between the hours of 4 -7 pm. The State has not issued guidelines for trick or treat at this time. Currently the number of residents who contracted COVID-19 is 102.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Roy Spoltore, Administrator asked if the Committee wanted to sell 11 properties that have been foreclosed before the end of the year. The Committee requested the Tax Assessor suggest minimum bids for each of the properties and the Committee would discuss at the next meeting. The Administrator reported that the Tax Collector received a request form Seabrook House to waive interest on two properties that did not file for a tax exemption on the properties. The Committee wanted to have the Collector present a recommendation for the next meeting. Mr. Spoltore stated that the property ratio for 2021 has been set and it is 98.92% which is down from 102.72% in 2020.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Brian Murphy reported that the ADA recreation walk paths Phase III plan has been sent to Mark Blauer to finalize the 2021 Small Cities Facilities Grant. The radionuclide media has been changed out at the Love Lane Water Facility. A meeting with Atlantic Electric has been set to discuss street lights.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Rocco Tedesco reported that all local tax appeals have been settled as well as the WalMart appeal. State court tax appeals for KMT, Wawa and Lidl remain open. There was a zoom meeting with the CCUA regarding the Ferrara Report. CCUA insisted on a presentation, a summary testimony by Ray Ferrara on his report was provided. The CCUA is supposed to provide a response to the Ferrara report the week of the September 21st. The two sides agreed to have Ted Baker mediate a discussion between the two entities. If the mediation is unsuccessful then the Township will have a public hearing before the full board for a final decision by the CCUA. Mayor Crilley added that Mr. Tedesco did a great job.

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

With no other public comments and no further business to come before the Committee, on a motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by Scott Smith to adjourn the meeting, and unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Roy J. Spoltore, Township Clerk