

**MINUTES OF THE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
UPPER DEERFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, HELD ON
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2022, AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING,
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; Brian Murphy, Township Engineer; Chad Ott, Public Works Supervisor; 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 comments, James Crilley, Chairman called for the approval of minutes for the Meeting of November 17, 2022. Scott Smit made a motion, second by Thomas Speranza, 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 Public Hearing on an ordinance entitled, an Ordinance Amending Chapter 341 of the Upper Deerfield Township Code Entitled. The Clerk read the proposed Ordinance by title. On the motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by Thomas Speranza to open the meeting for a public hearing proposed ordinance, and unanimously carried. The Chairman instructed the Clerk to distribute copies to those present. Bruce Peterson suggested that the Township prepare a sticker or hang tag to leave at a resident's home to warn them about the new requirements if they are in violation of the ordinance rather than issuing a notice of violation. There being no public comments, on a motion of John Daddario, seconded by Bruce Peterson to close the public hearing and unanimously carried. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by Thomas Speranza to approve and adopt proposed ordinance, unanimously carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.

INSERT ORDINANCE

James Crilley, Chairman called for a Public Hearing on an ordinance entitled, an Ordinance Amending Chapter 188-1 of the Code of the Township of Upper Deerfield. The Clerk read the proposed Ordinance by title. On the motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by Thomas Speranza to open the meeting for a public hearing proposed ordinance, and unanimously carried. The Chairman instructed the Clerk to distribute copies to those present. Dean Hawk of Merritt Avenue asked how the billing process works. Roy Spoltore, Township Administrator/Clerk instructed the public that the fee structure is done by a third party billing. There being no further public comments, on motion of John Daddario, seconded by Bruce Peterson to close the public hearing and unanimously carried. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by Thomas Speranza to approve and adopt proposed ordinance, unanimously carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.

INSERT ORDINANCE

James Crilley, Chairman called for a Public Hearing on an ordinance entitled, an Ordinance Amending Article 2 of Chapter 303 of the Code of the Township of Upper Deerfield. The Clerk read the proposed Ordinance by title. On the motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by John Daddario to open the meeting for a public hearing proposed ordinance, and unanimously carried. Roy Spoltore explained that the fees have not been adjusted since 2007. There being no public comments, on motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by Thomas Speranza to close the public hearing and unanimously carried. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by Thomas Speranza to approve and adopt proposed ordinance, unanimously carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.

INSERT ORDINANCE

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution authorizing the Closure of Escrow Accounts with Unexpended Balances. 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 Tax Collector to Adjust Taxes Wartime Service- Connected 100% Disability- Rivera The Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of Thomas Speranza, 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 Tax Payment to be Refunded. The Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of Bruce Peterson, 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 Tax Payments to be Refunded Due to State Tax Court Judgement. The Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of Bruce Peterson, 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 Cancelling Ordinance Number 833. The Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of John Daddario, 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 Appointing Part Time Emergency Medical Technician - Acheson. The Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of John Daddario, 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 Purchasing Rock Salt Through a Cooperative Price contract with the County of Cumberland. The Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of Thomas Speranza, 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 Payment of Bills in the amount of \$721,659.75. 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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

John Daddario reported that the Mill Creek Development has some street signs that are missing but the paving, stop signs and streetlights are good. Chad Ott advised that the developer will have the street signs delivered and installed shortly. He added that soccer had a great season and will be holding a winter recreational program at the skating rink. Rocco Tedesco stated that the Recreational Leagues need to submit their anticipated and apply for sanctioning for usage of the township grounds for 2023.

Scott Smith did not have a report this evening.

Bruce Peterson stated that the end of the year is approaching and the time capsule needs to be buried. December 29th was suggested to be the date to bury the capsule. Everyone agreed to reach out to groups, organizations and businesses to get additional items for the capsule.

Thomas Speranza reported that Lieutenant Kennedy with the New Jersey State Police stated that the police have been targeting high traffic and high accident areas for traffic enforcement.

Mayor Crilley stated that trash dumping continues to be a problem. This morning furniture was dumped on Love Lane, we need to keep an eye on this problem and report anyone they see doing this illegal activity.

Bruce Peterson asked if Public Works would remove political signs from roadways now that the elections are over.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Roy Spoltore, Administrator reported that the Senior Center's Holiday Lunch will be held on Friday, December 16th from 11 am to 2 pm. Lunch will be served at 12:00 noon. The Small Cities facility and home rehabilitation grants for 2023 have been submitted. The remaining budget spreadsheet as of November 30th and the 2023 appointment list are included in this evening's packet.

ENGINEERS REPORT

Brian Murphy, Township Engineer reported that the Phase III ADA walk path project has been completed. The dichlorination system has been installed at Love Lane as part of the nitrate removal system. Salt is scheduled to be delivered tomorrow and the system is scheduled to begin the start up process the week of December 12th. In addition, the Mill Creek subdivision is complete for the most part with the exception of the drainage basin issue. There are drawings that show the expansion of the basin as part of the Mill Creek Development. The developer has asked for a bond reduction and the developer needs to prepare documents to turn the roadways over to the Township. Mr. Tedesco stated that there is a contingency amount in the performance guarantee to cover the cleaning of the basin before releasing the performance bond.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Rocco Tedesco, Solicitor reported that Bristol Ponds has accepted the redevelopment and financial agreements. An ordinance will need to be adopted in the new year for the agreements. There is no new information to be reported regarding the Cohansey Soccer Litigation. He added that a manufacturing company will be coming before the redevelopment entity in early 2023 and an escrow will need to be established. Mr. Tedesco stated that he has not heard back from the developer who wanted to install solar panels on the old landfill, and he asked about the potential Parker McKay litigation on behalf of various municipalities pertaining to the changing of storm water management requirements.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dean Hawk of Merritt Avenue stated that there are warehouse issues occurring in Mullica Hill and asked if there were mechanisms in place for warehouses being constructed in the township. Rocco Tedesco, Solicitor reported that controls were in place for commercial zoning. Committee members explained that land along the 77 corridor permits warehousing, and the Township needs to maintain a balance between residential, commercial and agricultural zoning. Dallas Peterson of Shadow Brook Drive asked how many registered rentals were in the township. The committee will need to ask the housing office for the exact number of rental units in the Township. This is a user base fee and only the property owners who have rentals pay a rental registration fee.

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 discuss personnel appointments to the boards and committees. The Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by John Daddario to approve and adopt resolution, and unanimously carried.

INSERT RESOLUTION

The Committee reopened the public portion of the meeting on a motion by John Daddario, seconded by Scott Smith and unanimously carried with Mr. Peterson not in attendance to vote.

With no public comments and no further business to come before the Committee, on a motion by John Daddario, seconded by Tom Speranza to adjourn the meeting, and unanimously carried with Mr. Peterson not in attendance to vote

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa L. Warburton, Recording Secretary

Roy J. Spoltore, Township Clerk