

**MINUTES OF THE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
UPPER DEERFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, HELD ON
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2022, AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 1325
HIGHWAY 77, SEABROOK, NEW JERSEY, PURSUANT TO NOTICE**

Present were James Crilley, Bruce Peterson, Thomas Speranza, 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; 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 comment, James Crilley. Chairman called for the approval of the minutes for the meeting of October 6, 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 resolution entitled Awarding Bid to Ricky Slade Construction, Inc. to Install Phase III of ADA Walkways at the Municipal Recreation Complex through a New Jersey DCA Small Cities Facilities Grant. 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 Providing for the Insertion of a Special Item of Revenue in the Budget Pursuant to MJSA 40A:4-87. The Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by Thomas Speranza, 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 \$1,307,416.95. On motion of John Daddario, seconded by Thomas Speranza, to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.

INSERT RESOLUTION

COMMITTEE REPORTS

John Daddario stated that North Cumberland Little League has a tournament coming up Saturday. Soccer will have a tournament in November, and they recently had additional recreational soccer enrollment. The streetlights are working, stop signs installed and paving is completed in the Mill Creek development. The neighborhood seems to be happy with the work that is being done.

Scott Smith commented that at the Planning Board meeting, lot line changes were approved for the lots on Turnbridge Drive.

Bruce Peterson reported that Tony Lamanteer was able to get Walmart to reinstall the no left turns sign at the northern exit on 77. He added that the aluminum soffit is still up at the back of the building and should be removed to maintain the integrity of the building.

Thomas Speranza reported that the NJ State Police informed him that it has been quiet in Upper Deerfield Township. The car burglaries have warrants being signed and should be wrapped up soon, there are approximately 4 to 5 people (2) of which are juveniles.

Mayor Crilley reminded everyone to provide ideas and items for the time capsule. Check with the schools, fire companies, EMS to see if they have anything they would like to add to the container. The Veteran's Day program will take place on Saturday 11/5/2022 and will last approximately one hour. The mayor reported that he met with Planning Board Chairman Russ Vanella who has had a health issue and is recovering nicely. Mayor Crilley added that the finance committee met to begin review of next years budget, some user fees will need to be adjusted.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Roy Spoltore reported that the JIF budget will be increasing approximately 5% next year but they will be releasing three million in pro-rata dividends to the 41 municipal members. Clark Caton is preparing the annual affordable housing report. The CCUA has requested permission to install a temporary radio tower by the Love Lane water tower to see if electronic reads from the tower can reach their Water Street location. Cheryl Larson requested that the Township waive the interest fees in the amount of \$97.46 on her property that went up for tax sale in 2022. There was an issue with her address being changed at settlement and the County and Township did not include a PO Box as her address, which she claimed that she did not receive any tax sale notices. She knew taxes are paid quarterly. As a compromise on the mix up, the owner paid the lien costs and the Township waived the \$97.46 in interest payments, on a motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by John Daddario and unanimously carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.

DEPARTMENTAL MONTHLY REPORTS: September 2022

Animal Control and Dog Registrar Monthly Report
Clerks Monthly Report
Construction Office Monthly Report
Housing and Zoning
Municipal Court Monthly Report
Tax Collectors Report
Vital Statistics
Fire Marshall

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Rocco Tedesco, Solicitor reported that most of the performance bond improvements have been completed and a reduction in the bond will be before the committee next meeting. The Township will need to formally accept the streets. The Bristol Pond redevelopers agreement and financial agreements have been finalized and are awaiting confirmation from the developer's attorney. The next step will be for the redevelopment entity to adopt the final resolution(s) for the agreements at their scheduled December 15th meeting date. A consumption license will be offered in the beginning of next year.

PUBLIC COMMENT

With no public comment and no further business to come before the Committee James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution Authorizing Closed Session for the Committee to discuss a personnel matter and other matters requiring attorney client privileged confidential communications. The Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by Thomas Speranza to approve and adopt resolution, unanimously carried 5-0.

INSERT RESOLUTION

The Committee reopened the public portion of the meeting on a motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by Thomas Speranza and unanimously carried.

With no public comment 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,

Teresa L. Warburton, Recording Secretary

Roy J. Spoltore, Township Clerk