

**MINUTES OF THE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
UPPER DEERFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, HELD ON
THURSDAY JANUARY 18, 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.

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. There being no public comments, James Crilley, Chairman called for the approval of minutes for the meeting of December 29, 2023 and January 4, 2024. Thomas Speranza made a motion, second by, Scott Smith to dispense with the reading of the minutes and to accept the minutes as received, were unanimously approved, with Joseph Spoltore abstaining for the December 29, 2023, Minutes.

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution Approval of Change Order #1 for the Contract to TKT Construction Inc. to Construct the Replacement of the Seabrook Water Tower- Project No. 0613004-002 Through Funding Provided by the New Jersey Water Bank. Joseph Spoltore 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 \$ 223,895.24. 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 reported that Chad Ott and his public work's crew did an amazing job clearing the roads during the last snowstorm. The roads in Upper Deerfield Township were clearer than any other surrounding town. Public Works is prepared and gearing up for any sort of inclement weather moving in tomorrow. The violations being issued at the Shopping Centers for parking in the Fire Lane have increased with additional staff. A fire lane is a designated area designed to provide first responders and firefighting vehicles access to a building in case of an emergency. A suggestion has been made to increase the violations to \$100.00.

Scott Smith reported that all the public work employees did a great job clearing the roads during the winter snow storm.

Joseph Spoltore stated that Chad Ott and his public works crews are working hard to make sure Upper Deerfield Township roads stay open and safe. The Township Committee tasked the Planning Board to take a look at possibly creating a Food Truck Ordinance. The Subcommittee reviewed the concept and intends to follow the recommendation of the Planning Board to permit food trucks to operate only for special events. The peddler's regulations are also being reviewed. The Environmental Commission hopes to utilize the county SLAP program for a consistent litter clean-up program.

Thomas Speranza reported that the Sheriff's Labor Assistance Program- SLAP allows the participants to live at home and report to a community service work site. Once the weather breaks the program will provide consistent litter clean-up on our busy roads and park areas.

Mayor Crilley reported that with the potential for a big winter storm tomorrow, Chad Ott and his public works crews have been working extremely hard maintaining the roads to be ready. They have done a great job thus far and continue to prepare for future winter storms.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Roy Spoltore, Administrator stated that Janeen Rossi, Tax Collector has received calls for seasonal water shut off. Keith Stoms; Deputy Superintendent Sewer & Water suggested the fee be increased to include the labor costs involved. Therefore, the fee will be recommended to be increased to \$25.00 for shut off and \$25.00 for reconnection instead of \$5 per occurrence. The Dog Clinic is tentatively scheduled to be at Fire Company 33 on March 30, 2024, from 9:00 – 11:00 am. JIF elected officials training will be online again this year, the link will be forwarded. Brian Murphy is preparing an estimate to construct the remaining items at Sunset Lake Park that funding did not permit to send to DCA to see if they have additional grant money available to complete the project. The fire truck bond ordinance needs to have the financial debt statement completed by the auditor. When that is completed, the ordinance will be placed on a meeting agenda. Chris Williams, Fire Marshall requests to attend an arson seminar in Atlantic City at a cost of \$285.00. On motion of John Daddario, seconded by Thomas Speranza, the request was unanimously approved on a unanimous roll call vote of 5-0. Departmental reports for December are included in this evening's packet.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Nancy Ridgeway, Irving Avenue agrees that the SLAP Program is a great way to keep the community clean from trash. Margarethe Jespersen of Northville Road stated that school buses were picking up children in Upper Deerfield Estates. Roy Spoltore, Administrator stated that the Township is aware of the situation and is working with Upper Deerfield Estates to correct the issue.

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