

**MINUTES OF THE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
UPPER DEERFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, HELD ON
THURSDAY, JUNE 15, 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.

Mayor Crilley announced Sergeant First Class Steve Swift, Assistant Station Manager, Bridgeton State Police addressed the challenges involved with the ATV complaints and nuisances across Cumberland County. Policies have been put in place by the New Jersey Attorney General's office restricting the pursuit of ATV riders, thus limiting police enforcement. Darla Whipple of Third Avenue wanted to know if she could remain anonymous when reporting an incident. Sgt. Swift stated an individual can report something to the police anonymously. Rocco Tedesco, Solicitor informed Sgt. Swift that the Township Committee has authorized the creation of an ordinance to enforce noise nuisances. Wayne Sabota of Quail Ridge Drive asked about the sale of fireworks. It was explained that New Jersey now permits a certain type of firework that you will find for sale in local stores. Gail Mason of Irving Avenue stated she witnessed ATV's and dirt bikes doing wheelies down Carmel Road. Margarethe Jespersen of Northville Road was concerned about speeding on Northville Road.

James Crilley, Chairman called for the approval of minutes for the Meeting of June 1, 2023. Joseph Spoltore 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 vote of 5-0.

James Crilley, Chairman called for K & E Holdings I, LLC presentation for Three Year Resource Extraction License until December 31, 2025. Rocco Tedesco stated there was an application submitted by counsel for K & E which was reviewed and the conditions for the Planning Board have been satisfied. The solicitor stated he has reviewed the application and found it to be complete. The next step would be for the Township to introduce a resolution approving the license till December 31, 2025.

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution Approving Resource Extraction License for K & E Holdings I, LLC on Block 707, Lots 2& 5. The Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of Scott Smith, seconded by Joseph Spoltore, to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.

INSERT RESOLUTION

At this time James Crilley, Chairman opened the meeting for public comment. Wayne Sabota of Quail Ridge Drive asked about the license renewal for K & E Holdings. Solicitor Tedesco explained that the Planning Board approved the renewal of a permit for resource extraction by K & E on Fox Road and the procedure is for the Township Committee to issue a license for three years.

With no other public comments, James Crilley, Chairman called for a discussion and introduction of an ordinance entitled, Authorizing the Expenditure of Capital Reserve Funds for Improvements to Recreation Facilities. The Clerk read the proposed Ordinance by title. On motion of Scott Smith, seconded by Joseph Spoltore to approve and adopt proposed ordinance on first reading and setting the date for Public Hearing on June 29, 2023 at 3:00 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 Awarding Bid to South State Inc. for the Reconstruction of Hoover Road and Veterans Drive. The Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of John Daddario, 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 Approval to Submit a Grant Application and Execute a Grant Agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for West Dawson Drive, Acorn Drive, Oak Hill Drive and Colonial Terrace Reconstruction Phase II. The Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of Joseph Spoltore, 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 Authorizing Payment of Bills in the amount of \$ 561,786.22 The Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of Joseph Spoltore, seconded by Scott Smith, to approve and adopt said resolution, on a roll call vote of 5-0 with Joseph Spoltore abstaining from the payment to Cumberland Regional.

INSERT RESOLUTION

COMMITTEE REPORTS

John Daddario reported that the Township Sub Committee has finished the review of the 3 volunteer fire companies. The analysis, conclusions and recommendations are set forth in the written report being submitted to the Township Committee. As indicated in the report the Sub Committee's recommendation is that the Township adopt an ordinance designating Station 31 and 33 as the contracted volunteer fire companies and terminating any contract with Station 32. Mr. Daddario asked the committee members to review the report. Copies of the Sub Committee report will be made available to the public immediately following this meeting.

Scott Smith did not have a report this evening.

Joseph Spoltore reported that a single site redevelopment plan for Sika Corporation was approved by the Planning Board.

Thomas Speranza reported that the solicitor has drafted a noise nuisance ordinance that is being reviewed. The intent is to introduce the ordinance in July.

Mayor Crilley reported that he attended the Upper Deerfield 8th Grade commencement ceremony and awarded Isabella Bates and Natalia Demasse the Humanitarian awards. At the CDC meeting the members continue to discuss animal sheltering issues. A representative from Atlantic City Electric informed the group that the company is replacing existing electric meters with new digital smart meters.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Roy Spoltore, Administrator stated the draft of the new website which will be ADA compliant when complete is about 75% complete. The Township received authorization to bid the Seabrook Water Tower project, the notice will be in the paper Tuesday. Tony Lamanteer has been working with a resident on Fox Road who is requesting an Alcoholic Beverage Special Affairs Permit for a Horse Show on July 8th with a rain date of July 15th. There will be approximately 400 attendees with catering and alcoholic beverages. The State of New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety Division of Alcohol Beverage Control requires municipal endorsement. The Committee suggested that the JIF be contacted and any recommendation from them be added as a condition of endorsement. On motion of Thomas Speranza, seconded by Scott Smith, the application was endorsed with any conditions the JIF may recommend, on a roll call vote of 5-0

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Rocco Tedesco reported that a single site redevelopment plan for Sika was approved by the Planning Board. The Planning Board's report will be submitted to the Township Committee for final approval. Discussion into a long term tax exemption followed by roll back charges due to the non-farm land use are being finalized. Brian Rosenberger, Tax Assessor, is reviewing what the land assessment and taxes will be. Mr. Tedesco stated that he has been reviewing appellate division case law pertaining to nuisance noise ordinances and found they have been acceptable and enforceable. A draft has been prepared as comments by committee members are being reviewed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

At this time James Crilley, Chairman opened the meeting for public comment. Margrethe Jespersen of Northville Road wanted to know if the noise ordinance being drafted deals with specific noise violations or specific time limits. Rocco Tedesco explained the draft does not imply time limits although the structure and analysis will protect residents. Wayne Sabota of Quail Ridge Drive asked about the approval of the July 8th event. It was explained that Tony Lamanteer is working with the applicant. Jeremy Warburton, Landis Ave wanted to know when the Sub Committees Report for the Fire Stations will be available for public review. Rocco Tedesco stated the Township Committee must review the Sub Committee's recommendation. The Sub Committee report will be made available to the public immediately following this meeting.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Janeen Rossi, Township Deputy Clerk

Roy J. Spoltore, Township Clerk