

**MINUTES OF THE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
UPPER DEERFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, HELD ON
THURSDAY, AUGUST 3, 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.

PUBLIC COMMENT

William Schmidt, of Almond Road supports Fire Station 32. Sandy Acevedo, of Old Burlington Road had concerns about the report and suggested a more in-depth analysis should be completed. She was concerned about the health and safety of residents and a reduction in volunteers. William Hitchner, of Truman Street stated there are 65 houses in his development and was opposed to the Fire Station being closed. Mark Petrunis, of Rosenhayn Avenue stated the volunteers of Station 32 serve the community and is concerned that closing the station will cause more harm in the community. Michael Fazekas, of Finley Road stated he supports Fire Station 32 and all of its volunteers. Darla Whipple, of Third Avenue agreed with everyone and the township needs to save the Fire Station. Donald Wharton, of Eisenhower Drive stated that closing Fire Station 32 will diminish the safety of the residents and asked that other financial savings to be explored. Mary Osborn, of Old Deerfield Pike stated that when a car exploded in her front yard the volunteers were immediately on the scene, and the station needs to stay open. Dan Sutton, of Seeley Road and Chief of Station 32, stated that the committee should have an independent study done. Mr. Sutton added that the Committee should review the April ISO report and the implications that closing a station would have for the report. Nancy Ridgeway, of Irving Ave stated that she believes homeowners insurance might increase with the closing of Station 32. A resident of Eisenhower Drive agreed that the Fire Station should remain open. Dallas Peterson stated that Station 32 is the heart of the Township and asked if other business decisions could be made. Helen Elwell, Martin Drive stated that paid firefighters will cost the Township more than keeping the fire station open.

There being no other public comments, James Crilley, Chairman called for the approval of minutes for the Special Meeting of June 29, 2023 & Regular Minutes July 20, 2023. Joseph Spoltore made a motion, second by Scott Smith, to dispense with the reading of the minutes and to accept the minutes as received, unanimously carried on a roll call vote with Thomas Speranza and Joseph Spoltore abstaining on the June 29, 2023, meeting and James Crilley, Chairman abstaining on July 20, 2023.

James Crilley, 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. The Clerk noted that there was a publishing issue with the ordinance, so it needed to be re-introduced. On motion of Thomas Speranza, seconded by John Daddario to approve and adopt proposed ordinance on the first reading and setting the date for public hearing on August 17, 2023, at 7:00 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 discussion and introduction of an ordinance entitled, Amending the Highway 77 Redevelopment Plan to Provide for the Single Site redevelopment of Block 1201, Lots 1 & 3. The Clerk read the proposed Ordinance by title. The Clerk noted that there was a publishing issue with the ordinance, so it needed to be re-introduced. On motion of Joseph Spoltore, seconded by Scott Smith to approve and adopt proposed ordinance on the first reading and setting the date for public hearing on August 17, 2023, at 7:00 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.

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James Crilley, Chairman called for a discussion and introduction of an ordinance entitled, Authorizing the Expenditure of Capital Reserve Funds for Improvements to the Municipal Buildings & Facilities. The Clerk read the proposed Ordinance by title. On motion of Thomas Speranza, seconded by Scott Smith to approve and adopt proposed ordinance on the first reading and setting the date for public hearing on August 17, 2023, at 7:00 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 discussion and introduction of an ordinance entitled, Bond Ordinance Providing for the Construction of a Replacement Water Tower, by and in the Township of Upper Deerfield, in the County of Cumberland, State of New Jersey, Appropriating \$3,700,000.00 Therefore, and Authorizing the Issuance of \$3,700,000.00 Bonds or Notes to Finance the cost thereof. The Clerk read the proposed Ordinance by title. On motion of Joseph Spoltore, seconded by Scott Smith to approve and adopt proposed ordinance on the first reading and setting the date for public hearing on August 17, 2023, at 7:00 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.

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James Crilley, Chairman called for a discussion and introduction of an ordinance entitled, Amending Chapter 28 of the Township Code Designating Fire Companies 31 and 33 as Volunteer Fire Companies Authorized to provide Firefighting Services in Upper Deerfield Township Pursuant to N.J.S.A 40A:14-68 and Terminating Volunteer Fire and Rescue Now Known as Company 32. The Clerk read the proposed Ordinance by title. On motion of John Daddario, seconded by Thomas Speranza to approve and adopt proposed ordinance on the first reading and setting the date for public hearing on August 17, 2023, at 7:00 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

Chairman Crilley called for Resolutions 23-121 through 23-136 to be combined as a consent agenda and voted upon as one item. John Daddario made the motion, seconded by Thomas Speranza, to combine Resolutions

23-121 to 23-136 as a Consent Agenda, and unanimously carried. The clerk read the resolutions by title. On a motion by John Daddario, seconded by Scott Smith, Resolutions 23-121 through 23-136 were unanimously approved by a roll call vote of 5-0.

Resolution 23-121 –Awarding Contract for Supplying Portable Toilets to Locations in the Township.

INSERT RESOLUTION

Resolution 23-122 – Awarding Contract for Providing IT Support.

INSERT RESOLUTION

Resolution 23-123 – Awarding Contract for Providing Electrical Services.

INSERT RESOLUTION

Resolution 23-124 – Awarding Contract for Providing Yearly Fire Extinguisher Maintenance.

INSERT RESOLUTION

Resolution 23-125 – Awarding Contract for Providing Hearing & Air Conditioning General Maintenance.

INSERT RESOLUTION

Resolution 23-126 – Awarding Contract for Providing heating Oil #2.

INSERT RESOLUTION

Resolution 23-127– Awarding Contract for Providing Off Road Ultra Low Sulfur.

INSERT RESOLUTION

Resolution 23-128– Awarding Contract for Providing Overhead Door Repairs & General Maintenance.

INSERT RESOLUTION

Resolution 23-129– Awarding Contract for Providing General Plumbing Repairs & General Maintenance.

INSERT RESOLUTION

Resolution 23-130– Awarding Contract for Supplying Chemicals to the Water Plants.

INSERT RESOLUTION

Resolution 23-131– Awarding Contract for Providing Jetting & Vacung Pipes.

INSERT RESOLUTION

Resolution 23-132– Awarding Contract for Providing Lift Stations Pump Out.

INSERT RESOLUTION

Resolution 23-133– Awarding Contract for Repairs to Control & Alarm Systems at Lift Stations.

INSERT RESOLUTION

Resolution 23-134– Awarding Contract for Providing Repairs of Flow Meters.

INSERT RESOLUTION

Resolution 23-135– Awarding Contract for Providing repairs of Replacement of Lift Station Pumps.

INSERT RESOLUTION

Resolution 23-136– Awarding Contract for Supplying Stationary Services.

INSERT RESOLUTION

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. 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 Appointing Township Bond Counsel- John Cantalupo, Esq. 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 Payment of Bills in the amount of \$ 2,377,095.64. 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 did not have a report this evening.

Scott Smith did not have a report this evening.

Joseph Spoltore did not have a report this evening.

Thomas Speranza stated Countryside Village had its annual National Night Out and had a good turnout.

James Crilley did not have a report this evening.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Roy Spoltore, Administrator stated Chad, Brian and he met with the contractor that will be installing the playground equipment at the Seabrook Recreational Complex. They anticipate beginning construction in August. The Sunset Lake Recreation Playground is due to be shipped to the contractor in mid-August with an anticipation construction date in September. Both these programs were done through small cities grants. A

meeting with residents of the Hildreth Tract Development will be held on August 16th to discuss the possibility of installing water and sewer mains in the development through the Small Cities Facilities grant program. The Upper Deerfield Township Website has been updated and went live last weekend. Keshav Liquors has received their Certification for 2023-2024 and will be located in the space previously occupied by Family Dollar at the Carlls Corner Shopping Center.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Brian Murphy, Township Engineer stated public works has installed dry water and sewer lines for the restrooms at soccer and the playground. Bids to replace the Seabrook Water Tower were received and the lowest bid was from TKT Construction in collaboration with Chicago Bridge and Iron. Mill Creek is ready to be closed out as the road descriptions have been prepared. Mr. Tedesco stated that the roads in the development need to be recorded and dedicated to the Township.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Rocco Tedesco did not have a report this evening.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Paul Sabo, of Truman Drive asked what finishing touches needed to be done at Mill Creek and if trees were going to be planted in front lawns. Mr. Murphy stated that the development conditions have been completed and no trees would be planted in the front lawns. Donald Wharton, of Eisenhower Drive wants to keep Fire Station 32 open and what can be done to save it. Melinda Quigley, of Big Oak Road stated she is in favor of keeping Fire Station 32 open and asked about the budget. Mark Petrunis of Rosenhayn Avenue asked who makes the decision to close the fire hall. Rocco Tedesco, Solicitor provided the procedure for the public hearing.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Janeen Rossi, Township Deputy Clerk

Roy J. Spoltore, Township Clerk