

**MINUTES OF THE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF  
UPPER DEERFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, HELD ON  
THURSDAY JUNE 6, 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, 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, Tax Collector/ Deputy Clerk; Amy Colaneri, CFO; Brian Murphy, Township Engineer 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 Thomas Speranza.

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 May 16, 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, were unanimously approved by a roll call vote of 4-0-1 with Joseph Spoltore abstaining.

James Crilley, Chairman called for a public hearing on an ordinance entitled, Ordinance 863- 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 open the meeting for a public hearing on the proposed ordinance, and unanimously carried. The Chairman instructed the Clerk to distribute copies to those present. There being no public comments, on motion of Thomas Speranza, seconded by Scott Smith, to close the public hearing and unanimously carried. On motion of John Daddario, seconded by Josphe Spoltore to approve and adopt proposed ordinance, unanimously carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.

INSERT ORDINANCE

Chairman Crilley called for Resolutions 24-109 through 24-114 to be combined as a consent agenda and voted upon as one item. John Daddario made the motion, seconded by Joseph Spoltore, to combine Resolutions 24-109 to 24-114 as a Consent Agenda, and unanimously carried. The Clerk read the resolutions by title. On a motion by Thomas Speranza, seconded by Scott Smith, Resolutions 24-109 through 24-114 were unanimously approved by a roll call vote of 5-0.

**Resolution 24-109** –Providing for the Insertion of a Special Item of Revenue in the Budget Pursuant to NJSA 40A:4-87- Clean Communities.

INSERT RESOLUTION

**Resolution 24-110** –Providing for the Insertion of a Special Item of Revenue in the Budget Pursuant NJSA 40A:4-87- Small Cities Facilities Grant-Amendment Phase IV.

INSERT RESOLUTION

**Resolution 24-111** –Providing for the Insertion of a Special Item of Revenue in the Budget Pursuant to NJSIA 40A:4-87- Small Cities Facilities Grant.

INSERT RESOLUTION

**Resolution 24-112** –Providing for the Insertion of a Special Item of Revenue in the Budget Pursuant to NJSIA 40A:4-87- Small Cities Home Rehab- Lead Remediation.

INSERT RESOLUTION

**Resolution 24-113** –Providing for the Insertion of a Special Item of Revenue in the Budget Pursuant to NJSIA 40A:4-87- Small Cities Home Rehab.

INSERT RESOLUTION

**Resolution 24-114** –Providing for the Insertion of a Special Item of Revenue in the Budget Pursuant to NJSIA 40A:4-87- DCA Local Recreation Improvement Grant.

INSERT RESOLUTION

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution Appointing Redactors in Compliance with Daniel’s Law Requirements for the Township of Upper Deerfield. The Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of Thomas Speranza, second by Scott Smith, to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 5-0 on a voice vote.

INSERT RESOLUTION

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution Authorizing Dedication by Rider for a Developer Fees-Housing Trust Fund (PL 198, C222- N.J.A.C 5:92-181). The Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of Joseph Spoltore, seconded 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 for a resolution Tax Payments to be Refunded. 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.

INSERT RESOLUTION

James Crilley, Chairman called for a for a resolution Approval to Submit a Grant Application and Execute a Grant Agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for Quail Ridge, Partridge Court, and Covey Court Project. The Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of Joseph Spoltore, seconded by Thomas Speranza to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.

INSERT RESOLUTION

James Crilley, Chairman called for a for a resolution Renewal of Liquor License for the 2024-2025 Year. 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

James Crilley, Chairman called for a for a resolution Appointing Electric subcode Official- Eric Johnson. 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

James Crilley, Chairman called for a for a resolution Authorizing Interlocal Service Agreement Between the Township of Upper Deerfield and Lawrence Township with Respect to the Provision of Construction Code Services. 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.

#### INSERT RESOLUTION

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution Authorizing Payment of Bills in the amount of \$ 262,586.09. 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 the new voting location for District 2 was moved to the Senior Center and worked very well. There was a fire at Franco's Market that damaged part of the building, fire companies did a good job. Five new firefighters have joined Station 33.

Scott Smith did not have a report this evening.

Joseph Spoltore reported that the Recreation Committee meetings are done for the summer and the Environmental Commission is planting their pollinator species for the ANJEC grant.

Thomas Speranza reported that the police chiefs met to discuss how to deal with 4 wheelers and dirt bikes on public streets. Due to state restrictions, local enforcement is limited.

Mayor Crilley stated that he and Roy Spoltore attended a meeting of 30 Mayors and 30 Developers at Gloucester College. A lot of good contacts were made and information about commercial opportunities in the Township was handed out. The mayor congratulated Tom Speranza and Bill Whelan on their primary win. He added that he would be handing out two humanitarian awards to graduating 8<sup>th</sup> graders.

### ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Roy Spoltore, Administrator stated Sika has tentatively planned for the groundbreaking ceremony on their property for July 12th at 9:00 am. Ultra Clean has offered parking and usage of their building for restrooms. The Casanova Medallion Horse Show on Fox Road on June 15<sup>th</sup> is requesting a Alcoholic Beverage Catering Permit and have submitted a Certificate of Insurance. The event was held last year, and they anticipate that there will be approximately 400 attendees. The New Jersey Division of Alcohol Beverage Control requires municipal endorsement after state approval. James Crilley, Chairman called for a for a motion to endorse the Caterer's Permit. On motion of John Daddario, seconded by Scott Smith to approve and endorse, unanimously carried 5-0 on a roll call vote. The County requested the Township Committee determine if the Taylor property on Friesberg Road can be considered to be Farmland Preserved under the state guidelines. James Crilley, Chairman called for a for a motion to endorse the potential acceptance of the land into the Farmland Preservation program. On motion of Joseph Spoltore, seconded by Thomas Speranza to approve and adopt said endorsement on a unanimous roll call vote. Roy Spoltore added that the Governor signed the OPRA reform.

## ENGINEERING REPORT

Brian Murphy, Township Engineer stated that construction of the Water Tower is scheduled to begin on Monday and be in service by the end of the year. Bids are due for the redevelopment of Well #3 and Sunset Lake playground, accessible parking and walkways on Tuesday. The DEP is requesting municipalities to adopt various ordinances related to their new Storm Water guidelines. The Township will need to create and endorse ordinances in order to receive State Grants. Mr. Murphy and Mr. Tedesco will review the eight ordinances the state is requesting to be adopted.

## SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Rocco Tedesco, Township Solicitor stated that most of the proposed storm water ordinances need to be adjusted for the Township needs and enforcement will be with the Township. Sika needs to have the redevelopment agreement and long-term financial agreement completed before construction permits can be issued. S&M 77 new engineer is preparing plans to be submitted to the planning board. The county Engineer has confirmed that the County would accept the ROW for Park Drive once Fralinger Engineering can prepare a deed description.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

Resident Bill Whelan reports that the CCUA plant began operation in 1979. The tanks are porous and need to be replaced. The CCUA is submitting a grant/loan proposal to NJEIT for the anticipated \$13 million dollar project. A \$2 million grant is anticipated. Dallas Peterson asked about the rumble strips that were placed in Shadow Brook Development. He was informed that his neighbors signed a petition to slow down vehicles. Wayne Saboto asked about the Quail Ridge Road project. He was told that the applications are due July 1, and the grants are normally awarded in November. The project then needs to be designed and go out to bid with an anticipated paving in the fall of 2025.

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,

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Janeen Rossi, Township Deputy Clerk

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Roy J. Spoltore, Township Clerk