

**MINUTES OF THE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF  
UPPER DEERFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, HELD ON  
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2023 AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING,  
HIGHWAY 77, SEABROOK, NEW JERSEY, PURSUANT TO NOTICE**

Present were James Crilley, John Daddario, 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. Thomas Speranza 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**

There being no other public comments, James Crilley, Chairman called for the approval of minutes for the Meeting of September 21, 2023. Joseph Spoltore made a motion, second by John Daddario, to dispense with the reading of the minutes and to accept the minutes as received, unanimously carried 4-1-0 on a roll call vote with Thomas Speranza abstaining.

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution Amending the Personnel Policy and Procedures Manual of the Township of Upper Deerfield. John Daddario made a motion, second 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 Appointing Full Time Utilities Technician- Shrader. Thomas Speranza made a motion, second by Scott Smith, to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 4-1-0 on a roll call vote with Mayor Crilley abstaining.

**INSERT RESOLUTION**

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution Appointing Full Time Public Works General Maintenance- Ackley. John Daddario made a motion, second 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 Appointing Roy J. Spoltore Township Clerk. Thomas Speranza made a motion, second by Scott Smith, to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 4-1-0 on a roll call vote with Joseph Spoltore abstaining.

## INSERT RESOLUTION

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution Awarding Contract to TKT Construction Inc. to Construct the Replacement of the Seabrook Water Tower Through Funding Providing by the New Jersey Water Bank. Scott Smith made a motion, second 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 Payment of Bills in the amount of \$ 179,038.63 The Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of Thomas Speranza, seconded by John Daddario, to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.

## INSERT RESOLUTION

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

John Daddario reported that Sunset Lake Park is completed and looks really good. The bathrooms were installed and look great.

Scott Smith had no report.

Joseph Spoltore The Planning Board meeting has been moved to Wednesday due to a Holiday on Monday.

Thomas Speranza stated that the Environmental Commission had a meeting.

Mayor Crilley reported that Mr. Speranza and Mr. Spoltore will have their first Food Truck Committee meeting on Tuesday at 4:00pm.

## ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Roy Spoltore, Administrator stated he had no report.

## ENGINEER'S REPORT

Brian Murphy, Township Engineer stated The NJ Environmental Trust Fund for the Water Tower replacement has been very challenging, but we just received the funding approval today. Chad Ott has done a great job completing both bathroom installations at the new parks. Mr. Murphy anticipates results within the next 30 days. Brian complemented Amy Colaneri, CFO/ Deputy Administrator for a great job completing the Hildreth Tract project ahead of schedule. Mayor Crilley and the Committee also recognized she did a great job.

## SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Rocco Tedesco had no report.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

Melinda Quigley, 163 Big Oak Road asked why the petition was denied.

Ross Baer, 23 Eisenhower stated aspects of the 1<sup>st</sup> amendment.

Sandy Acevedo, Old Burlington Road stated that using your position to comment on social media is weaponizing.

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