

**MINUTES OF THE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
UPPER DEERFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, HELD ON
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2021, 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., John Daddario, Bruce Peterson and Scott Smith all being members of the Township Committee. Also, present were Roy Spoltore, Township Administrator/Clerk; and Amy Colaneri, CFO.

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 Vice-Chairman instructed 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 Chairman James Crilley opened the meeting for public comment. Nancy Ridgway of Irving Avenue thanked the Township Committee for their support of the issues at the CCUA. Mr. Peterson stated that Ms. Maier gave an excellent presentation at the CCUA meeting.

There being no other public comments Chairman James Crilley called for the approval of minutes for the Meeting of October 7, 2021. On a motion of John Daddario, seconded by Scott Smith to dispense with the reading of the minutes, and to accept the minutes as received, unanimously approved, 5-0.

Chairman James Crilley called for a discussion and introduction of an ordinance entitled, Amending Section 405-5 Zoning Map of the Code of the Township of Upper Deerfield. The Clerk read the proposed Ordinance by title and explained that the proposed ordinance will change the zone from B-1 to B-2 for Block 805, Lots 1, 2, and 3, and Block 806, Lots 1.02 and 2. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by Scott Smith to approve and adopt proposed ordinance on first reading and setting the date for public hearing on November 18, 2021, 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

Chairman Crilley called for a resolution entitled Payment of Bills in the amount of \$1,247,009.28. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by John O'Neill to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.

INSERT RESOLUTION

COMMITTEE COMMENTS

John Daddario reported that Fire Company 1 received the approval from the insurance company to make the repairs to the building on 540 that the Post Office occupied. Repairs could start in December and the Fire Company has a lease on the property through 2023.

Scott Smith reported that Randy was discussing possible amendments to Township zoning ordinances at the Planning Board meeting. The Historical Committee began discussions on the 100th anniversary celebration that will take place on Community Day scheduled for April 23, 2022. Bruce Peterson added that the JACL and SECC will also take part in developing the celebration. Mayor Crilley noted that the Township is looking for volunteers to help with the event.

Bruce Peterson stated that the Community Day celebration will have a larger budget to celebrate the 100th anniversary.

John T. O'Neill, Sr. commented that the utilities are all functioning properly.

James Crilley reported that the Veteran's Day Ceremony will take place on November 13th at 10 am at the Veteran's monument. He added that Trick or Treat will take place on Sunday October 31st from 4 to 7pm. Interviews for auditors were held as Nick Petroni is retiring. Mayor Crilley stated that not much happened at the CCUA as some items were pulled from the draft agenda. He reminded everyone that we still need to be vigilant in following the CCUA agenda and proposals. Carole Maier of Smith Drive expressed concern that the CCUA was trying to serve as a PILOT program that could then be implemented in other municipalities. The Township Committee thanked the group for their efforts and maintained that we all need to continue working to keep monetization from occurring at the CCUA and the CCUA from serving as the agenda to implement broadband for the county.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Roy Spoltore stated that the budget COLA for 2022 will be 2.5% and the Health Benefits expenditures can be adjusted an additional 1% outside of the cap. The Committee discussed subordinating a mortgage for Teresa Gilman to the second position. The owner will still be at 50% of assessed value on the property. On motion of Mr. Peterson, seconded by Mr. Daddario to approve and adopt the subordination, unanimously carried 5-0 on a roll call vote. The Committee approved moving forward with the Phase 1 environmental report for Block 1208, Lot 3.01 as long as the Solicitor approves the conditions by the property owner. Departmental reports for September were include in this evening's packet and the Treasure's report was accepted.

At this time Chairman Crilley opened the meeting for additional public comments. Wayne Sabota of Quail Ridge asked when new playground equipment will be installed. He was informed that the Township received a Small Cities grant for new ADA compliant equipment that will be purchased and installed in the spring or summer at the Township Park. A grant has also been applied for to replace the playground equipment at Sunset Lake. Mr. Sabota stated that the drainage basin at Quail Ridge is maintained very well. Helen Elwell of Martin Drive reported that trash was thrown on Northville Road.

There being no comments or further business to come before the Committee, on motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by John Daddario to adjourn, unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Roy J. Spoltore, Township Clerk