

**MINUTES OF THE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
UPPER DEERFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, HELD ON
THURSDAY, JUNE 1, 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; Brian Murphy, Township Engineer 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.

Margrethe Jespersen of Northville Road thanked Mayor Crilley and Thomas Speranza and the Committee for their help toward resolving the loud nuisance that dirt bikes were creating on neighboring properties. Rocco Tedesco, Solicitor stated he has been doing research on the creation of a noise ordinance and intends to have a draft ordinance for the Township Committee to review. Dean Hawk of Merritt Avenue stated that Love Lane was resurfaced and asked why Laurel Heights Drive has not been resurfaced. Mayor Crilley explained that Laurel Heights Drive is a County Road. Roy Spoltore, Township Administration stated that Laurel Heights Drive is included in the County's 5 year road improvement plan.

There being no other public comments, James Crilley, Chairman called for the approval of minutes for the Meeting of May 18, 2023. Thomas Speranza made a motion, second by Scott Smith, 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 Appointing Full Time Public Works General Maintenance - Davis. The Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of Scott Smith, 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 Authorizing the Township's Tax Counsel to Foreclose Certain Properties for Delinquent Taxes in the Township of Upper Deerfield, County of Cumberland, New Jersey. 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 \$ 245,635.51 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 football is beginning, Little League had a successful season and the new soccer club had around 200 children signed up for the spring season.

Scott Smith did not have a report this evening.

Joseph Spoltore did not have a report this evening.

Thomas Speranza spoke with Lt. Walters, the new State Police commander. The new assistant. Sgt. First Class Swift intends to attend the next Committee meeting to address any concerns. Mr. Speranza requested approval for continuing education credits for Marion Higbee and Patti Turkali in the amount of \$70.00. Scott Smith seconded the motion, and a unanimous roll call vote was recorded.

Mayor Crilley reported that Andrea Bianco has been serving as the Municipal Alliance Coordinator Kids First Program for a long time. Andrea is retiring at the end of June and has been an asset to both programs. With no one to lead the program in the future, the program will end. The Township appreciated her dedication and service, and she will be missed.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Roy Spoltore, Administrator stated the Township received more than 10 applications for the job posting for a full time Utility Technician. The closing date is June 9, 2023, interviews will be held thereafter. The initial bids for the installation of equipment and pavilions and other projects at Sunset Lake Park and the Township Recreation Complex were previously rejected. The new bid packages were reduced to just the installation of playground equipment at Sunset Lake Park and the Township Recreation Complex and were opened today. The installation prices on the new bid proposals were actually higher than the initial bid packages. A further review of the proposals will be concluded next week and brought back to the committee with recommendations.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Brian Murphy, Township Engineer stated that discussions are still on going with the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust regarding funding for the Seabrook Water Tower and it appears that the Township is getting closer to be able to go out to bid for proposals. The bid package for the installation of the recreational complex ADA compliant bathrooms should be completed shortly. Mr. Murphy stated Keith Stoms, and John Hoogendorn have been diligently working out the bugs with the new Love Lane Nitrate Removal System. It's a new system, the first one in the state of New Jersey and most issues have been computer related. Mr. Murphy reported he has been attending state webinars on storm water management and the Hoover Road paving bids are due next week.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Rocco Tedesco did not have a report this evening.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

Janeen Rossi, Township Deputy Clerk

Roy J. Spoltore, Township Clerk