

**MINUTES OF THE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
UPPER DEERFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, HELD ON
THURSDAY MAY 16, 2024 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 Thomas Speranza, 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. Joseph Spoltore 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 Scott Smith.

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

Residents Joe and Mary Linda Lacotte explained that they were watching their daughter's dog and he got loose and ran away. The Lacottes expressed their gratefulness for the help and moral support of their neighbors, businesses and even strangers who provided assistance in trying to locate their lost dog. Social media and Chasing Tails Trap and Rescue also provided assistance. The Lacotte's thanked everyone involved and wanted to share how the community came together. Mayor Crilley reiterated that the Township has wonderful residents who will try and help anyone.

There being no other public comments, James Crilley, Chairman called for the approval of minutes for the meeting of May 2, 2024. Scott Smith made a motion, second by Thomas Speranza to dispense with the reading of the minutes and to accept the minutes as received and were unanimously approved.

James Crilley, Chairman called for a discussion and introduction of an ordinance entitled, Authorizing the Expenditure of Utility Capital Reserve Funds for Love Lane Well Development. The Clerk read the proposed Ordinance by title. On motion of Thomas Speranza, seconded by John Daddario to approve and adopt proposed ordinance on the first reading and setting the date for public hearing on June 6, 2024, at 7:00 pm and was carried 4-0 on a roll call vote. The Chairman instructed the Clerk to advertise same in the Daily Journal as required by law and copies to be made available upon request.

INSERT ORDINANCE

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution Imposing Lien on Block 2401, Lot 40- 208 Landis Avenue. The Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of Thomas Speranza, second by Scott Smith, to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 4-0 on a roll call vote.

INSERT RESOLUTION

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution Appointing Electrical Subcode Official - Gus Maier. The Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of Scott Smith, seconded by John Daddario, to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 4-0 on a roll call vote.

INSERT RESOLUTION

James Crilley, Chairman called for a for a resolution for Member Participation in a Cooperative Pricing System with Educational Services Commission of New Jersey. The Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of Thomas Speranza, seconded by Scott Smith to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 4-0 on a roll call vote.

INSERT RESOLUTION

James Crilley, Chairman called for a for a resolution Awarding Contract to Nielsen Ford for the Purchase of Two 2024 Ford Escape. The Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of Thomas Speranza, seconded by Scott Smith to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 4-0 on a roll call vote.

INSERT RESOLUTION

James Crilley, Chairman called for a for a resolution Appointing Part Time Emergency Medical Technicians- Hammer & Toboski. The Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of John Daddario, seconded by Scott Smith to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 4-0 on a roll call vote.

INSERT RESOLUTION

James Crilley, Chairman called for a for a resolution Approval of Change Order #1 Small Cities- Dominguez. The Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of Thomas Speranza, seconded by Scott Smith to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 4-0 on a roll call vote.

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INSERT RESOLUTION

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution Authorizing Payment of Bills in the amount of \$ 1,803,586.12. The Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of Scott Smith, seconded by Thomas Speranza to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 4-0 on a roll call vote.

INSERT RESOLUTION

COMMITTEE REPORTS

John Daddario reported that a Cumberland Regional Bus was involved in a vehicle accident. The response time from the Upper Deerfield Fire Stations and EMS was great.

Scott Smith reported that Public Works Crew do a great job maintaining the roads and parks.

Thomas Speranza made a motion to approve a request for continued education in the amount of \$214.00 for Patty Turkali and Marion Higbee, Scott Smith seconded and the expenditure for CEU's was unanimously approved on a 4-0 roll call vote.

Mayor Crilley explained there is a new program known as "Love Where You Live" which will provide grants to beautify the western part of Cumberland County.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Roy Spoltore, Administrator stated that the DCA has awarded a contract to go the finalized work at Sunset Lake Park. The Township will be receiving bids for the project on June 18th. Sika had planned to have a groundbreaking ceremony on June 12th but some officials from Sika were not available, so it has now been tentatively rescheduled for July 12th. Brian Murphy has been informed that the steel for the Seabrook water tower will be delivered on Monday. A small portion of Foster Road will be closed off. The State has approved the annual renewal package good license for Liquor Xpress for 2024-25. Renewal fees have been paid to the Township and State of New Jersey. The Committee agreed to submit a grant for the reconstruction of Partridge Court, Covey Court and Partridge Court. Business visits were made to Walgreens, Lasonda Pappas, and Garden State Bulb. Departmental reports and the Treasurers report for April were included in this evening's packet.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Rocco Todesco, Township Solicitor stated that he spoke with Jerry Velazquez, Director of the CCIA and the school can only utilize a lease agreement for the proposed addition utilizing bonding from the CCIA guaranteed by the County. The Township purchased two lots at the corner of Park Drive and Old Deerfield Pike with the intention of providing a ROW to align with the proposed Big Oak Road Extension. In order to realign the road, the County would have to be willing to accept the dedication since Park Drive is a County Road. Bristol Ponds is waiting for Omnitrax to approve the insurance package submitted by the developer and Matt Ritter is reviewing the proposed dedication of internal roadways. Sika will probably be submitting a check rather than a bond for their safety stabilization performance guarantee.

On a motion of John Daddario, seconded by Scott Smith and unanimously approved, the Township Committee meeting was temporarily adjourned for the meeting of the Upper Deerfield Township Redevelopment Entity.

On a motion of Thomas Speranza, seconded by Scott Smith and unanimously approved, the Township Committee meeting was re-opened.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Resident, Tamika Smith expressed unresolved concerns with housing conditions at her Oakland Street. Rental. Tony Lamanteer stated he has sent letters to the Landlord for code violations. Rocco Tedesco suggested she contact SJ Legal Services to help with her housing conditions. Resident Helen Elwell stated she has a concern with adolescents at the playground using foul language and threatening the younger children. Resident Nancy Ridgeway stated that the "Love Where You Live" program is a great idea for the Community.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Janeen Rossi, Township Deputy Clerk

Roy J. Spoltore, Township Clerk