

**MINUTES OF THE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
UPPER DEERFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, HELD ON
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19, 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, Thomas Speranza and Joseph Spoltore, all being members of the Township Committee. Also present were Roy Spoltore, Township Administrator/Clerk; Janeen Rossi, Deputy Clerk; Amy Colaneri, CFO; and Chad Ott, Public Works Supervisor. Rocco Tedesco, Solicitor was not able to attend this meeting.

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. Margarethe Jespersen of Northville Road stated the noise ordinance worked and the fire company letter that was mailed out was very informative. There being no other public comments, James Crilley, Chairman called for the approval of minutes for the meeting of October 5, 2023. John Daddario made a motion, second by Scott Smith, to dispense with the reading of the minutes and to accept the minutes as received, unanimously carried 5-0.

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution Authorizing Tax Collector to Adjust Taxes for a Wartime Service-Connected 100% Disability- DeNight. Thomas Speranza 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 Authorizing Tax Payment to be Refunded. Thomas Speranza 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 Providing for the Insertion of a Special Item of Revenue in the Budget Pursuant to NJSA. Joseph Spoltore 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 Authorizing The Annual Report of Audit for the Year 2022. Mayor Crilley stated that the Township changed auditors two years ago and the annual audits continue to show that no recommendations are necessary. He commended the staff. Thomas Speranza 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 Payment of Bills in the amount of \$1,684,792.10. Thomas Speranza made a motion, second by Scott Smith, to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 5-0 on a roll call vote with Joseph Spoltore abstaining from payments to Cumberland Regional High school.

INSERT RESOLUTION

COMMITTEE REPORTS

John Daddario reported that the Parks look great. He congratulated Amy Colaneri and Roy Spoltore for all their diligent work getting this done.

Scott Smith stated he agreed that the Parks look good!

Joseph Spoltore reported that the food truck sub-committee had its first meeting on Tuesday.

Thomas Speranza did not have a report this evening.

Mayor Crilley reported that the Veteran's Day Program will be held on November 4th at 10:00 am at the Veteran's Memorial. The County speed limit sign will be placed on N. Park Drive soon. The mayor added that he spoke at the senior center and answered various questions.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Roy Spoltore, Administrator stated the pre-construction meeting for the Water Tower will be next Tuesday with representatives from NJ DEP and the Contractors. Recreation center footings have been pored for the pavilions. The playground is waiting for a few parts that were missing from the initial delivery. The restrooms are waiting for the delivery of parts before this project can be completed. He stated that he attended the Joint Insurance Fund meeting and two of the main topics were Cyber Security and First Amendment Auditors. He stated he had a meeting with the Township staff to review how to handle a first amendment auditor who may come into the building. The committee determined that they would not issue RFPs for the professional staff. Clark Caton Hintz is preparing the affordable housing report for 2023. Departmental reports for September are included in your agenda packet.

PUBLIC COMMENT

At this time James Crilley, Chairman opened the meeting for public comment. Margarethe Jespersen of Northville Road asked where the package good store is going to be located. She was informed it would be in the Carlls Corner Shopping Center. Nancy Ridgway, of Irving Avenue asked if the ordinances for the Storm Water will be adopted this year.

With no other 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,

Janeen Rossi, Township Deputy Clerk

Roy J. Spoltore, Township Clerk