

**MINUTES OF THE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF  
UPPER DEERFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, HELD ON  
THURSDAY, MAY 18, 2023, AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING,  
HIGHWAY 77, SEABROOK, NEW JERSEY, PURSUANT TO NOTICE**

Present were James Crilley, John Daddario, Thomas Speranza, Scott Smith and Joseph Spoltore, all being members of the Township Committee. Also present were Rocco Tedesco, Solicitor; Roy Spoltore, Township Administrator/Clerk; Janeen Rossi, Deputy Clerk; Amy Colaneri, CFO; and Chad Ott, Public Works Supervisor.

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 Joseph Spoltore.

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

Ross Bear of Eisenhower Drive stated that 3 new firefighters received their certifications, two from company 32 and one from company 33. He stated that there is a bus parking on Eisenhower Drive and there are children playing in the Mill Creek Development from Countryside Village. He added that the zoom links are still being shown on the Township Committee web page.

There being no other public comments, James Crilley, Chairman called for the approval of minutes for the Meeting of May 4, 2023. Scott Smith made a motion, second by Thomas Speranza, to dispense with the reading of the minutes and to accept the minutes as received, unanimously approved, on a roll call vote of 5-0.

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution Providing for the Insertion of a Special Item of Revenue in the Budget Pursuant to N.J.S.A 40A:4-87- Clean Communities Grant. 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 Appointing Part time Emergency Medical Technician - Smith. The Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of Thomas Speranza, seconded by Joseph Spoltore, to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.

**INSERT RESOLUTION**

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution Authorizing Payment of Bills in the amount of \$ 1,085,531.53. The Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of Thomas Speranza, seconded by Joseph Spoltore, to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.

## INSERT RESOLUTION

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

John Daddario reported that the new soccer club had around 200 children signed up for the spring season. A new group will begin utilizing the football field within the next couple months to see if there is interest in developing football activities for children who will be going to Cumberland Regional.

Scott Smith reported that the public works are cleaning up the drainage inlets.

Joseph Spoltore reported that Sussex Irrigation was granted a variance to conduct sales of farming irrigation equipment at the old Brock nursery building. The Environmental Commission received a \$1,250 grant from ANJEC to create pollinator areas on the Munyon Property.

Thomas Speranza requested continued education credits for Marion Higbee and Patti Turkali in the amount of \$70.00. John Daddario seconded the motion, and a unanimous roll call vote was recorded. Mr. Speranza reported that the concrete floor was poured at the convenience center, the break and bathroom have been formed, and the electrical is due to begin installation next week.

Mayor Crilley reported that business visits have started again. Tony Stanzione, CDC, Roy Spoltore and the mayor visited Johnson Farms, Century Bank, Bank of Elmer, Ultra Clean and Seabrook Brothers. It's an opportunity to discuss any issues the local businesses may have. A meeting was held with the Director of Seabrook House to address the issues that have been occurring with patients leaving the facility and disturbing or stealing from the neighbors. The Director stated they can't stop anyone from leaving but there are guidelines and procedures (patients wear tracking bracelets, alarms on doors) to ensure that the staff monitors the patient's whereabouts. Transportation and bus passes have been arranged for any patient who wants to leave rather than them roaming the streets. The facility is also hoping to reduce the percentage of Medicaid patients as these are the ones who are causing the issues. The Director of the facility has assured the Township Committee she will do her best to enforce these policies.

## ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Roy Spoltore, Administrator stated all bids for the Sunset Lake Park Improvement and Playground & Pavilions Recreation Complex were rejected at the last meeting. The new bid packages are just for installation of the playground equipment and are due on June 1, 2023. It appears we are getting closer to going out to bid to replace the Seabrook Water Tower. DCA may have additional funds available from past years to do some of the work that was rejected from the Sunset Lake Recreation bid due to the higher than anticipated cost of the project. Departmental reports from April are contained in this evening's packet.

## SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Rocco Tedesco reported the Cohansey Soccer case has been dismissed. The attorneys from Sika Corporation have requested the Township approve a single-site redevelopment plan entitled Sika USA Redevelopment Plan. Mr. Tedesco suggested that the Township Committee adopt a resolution Directing the Upper Deerfield Township Planning Board to Review Sika Corporations Single-Site Redevelopment Plan. If the Planning Board finds the plan to be consistent with the Township Master Plan, the Township Committee will then adopt an Ordinance detailing the redevelopment plan. James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution entitled Directing the Upper Deerfield Township Planning Board to Review Sika Corporations Single-Site Redevelopment Plan, Identified as Block 1201, Lot 1 and 3 Pursuant to the New Jersey Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1, et seq. for Consistency with the Upper Deerfield Township Master Plan. On motion of Joseph Spoltore, seconded by Scott Smith, to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.

#### INSERT RESOLUTION

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

Margrethe Jespersen of Northville Road stated that dirt bikes are creating a loud nuisance and creating havoc on neighboring properties, local roads and state highways. Gail Mason of Irving Avenue reported that a wedding reception at a neighbor's house produced significant loud noise all day into the evening and she reported the nuisance to the state police on five different occasions. Mr. Tedesco stated that noise complaints are difficult to enforce as there has to be someone who is certified to measure sound decibels for a complaint to move forward in the courts. He added that the Township does not have an ordinance that regulates sound and state statutes would have to be utilized. Mr. Tedesco will look to see if a local ordinance could be introduced and adopted. Ross Bear asked if a business could be charged for selling ATV's if they are driven off their lot. Nancy Ridgway of Irving Avenue stated that the county commissioners will be having their monthly meeting in the municipal building on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Dean Hawk of Merritt Avenue suggested the State Police Station Commander be invited to attend a Township Committee meeting to address the dirt bike and noise nuisance issues. Thomas Speranza asked everyone to please report any off-road vehicle activity to the state police non-emergency number. Mayor Crilley reiterated that Upper Deerfield Township has in place ordinance 631 that controls and regulates off-road vehicles within the Township.

With no more public comments and no further business to come before the Committee, on a motion by Scott Smith, seconded by Thomas Speranza to adjourn the meeting, and unanimously carried

Respectfully submitted,

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Janeen Rossi, Township Deputy Clerk

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Roy J. Spoltore, Township Clerk