

**MINUTES OF THE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
UPPER DEERFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, HELD ON
THURSDAY AUGUST 15, 2024 AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING,
HIGHWAY 77, SEABROOK, NEW JERSEY, PURSUANT TO NOTICE**

Present were James Crilley, John Daddario, and Joseph Spoltore, all being members of the Township Committee. Also, present were Roy Spoltore, Township Administrator/ Clerk; and Janeen Rossi, Tax Collector/ Deputy Clerk. Joseph Spoltore was in attendance via telecommunications. Scott Smith and Thomas Speranza were not able 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 Joseph Spoltore.

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

Joe Hamlyn, spoke on behalf of Mr. Buono, an Upper Deerfield resident and asked the committee to have the lawn maintenance violations with Mr. Buono's neighbor enforced. Mr. Daddario expressed his concern for all residents and stated the Township is preparing an ordinance that will further define permitted uses in residentially zoned properties. The Code Enforcement Officer will be asked to review the concerns discussed this evening. Mayor Crilley stated that all concerns are taken seriously in the Township. Bill Whalen, an Upper Deerfield resident stated he has known Mr. Buono for forty years and is a great man who contributes to our community. Mr. Whalen praised the committee for addressing all residents' concerns efficiently.

Roberta Johnson, an Upper Deerfield resident, thanked the committee for addressing her concerns with speeding vehicles in her neighborhood with the installation of speed limit signs immediately after the last committee meeting. Ms. Johnson added that she is having a problem with her neighbor and is not getting any assistance from management at Countryside Village.

There being no other public comments, James Crilley, Chairman called for the approval of minutes for the meeting of August 15, 2024. John Daddario made a motion, second by Joseph Spoltore, to dispense with the reading of the minutes and to accept the minutes as received, unanimously approved, on a roll call vote of 3-0.

Chairman Crilley called for Resolutions 24-141 through 24-157 to be combined as a consent agenda and voted upon as one item. Joseph Spoltore made the motion, seconded by John Daddario, to combine Resolutions 141 to 157 as a Consent Agenda, and unanimously carried. The Clerk read the resolutions by title. On a motion by John Daddario, seconded by Joseph Spoltore, Resolutions 141-157 were unanimously approved by a roll call vote of 3-0.

Resolution 24-141 – Awarding Contract for Providing IT Support.

INSERT RESOLUTION

Resolution 24-142 – Awarding Contract for Providing Electrical Services.

INSERT RESOLUTION

Resolution 24-143 – Awarding Contract for Providing Yearly Fire Extinguisher Maintenance.

INSERT RESOLUTION

Resolution 24-144 – Awarding Contract for Providing Heating & Air Conditioning General Maintenance.

INSERT RESOLUTION

Resolution 24-145 – Awarding Contract for Providing Heating Oil #2.

INSERT RESOLUTION

Resolution 24-146 – Awarding Contract for Providing Off Road Ultra Low Sulfur.

INSERT RESOLUTION

Resolution 24-147 – Awarding Contract for Providing Overhead Door Repairs & General Maintenance.

INSERT RESOLUTION

Resolution 24-148 – Awarding Contract for Providing general Plumbing Repairs & General Maintenance.

INSERT RESOLUTION

Resolution 24-149 – Awarding Contract for Supplying Chemicals to the Water Plants.

INSERT RESOLUTION

Resolution 24-150 – Awarding Contract for Providing Jetting & Vassing Pipes.

INSERT RESOLUTION

Resolution 24-151 – Awarding Contract for Providing Lift Stations Pump Outs.

INSERT RESOLUTION

Resolution 24-152 – Awarding Contract for Providing Repairs of Control & Alarm Systems at Lift Stations.

INSERT RESOLUTION

Resolution 24-153 – Awarding Contract for Providing Repairs of Flow Meters

INSERT RESOLUTION

Resolution 24-154 – Awarding Contract for Providing Repairs or Replacement of Lift Station Pumps.

INSERT RESOLUTION

Resolution 24-155 – Awarding Contract for Supplying Stationary Services.

INSERT RESOLUTION

Resolution 24-156 – Awarding Contract for Providing Routine Services of Trees.

INSERT RESOLUTION

Resolution 24-157 – Awarding Contract for Hauling of Compactors and Dumpsters from the UD Convenience Center to CC Solid Waste Complex and/or Giordano Vineland Scrap and Metal Co.

INSERT RESOLUTION

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution Authorizing the Tax Collector to Adjust Taxes for a Wartime Service-Connected 100% Disability- Tatem. On motion of Joseph Spoltore, seconded by John Daddario, to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 3-0 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 Joseph Spoltore, seconded by John Daddario to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 3-0 on a roll call vote.

INSERT RESOLUTION

James Crilley, Chairman called for a for a resolution Appointing Electrical Inspection Official- James Anderson and Certifying Salaries for Electric Positions. The Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of John Daddario, seconded by Joseph Spoltore to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 3-0 on a roll call vote with Joseph Spoltore abstaining on the payment for Cumberland Regional.

INSERT RESOLUTION

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution Authorizing Payment of Bills in the amount of \$ 2,207,292.22 The Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of Joseph Spoltore, seconded by John Daddario to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 3-0 on a roll call vote with Joseph Spoltore abstaining to Cumberland Regional.

INSERT RESOLUTION

COMMITTEE REPORTS

John Daddario stated that the improvements made at Sunset Lake Park make it a great place for families. Mr. Daddario reported that Little League fall ball needed coaches, girls are playing at NCLL, and boys are playing at WCLL. There was a great turnout for the Basketball Tournament. The recreation complex is busy all the time.

Joseph Spoltore did not have a report this evening and said he will see everyone at the next meeting in September.

James Crilley announced the Water Tower is ahead of schedule. The Sika Project is planned to be operational in September of 2025 and the Ultra Clean addition is proceeding nicely. Chipotle had its grand opening and had a good turn out. Wing Stop will be opening in the future in the same complex as Chipotle. There will be another pinochle tournament at the Senior center in September.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Roy Spoltore, Administrator stated the construction of the Water Tower will be completed next week, and the paint crew is expected to start the last week in August. On Monday the Planning Board approved a draft ordinance addressing fencing and commercial parking for the Township Committee to review. The Phase V ADA Recreation project for walk paths and pad sites for bleachers is out to bid and proposals are due September 4, 2024. The Comcast Contract Renewal Public Hearing is scheduled for Oct. 3, 2024. Grant writer Mark Blauer has informed us that the 2024 Home Rehab project may be tied to federal funding requiring prevailing wage. Mr. Blauer has spoken to contractors who bid on these projects, and he has been told the price would increase two to three times the current amount and he is unsure whether the contractors would bid, or the homeowners would agree to the prices being charged. At this time, if the state makes this requirement, he will be recommending that the Township not sign the contract. The engineering design for W. Dawson, Acorn, Oak Hill and Colonial is almost completed and will be sent to the state for their review. A revised storm water ordinance will be included for the next meeting and an updated ordinance for permitted uses in front yards in residentially zoned properties will be presented at the next meeting. The contract for Phase for infrastructure work has been signed. Departmental reports for July are included in this evenings packet.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Sam Elwell, Upper Deerfield Resident asked what color will the Water Tower be painted? Mr. Daddario said the water tower will be a light blue with dark blue lettering. Bill Whalen stated that the majority of the comments made on social media are negative and untrue and not Township residents. He encourages residents to be truly informed by attending the Committee Meetings.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Janeen Rossi, Township Deputy Clerk

Roy J. Spoltore, Township Clerk