

**MINUTES OF THE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF  
UPPER DEERFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, HELD ON  
THURSDAY, JULY 20, 2023, AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING,  
HIGHWAY 77, SEABROOK, NEW JERSEY, PURSUANT TO NOTICE**

Present were 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. James Crilley was unable to attend the meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman John Daddario, 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.

John Daddario requested a moment of silence followed by the flag salute led by Tom Speranza.

At this time John Daddario, Vice Chairman opened the meeting for public comment.

Frank Lowe, of Cake Road stated he was an active member of Fire Station 32 until 2021. He is concerned that if Station 32 is closed, members will not join the other companies, the call response time will increase, and safety should be the priority. Darla Whipple, of Third Avenue stated the Fire Station 32 is needed in the Township as well as their volunteers. Dan Sutton, of Seeley Road and chief of station 32, stated that closing Fire House 32 would not be beneficial to the Township. He added that the report should be redone with other input.

There being no other public comments John Daddario, Vice Chairman called for the approval of minutes for the Meeting June 15, 2023. On a motion of Scott Smith, seconded 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 4-0

John Daddario, Vice Chairman called for a discussion and introduction of an ordinance entitled, Ordinance Adopting chapter 260 of the Ordinances of the Township of Upper Deerfield prohibiting any person or entity from making, continuing, causing to be made or continued any loud, unnecessary or unusual noise or any noise which does or is likely to annoy, disturb, injure or endanger the comfort, repose, health, peace or safety of others. The Clerk read the proposed Ordinance by title. Solicitor Tedesco noted an addition would be required to section 260-6 adding an exemption for routine landscape business. On motion of Scott Smith, seconded by Thomas Speranza to approve and adopt proposed ordinance with the aforementioned amendment on the first reading and setting the date for public hearing on August 3, 2023 at 7:00 pm and was carried 4-0 on a roll call vote. The Vice 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**

John Daddario, Vice Chairman called for a discussion and introduction of an ordinance entitled, Amending the Highway 77 Redevelopment Plan to Provide for the Single Site Redevelopment

of Block 1201 Lot 1 & 3. The Clerk read the proposed Ordinance by title. Solicitor Tedesco noted that the second Be It Further Ordained paragraph should be removed. On motion of Joseph Spoltore, seconded by Thomas Speranza to approve and adopt proposed ordinance with the aforementioned amendment on the first reading and setting the date for public hearing on August 3, 2023 at 7:00 pm and was carried 4-0 on a roll call vote. The Vice 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

John Daddario, Vice Chairman called for a resolution entitled Authorizing the Tax Collector to Adjust Taxes for a Wartime Service- Connected 100% Disability- Killen. The Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of Thomas Speranza seconded by Joseph Spoltore to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 4-0 on a roll call vote.

#### INSERT RESOLUTION

John Daddario, Vice Chairman called for a resolution entitled Tax Payments to be Refunded. The Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of Thomas Speranza seconded by Scott Smith to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 4-0 on a roll call vote.

#### INSERT RESOLUTION

John Daddario, Vice Chairman called for a resolution Authorizing Coin drop for Upper Deerfield Fire Company 3. On motion of Thomas Speranza seconded by Joseph Spoltore to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 4-0 on a roll call vote.

#### INSERT RESOLUTION

John Daddario, Vice Chairman called for a resolution Authorizing Renewal of the Liquor License for the 2023-2024 year. On motion of Joseph Spoltore seconded by Scott Smith to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 4-0 on a roll call vote.

#### INSERT RESOLUTION

John Daddario, Vice Chairman called for a resolution entitled No Award in Response to the Notice to bidders for the Site Preparations & Improvements for Restroom Buildings. On motion of Thomas Speranza seconded by Scott Smith to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 4-0 on a roll call vote.

#### INSERT RESOLUTION

John Daddario, Vice Chairman called for a resolution Appointing Prosecutor for the Cumberland Salem regional Municipal Court. On motion of Thomas Speranza seconded by Joseph Spoltore to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 4-0 on a roll call vote.

#### INSERT RESOLUTION

John Daddario, Vice Chairman called for a resolution entitled Payment of Bills in the amount of \$ 829,409.78. On motion of Thomas Sprenaza seconded by Scott Smith to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously approved, on a roll call vote of 4-0 with Joseph Spoltore abstaining on the payment for CRHS.

## INSERT RESOLUTION

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Thomas Speranza did not have a report this evening.

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John Daddario stated that the Committee has had a month to review the Sub Committee's Fire Company Report. If the members are in favor of the report's recommendations, then a motion would be in order to have the Solicitor prepare an Ordinance. On a motion by Thomas Speranza, seconded by Joseph Spoltore, the Committee unanimously on a roll call vote of 4-0 asked the Solicitor to prepare an ordinance to implement the recommendations of the Fire Company Report.

### ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Roy Spoltore, Administrator reported that the draft of the new Township website has been prepared, he requested the committee members review the site to suggest any changes. The water tower bid request has had a lot of interest, the bid opening is next Tuesday July 25th at 10:00 A.M. The Township's Tax Rate has been struck by the County Tax Board. There will be an increase of 1.9 cents, and we anticipate the Tax Bill's will be mailed by next Friday with a due date of August 25th. The Liquor Store at Carll's Corner has a tentative opening date of Friday, September 1st. Bristol Ponds has one item left on the Township's traffic engineer's report to complete for the Planning Board's conditions to be met and after that is completed and signed off by the engineer, the project will start moving forward. Departmental reports for June are contained in this evening's packet.

### SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Rocco Tedesco did not have a report this evening.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Melinda Quigley, of Big Oak Road stated she is in favor of keeping Fire Station 32 open. It has been open for 90 years, and she commended the volunteers of this station. Kathleen Wetherington, of Old Deerfield stated she is concerned about the response time to local schools and the businesses and the impact it will have on the other Fire Stations if Fire Station 32 is closed.

With no other public comments and no further business to come before the Committee, on a motion by Joseph Spoltore, seconded by Thomas Sprenaza 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