

**MINUTES OF THE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
UPPER DEERFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, HELD ON
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2020, AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING,
HIGHWAY 77, SEABROOK, NEW JERSEY, PURSUANT TO NOTICE**

Present were: James Crilley, Bruce Peterson, John T. O'Neill, Sr., and John Daddario all being members of the Township Committee. Also present were: Rocco Tedesco, Solicitor; Roy Spoltore, Township Administrator/Clerk; Chad Ott, Chief of EMS, Amy Colaneri, CFO and Teresa Warburton, Recording Secretary. Scott Smith was unable to attend the meeting.

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 James Crilley, Chairman opened the meeting for public comment.

There being no public comments James Crilley. Chairman called for the approval of the minutes for the meeting of October 1, 2020. On a motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by John Daddario, to dispense with the reading of the minutes and to accept the minutes as received, and unanimously approved 4-0.

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 John Daddario, seconded by Bruce Peterson to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 4-0 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 Bruce Peterson, seconded by John Daddario to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 4-0 on a roll call vote.

INSERT RESOLUTION

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution entitled Appointing Part-time Security for CS Regional Municipal Court. The Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by John T. O'Neill, Sr. to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 4-0 on a roll call vote.

INSERT RESOLUTION

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution entitled Appointing Individual for Temporary Part Time Position for Public Works Employment – Derrick Sheppard. The Clerk read the resolution

by title. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by John T. O'Neill, Sr. to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 4-0 on a roll call vote.

INSERT RESOLUTION

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution entitled Awarding Bid to Ricky Slade Construction, Inc. for the Reconstruction of Roberts Avenue and Charles Avenue. The Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by John Daddario to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 4-0 on a roll call vote.

INSERT RESOLUTION

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution entitled Awarding Bid to Ricky Slade Construction, Inc. for the Reconstruction of Pleasant Drive, Merlin Drive and Woodmont Circle. The Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by John T.O 'Neill, Sr. to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 4-0 on a roll call vote.

INSERT RESOLUTION

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution entitled Authorizing Tax Collector to Adjust Taxes for a Wartime Service-Connected 100% Disability - Derricott. The Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of John Daddario, seconded by John T. O'Neill, Sr. to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 4-0 on a roll call vote.

INSERT RESOLUTION

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution entitled Tax Payment to be refunded. The Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by John T. O'Neill, Sr. to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 4-0 on a roll call vote.

INSERT RESOLUTION

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution entitled Imposing Lien on Block 1807, Lot 43 – 49 Roberts Avenue - Rosello. The Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by John Daddario to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 4-0 on a roll call vote.

INSERT RESOLUTION

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution entitled Payment of Bills, in the amount of \$1,265,736.88. On motion of John Daddario, seconded by Bruce Peterson to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 4-0 on a roll call vote.

INSERT RESOLUTION

COMMITTEE REPORTS

John Daddario asked if the Cohansey Soccer Club should be running tournaments without letting the township know. Then Committee agreed that the Club needs to notify the Township and receive approval from the Township prior to tournaments being scheduled. The Club will also need to provide a copy of an insurance certificate showing the Township as an additional insured and they must submit a plan for emergency services and maintenance of grounds. The solicitor will send a letter

Bruce Peterson stated that there is a property on Old Deerfield Pike near Park Drive where the grass is high. Chad Ott reported that he investigated the cost to install an electronic gate that would utilize a scanning device for use of the Convenience Center. The costs ranged from \$16,000 to \$20,000, Mr. Ott, recommended staying with the stickers since there is no internet at the Convenience Center which would also need to be installed. The Committee agreed to move forward with stickers for next year. Mr. Peterson also noted that there is a homeless man on the road leading into Shop Rite off of Cornwell Drive. He suggested the Township find out whose property he is living on and have the property owner try to get him somewhere safe.

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

Mayor Crilley stated that if the football league will not be playing this season, we should make sure the bathroom is winterized and the facility is locked down. Chad Ott reported that due to Covid-19 they did not have a season this year so the bathrooms were never opened but the lawn sprinklers will need to be winterized. Mayor Crilley added that the Pride Committee has scaled down the Veteran's Day Ceremony, which will be held on Saturday, November 7th at 10 am.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Roy Spoltore, Administrator provided land assessment values from the Tax Assessor for the 11 properties the Township intends to sell in December. The Committee established the minimum bid prices for the 11 Township owned properties. Seabrook House requested that the tax interest for 2020 be waived for two properties that did not file for a tax exemption which is projected to be \$42.23 on one property and \$28.94 on the other property. The Committee agreed to waive the interest if the taxes are paid by November 10th 2020. Affordable Housing needed an annual progress update on the plan and the amount of funds available in the Affordable Housing Trust Account. The Energy Audit lighting upgrades should be completed tomorrow. The October nitrate water tests showed Love Lane at 4.85 and Seabrook passed, but we are waiting for the number. The following items were included in this evening's packet; the response to the State's Best Practice questionnaire, September's departmental monthly reports, The JIF's 2019 snap shot for Upper Deerfield, the NJ Planner magazine, the remaining budget funds as of October 14th and the response from Bridgeton regarding eliminating street parking on Fern Road, Liberty Road and Victory Road. Mr. Peterson commented that the roads are too narrow and the Township should eliminate parking on these roads.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Brian Murphy, Engineer submitted a report that shows that the operating and capital costs are both cheaper for an ion exchange system contrary to an analysis from the Cumberland County Utilities Authority that a biological system would be cheaper over 20 years than installing an ion exchange system to treat the nitrates.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Rocco Tedesco, Solicitor commented that Bob Pryor last May represented the Keller family who owned a property on Cornwell Drive near the curve at Button Mill and they wanted to know if the Township is willing to accept the unusable property. The Committee agreed to accept the property if it has a clean Title Search. Mr. Tedesco stated that ordinance 287.2 – Prohibited Activities –special events tournaments is included. The ordinance requires a proposed tournament to be sent to the Recreation Committee to make sure insurance requirements are correct which shows Upper Deerfield Township as an additional insured. Mr. Tedesco added that Governor Murphy announced a Permit Extension Act March 9th 2020 with no timeline.

PUBLIC COMMENT

With no further public comments and no further business to come before the Committee, Chairman James Crilley called for a resolution Authorizing Closed Session on Potential Litigation and other matters requiring attorney client privileged confidential communications. The Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by John Daddario to approve and adopt resolution, unanimously carried 4-0 on a roll call vote.

INSERT RESOLUTION

The Committee reopened the public portion of the meeting on a motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by John Daddario 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,

Teresa L. Warburton, Recording Secretary

Roy J. Spoltore, Township Clerk