

**MINUTES OF THE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
UPPER DEERFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, HELD ON
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2022, AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 1325
HIGHWAY 77, SEABROOK, NEW JERSEY, PURSUANT TO NOTICE**

Present were James Crilley, John Daddario Bruce Peterson, Thomas Speranza, 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, Chief of EMS; 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. A moment of silence was given for Fire Chief Mike Dyer who recently past away.

At this time James Crilley, Chairman opened the meeting for public comment. Nancy Ridgway stated that the streetlight is out at the end of the Municipal Building Driveway, making it hard to see to when pulling into the driveway.

There being no other public comments, James Crilley. Chairman called for the approval of the minutes for the meeting of November 3, 2022. On a motion of Scott Smith, 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 discussion and introduction of an ordinance entitled, Amending Chapter 341 of the Code of the Township of Upper Deerfield Entitled "Solid Waste". The Clerk read the proposed Ordinance by title. Mayor Crilley gave an overview of the proposed ordinance explaining that numerous complaints were received that residents are leaving their containers at the curb or in their front yard. 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 December 1, 2022, 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

James Crilley, Chairman called for a discussion and introduction of an ordinance entitled, Amending Chapter 188-1 of the Code of the Township of Upper Deerfield. The Clerk read the proposed Ordinance by title. Roy Spoltore gave an overview of the proposed ordinance. 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 December 1, 2022, 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

James Crilley, Chairman called for a discussion and introduction of an ordinance entitled, Amending Article 2 of Chapter 303 of the Code of the Township of Upper Deerfield. The Clerk read the proposed Ordinance by title. Roy Spoltore gave an overview of the proposed ordinance. On motion of Thomas Speranza, seconded by John Daddario to approve and adopt proposed ordinance on first reading and setting the date for public hearing on December 1, 2022, 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

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution entitled Authorizing the Tax Collector to Adjust Taxes for a Wartime Service-Connected 100% Disability - Martinez. The Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of Thomas Speranza, 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 Authorizing the Tax Collector to Adjust Taxes for a Wartime Service-Connected 100% Disability - Evanoski. 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 Tax Payment to be Refunded. The Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of John Daddario, seconded by Bruce Peterson, 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 Amending Contract 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 Scott Smith, seconded by Thomas Speranza, 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 Appointing Part Time Custodial Position for Public Works Employment - Acheson. 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 Payment of Bills, in the amount of \$1,443,978.55. On motion of Thomas Speranza, seconded by John Daddario, to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.

INSERT RESOLUTION

COMMITTEE REPORTS

John Daddario reported that there have been large piles of leaves and public works is doing an excellent job of removing the leaves from the streets. The crews are coming it's just that the bulk of the leaves fell at one time. Mr. Daddario stated that he has been the liaison of the Fire Departments for the past 15 years and he had numerous discussions with Chief Mike Dyer at 33, he fought for our community, and his death is a huge loss for the Township, he will miss him.

Scott Smith added that Public Works is doing an excellent job with the leaves. Mr. Smith extended his condolences to the Dyer Family.

Bruce Peterson expressed his condolences to the Dyer Family. Mr. Peterson spoke with Mayor Crilley about getting the time capsule into the ground before the end of the year. Mr. Peterson suggested hiring someone to take some pictures of how the Township looks now. Mayor Crilley added that he spoke with John Osterling, who is an amateur photographer, and he would be willing to take pictures of the Schools, Fire Departments, EMS, sports complex, businesses, township employees, convenience center, Veteran's Day Ceremony and other ideas.

Thomas Speranza commented that the car burglary suspect was from Delaware and he was arrested today, a second suspect will be picked up in the next week or two. Parkview Heights was hit recently, make sure to keep cars locked up. Enforcement has picked up in the area for speeding.

Mayor Crilley stated that regarding the speeding complaint in Shadow Brooke, the Committee agreed to install rumble strips, let's make sure that happens. Mr. Crilley congratulated John Daddario and committee member elect Joseph Spoltore on their recent election. The mayor and Mr. Spoltore attended the CDC Meeting on animal sheltering and ideas for alternatives for SJRAS (South Jersey Regional Animal Shelter). The Cumberland County Improvement Authority (CCIA) advisory committee meeting was held after the CDC meeting. The mayor had a copy of the agenda if anyone wanted to see it. At the weekly Tuesday morning Mayors meeting with the county, the discussion centered on Covid and the voting machines. Liz Hernandez, the director of the Board of Elections, was on the hot seat with the issues that occurred countywide. Mayors were not happy with the answers that were provided as it appeared as if they passed the buck on every issue. People had to use paper ballots because they didn't know what to do when the machines didn't work until 7:30am. The JACL volunteer dinner/meeting was held at the Maplewood, and it was a nice event. The mayor met some of the new members of the group. There is a flag signing going around country for the remaining incarcerated Japanese Americans to sign. One of the signed flags will be on display in Washington, DC and another will serve as an educational tool as it travels to various schools for kids to see.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Roy Spoltore, Administrator reported that the Township received \$40,000 from the FEMA firefighter grant. The original application was for around \$78,000. A sub committee will review how to utilize the funds received. The Committee agreed to close the Convenience Center at noon on Christmas Eve and to move the Election Day holiday to Friday December 23rd. The Committee also agreed to see if the existing professionals are interested in returning for 2023. The Committee agreed to have JIF dividend of \$12,899 applied against next year's premium. The nitrate removal treatment system startup is tentatively scheduled for December 12th. The Phase III ADA walkways have been completed. The 2023 appointment list and the October departmental reports are included in this evening's packet.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Rocco Tedesco, Solicitor reported that the liquor license review by the State Police is back on schedule. Mr. Tedesco stated that the mayors should consider discussing the length of time cruelty cases take to go through the courts. Municipalities should consider having their prosecutor move these cases through the courts. The County Prosecutor has avoided the costs associated with the state statutes. Bristol Ponds is moving along; resolutions should be available for the January 19th meeting of the redevelopment entity. Attorneys for the Sika Corporation should be ready to submit an application before the redevelopment entity at their January 17th meeting. An escrow of \$5,000 has been requested. Mr. Tedesco explained that the Cohansey Soccer litigation appears to be settled. The soccer club attorney did not answer the interrogatories and it appears the only outstanding issues are what items are property of Cohansey Soccer.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Nancy Ridgway of Irving Avenue asked if the Township could get the legal fees paid by Cohansey Soccer. Mr. Tedesco explained that in New Jersey that is not possible for this litigation. Ms. Ridgway added that the County was requesting an RFP to supply animal sheltering services. She added that she attended an election meeting by the Board of Election prior to the election and there were no county commissioners in attendance. The Committee explained that the Board of Elections is a separate entity and the commissioners only provide funding for their operation.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa L. Warburton, Recording Secretary

Roy J. Spoltore, Township Clerk