

**MINUTES OF THE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
UPPER DEERFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, HELD ON
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 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, 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. Scott Smith was unable to attend.

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 John Daddario.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Darla Whipple, of 3rd Avenue wanted to know if the Seabrook Fire House would still be closing. Rocco Todesco, Solicitor stated the Township Committee passed the ordinance at the last meeting.

There being no other public comments, James Crilley, Chairman called for the approval of minutes for the Meeting of August 17, 2023. Thomas Speranza made a motion, second by Joseph Spoltore, to dispense with the reading of the minutes and to accept the minutes as received, unanimously carried 4-0 on a roll call vote.

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. Roy Spoltore, Township Administrator explained this is for removal of Lanternflies with reimbursements up to \$15,000. John Daddario made a motion, second by Joseph Spoltore, to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 4-0 on a roll call vote.

INSERT RESOLUTION

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution Payment of Bills in the amount of \$ 596,692.36 The Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of Thomas Speranza, seconded by John Daddario, to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 4-0 on a roll call vote.

INSERT RESOLUTION

COMMITTEE REPORTS

John Daddario reported that he visited Sunset Lake Park, and the resident response has been overwhelming positive. The residents are really enjoying the new park.

Joseph Spoltore reported he had the opportunity to attend the South Jersey Revitalization Summit over at Rowan College of South Jersey. The concept of the summit is to utilize Cumberland County College as the main

hub for advancing manufacturing and industrial businesses and providing courses for their future or current employees. The Planning Board meeting on September 11th was cancelled.

Thomas Speranza reported that the State Police have been holding a DWI blitz. The group out of Delaware who break into cars are back in the area. Keep your cars locked and take your key fobs with you.

Mayor Crilley reported that the CDC approved Trick n Treat on October 31, 2023, from 4-7 pm. Mr. Crilley reported that the Senior Center had its annual end of the Summer Picnic last week. The center has a nice number of seniors who come out every week. Sherrie Dixon, the Senior Center Director does an excellent job coordinating these events.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Roy Spoltore, Administrator stated an income survey has been completed for the Hildreth Tract development. The survey results will allow the Township to apply for a NJDCA small cities facilities grant. If successful in being awarded the grant, this project will provide for sewer and water mains to be installed over three or four phases for the grant. The maximum award per year is \$400,000 with a 15% match from the Township. The Township will also apply for NJ transportation trust funds to replace the storm water and repave the roads. Amy Colaneri, CFO, did a tremendous job in compiling the survey information.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Brian Murphy, Township Engineer stated that in addition to the playground equipment at Sunset Lake Park is almost completed, the mulch and borders should be installed tomorrow. The Seabrook Complex Recreation playground should begin next week. Working with the NJ Environmental Trust Fund for the Seabrook Water Tower replacement has been very challenging. All the paperwork has been processed, waiting for approvals from the state agency. The solicitor advised Mr. Murphy to check with the contractor for the water tower to see if they would be willing to extend the bid for 30 days.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Rocco Tedesco reported all engineering requirements for the Mill Creek development have been met. The developer will be requesting the Township to release the Consent of Surety bond and Mr. Murphy will be requesting a two-year maintenance bond be submitted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Sandy Acevedo, of Old Burlington Road stated that a petition was submitted to Mr. Spoltore, the Clerk, to have the closing of Seabrook Fire Station on the ballot. Mr. Tedesco, the Solicitor, explained that he is reviewing the matter. Ross Bear, of Eisenhower wanted to know where his survey markers are located. Brian Murphy explained that some markers are in the ground and are not visible. Mr. Bear also asked about a wire coming up from the ground between 25 and 27. John Schafer, of Cornwell Drive, had a complaint about the speed of vehicles when the children are at the bus stops in the morning.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Janeen Rossi, Township Deputy Clerk

Roy J. Spoltore, Township Clerk