

**MINUTES OF THE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
UPPER DEERFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, HELD ON
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 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 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, Brian Murphy, Township Engineer, and Teresa Warburton, Recording Secretary. John O'Neill 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 the invocation followed by the flag salute led by Bruce Peterson.

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

Nancy Ridgway of Irving Avenue stated that Amy Colaneri & Vicky Vagnarelli have been excellent with informing her of the township meetings.

There being no other public comments James Crilley, Chairman called for the approval of minutes for the meeting of November 5, 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 4-0.

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution entitled Appointing a Part Time Clerical Employee for the Cumberland Salem Regional Municipal Court – Mariela Leon. 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 Purchasing Rock Salt through a Cooperative Price Contract with the County of Cumberland. The Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of Scott Smith, 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 Authorizing Sale of Township Property – Public Auction. 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 Authorizing Sale of Township Property – Neighboring Property Owners. The Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by Scott Smith, 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 Seeking Consideration of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and other Appropriate Parties such as may be necessary in order to facilitate the Use of Convenience Centers for Waste Disposal by Farmers Whose Vehicle Display “Farmer” and/or “Farm” Tags. 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 \$2,213,181.29. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by Scott Smith to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 4-0 on a roll call vote with John Daddario with Jem Print.

INSERT RESOLUTION

COMMITTEE COMMENTS

John Daddario commented that Upper Deerfield Public Works is doing a good job.

Scott Smith commented that Upper Deerfield Public Works doing good job with leaves.

Bruce Peterson reported that the HOA for the John’s Way development need to determine which side of the street should not have street parking permitted. Mr. Peterson asked the status of two street lights. Mr. Murphy reported that Tim Bateman with Atlantic City Electric is preparing a cost estimate to install a new light at Upper Deerfield Estates and to upgrade the light at Love Lane and Highway 77.

James Crilley reported that the Veteran’s Day ceremony will be held on Saturday at 10 am and will be a small presentation. County Commissioner Director Derella informed the Mayor that prisoners released from state prisons will be bused to Trenton and other locations north of Trenton using State buses. Mayor Crilley added that Gary Wallen, former Electrical and Fire Sub Code Official, passed away.

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Roy Spoltore, Administrator reported that the ACMJIF announced the dividend amount for each member and Upper Deerfield will receive \$17,184. The committee agreed to have the dividend applied against next year’s premium. The Committee agreed to have an additional employee at the convenience center on Saturday, December 26th and Saturday January 2nd as the center will be closed on Friday Christmas Day and New Year’s Day. The Committee reviewed a letter from Gloria Jost requesting relief from her tax bill as her tenants are behind in paying rent. The Committee sympathized with Ms. Jost dilemma but denied her request as it would set a precedent and all the other township property owners face similar or other adverse economic situations. The zoning officer sent an email requesting the committee consider allowing chickens in residential zones with less than one

acre of ground. The Committee considered the request and felt that the minimum lot size was correct. The 2021 appointment list was contained in this evening's packet.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Brian Murphy, Township Engineer reported that he has been primarily focusing on nitrate removal. The construction of a building to house the nitrate removal is ready to go out to bid and the specifications for the nitrate treatment are almost complete to send to DEP for their approval. Seabrook East is moving along quickly constructing new homes and the retention basin behind Hoover Road has been cleaned and the fence has been repaired.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Rocco Tedesco, Solicitor reported that Chapter 405.41 discusses the number of animals that may be kept on a property based on zoning and class of animals. The solicitor suggested that this section be reviewed and modified by the planning board.

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

Dean Hawk asked if you needed 1 acre to have chickens in a residential zone.

With no further public comments and no further business to come before the Committee Chairman James Crilley, called for a resolution Authorizing Closed Session to for a resolution Authorizing Closed Session to discuss Personnel and matters requiring attorney client privileged confidential communications . The Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by Scott Smith 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 Scott Smith to adjourn the meeting, and unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa L. Warburton, Recording Secretary

Roy J. Spoltore, Township Clerk