

**MINUTES OF THE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
UPPER DEERFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, HELD ON
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 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 Rocco Tedesco, Solicitor; Roy Spoltore, Township Administrator/Clerk; Janeen Rossi, Deputy Clerk; and Amy Colaneri, CFO.

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. There being no public comments, James Crilley, Chairman called for the approval of minutes for the meeting of November 2, 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 the Tax Collector to Adjust Taxes for a Wartime Service-Connected 100% Disability- Mintz. Thomas Speranza made a motion, second by Joseph Spoltore, 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. 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 Payment of Bills in the amount of \$ 1,106,578.54 The Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of Thomas Speranza, seconded by Joseph Spoltore, to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 5-0 on a roll call vote with Joseph Spoltore abstaining on the payment to Cumberland Regional.

INSERT RESOLUTION

COMMITTEE REPORTS

John Daddario reported that the leaf pickup by Public Works has two crews running their routes throughout the Township. Mr. Daddario Congratulated Mayor Crilley for winning the election and is proud to serve under his leadership. A stop sign needs to be replaced at the intersection of Laura & Henry.

Scott Smith congratulated Mayor Crilley on his successful re-election.

Joseph Spoltore congratulated Mayor Crilley on his election.

Thomas Speranza congratulated Mayor Crilley on his election.

Mayor Crilley reported the Grand Opening of Express Liquors was held last Friday and wishes them success. He added that the new store could be a catalyst for the growth in the Shopping Plaza. The Mayor, administrator and Tony Stanzione mad business visits to Shears, Max Fit, T-Mobile and Dilisi's which will be changing their name to Ita-Mex

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Roy Spoltore, Administrator stated he spoke with Brian Murphy, Township Engineer and the Hoover Road re-construction project will take place in the spring, and he is completing his initial concept for the phased infrastructure work in the Hildreth Tract. After reviewing the recent energy audit with Any Colaneri, and Chad Ott, the Township would be able to replace the old heating and AC units at the senior center under the Phase 5 Small Cities Facilities Grant. There appear to be existing issues at the EMT building that were not taken into consideration when the audit report provided funds needed to replace an old boiler. The replacement of the boiler may need to be put into a Capital Project to deal with all the issues. The Planning Board will be reviewing altering the fence ordinance and the performance bond ordinance. Departmental reports for October and the appointment list for 2024 are in the agenda packet for the Committee's review.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Rocco Tedesco stated that the performance guarantee ordinance draft is still being reviewed tom include site safety, and stabilization guarantee language. The Sika project is looking to move forward but there are many unresolved planning board issues before they can obtain construction permits. Sika hopes to begin construction in January. Sika is working on a redevelopment and financial agreement. The JIF was contacted to review the agreement language for the water main under the railroad for the Bristol Ponds project. Mr. Tedesco went to the NJ League of Municipalities convention and attended various educational sessions. He provided highlights from sessions pertaining to Storm Water, OPRA, Government Ethics and amending alcoholic beverage laws. There are various proposals to amend the alcoholic beverage laws, but there does not appear to be a consensus.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Wayne Sabota, of Quail Ridge Drive complimented the committee on a great job of installing the playgrounds, they have passed the kids test. Sandy Acevedo, of Old Burlington Road stated trucks are leaving the resource extraction facility on Fox Road and are turning right and going down Hoover Road or continuing down Old Burlington Road. She thought they should be turning left on Old Burlington. She was informed it was not a requirement of planning board approval, but the Township will contact the facilities operator.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Janeen Rossi, Township Deputy Clerk

Roy J. Spoltore, Township Clerk