

**MINUTES OF THE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF  
UPPER DEERFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, HELD ON  
THURSDAY AUGUST 1, 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; 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 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 July 18, 2024. Scott Smith made a motion, second by John Daddario, to dispense with the reading of the minutes and to accept the minutes as received, unanimously approved, on a roll call vote of 5-0.

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution Authorizing the Tax Collector to Adjust Taxes for a Wartime Service-Connected 100% Disability- Sheff. 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 Tax Payment to be Refunded. 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 Providing for the Insertion of a Special Item of Revenue in the Budget Pursuant to NJSA 40A:4-87- Small Cities Facilities Grant Amendment Phase IV. 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 Imposing Lien on Block 2401, Lot 40- 208 Landis Avenue- Martinez. The Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of John Daddario, 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 Appointing Electric Subcode Official- Gus Maier. 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 \$ 2,213,229.44 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

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

John Daddario reported that Fire Station 33 is implementing a rescue search team that has been called into four search efforts.

Scott Smith did not have a report this evening.

Thomas Speranza reported that he met with the station commander and things are quiet. Mr. Speranza made a motion to approve Patty Turkali and Marion Higbee attendance at a CEU training session at a cost of \$200.00, seconded by John Daddario and unanimously approved on a roll call vote of 5-0.

Joseph Spoltore did not have a report this evening.

James Crilley announced that since temperatures are soaring, please continue to check on your elderly friends and neighbors check to make sure they are safe. The Edgar Joyce Senior Center is open for heat-related emergencies and the Air-conditioning has been repaired.

#### ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Roy Spoltore, Administrator stated Lasonde Pappas has a proposed 60,000 square foot warehouse addition for the facility coming before the Planning Board. The planning Board Engineer has noted that the application is incomplete due to New Jersey Storm Water requirements. In the Committee's packet there is a Fire Lane violation analysis for the first six months of 2024. The Air Conditioner and Heater units in the original senior center have been replaced utilizing Phase 5 Small Cities Grant funds. The Court Sound Recording System has been replaced; however, it did not fix the sound system in the court room and will need to be replaced. Clark Caton Hintz is working on developing affordable housing number for Round 4 to compare with the DCA's number. The Comcast public hearing for the renewal of a contract with Comcast will be heard in October. There continues to be an issue with farming in front yards in residential areas. The Construction Department software will need to be updated in 2025 to be in accordance with State requirements. Teresa Warburton and staff have reviewed four systems and the one that closely aligns with the current system will cost \$16,500.00.

#### ENGINEER'S REPORT

Brian Murphy, Township Engineer met with Slade construction to go over the improvements at Sunset Lake Park. He stated the Redevelopment of Well #3 should begin by the end of August. Plan specifications have been modified to put in additional walkways and asphalt pad sites for the new bleachers at the recreational complex. Construction of the 400,000- gallon Water Tower on Parsonage

Road is moving along as scheduled without any issues. Painting of the Water Tower is scheduled to begin in September and must be completed before the Tower is put on-line and the old tower will be taken off-line.

#### SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Rocco Todesco, Township Solicitor did not have a report this evening.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

Dallas Peterson, Upper Deerfield Resident stated that the rumble stripes in front of his house should be moved down the road. He also suggested that the two lots on Old Deerfield Pike and West Park should be rezoned Commercial.

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