

**MINUTES OF THE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
UPPER DEERFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, HELD ON
THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 19, 2024 AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING,
HIGHWAY 77, SEABROOK, NEW JERSEY, PURSUANT TO NOTICE**

Present were James Crilley, John Daddario, 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; and Chad Ott, Public Works Supervisor. Scott Smith 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 Joseph Spoltore.

At this time James Crilley, Chairman opened the meeting for public comment. Dallas Peterson, an Upper Deerfield resident asked if Sika was a redevelopment project. Rocco Tedesco stated that Sika was designated as the redeveloper and the redevelopment agreement includes a long-term tax exemption.

There being no other public comments, James Crilley, Chairman called for the approval of minutes and closed minutes for the meeting of September 5, 2024. Thomas Spreanza 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 vote of 4-0.

James Crilley, Chairman called for a public hearing on an ordinance entitled, Amending Chapter 234 of the Upper Deerfield Code. The Clerk read the proposed Ordinance by title. On motion of John Daddario, seconded by Thomas Speranza 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. Nancy Ridgway, a Township resident stated she is in violation. There being no public comments on the motion of Joseph Spoltore, seconded by Thomas Speranza, to close the public hearing and unanimously carried. On motion of Thomas Speranza, seconded by John Daddario, to approve and adopt proposed ordinance, with a recorded roll call vote of 4-0.

INSERT ORDINANCE

James Crilley, Chairman called for a discussion and introduction of an ordinance entitled, Amending Section 405-27 Off- Street Parking Requirements of the Code of the Township of Upper Deerfield. The Clerk read the proposed Ordinance by title. Rocco Tedesco stated that the revisions are based on statistics utilized by the Institute for Traffic Engineers. On motion of Joseph Spoltore, seconded by John Daddario to approve and adopt proposed ordinance on the first reading and setting the date for public hearing on October 3, 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 discussion and introduction of an ordinance entitled, Adding New Terms and Definitions to Section 405-3 Repealing and Replacing Section 405-24 Fences, Wall & Hedges Revising Section 405-19 Zoning Permits of the Code of the Township of Upper Deerfield. The Clerk read the proposed Ordinance by title. Rocco Tedesco suggested that the Committee modify section B-16 to be consistent with Chapter 234 regarding bamboo and other invasive plantings. On motion of Thomas Speranza, seconded by Joseph Spoltore to approve and adopt proposed ordinance with modification on the first reading and setting the date for public hearing on October 3, 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 discussion and introduction of an ordinance entitled, Amending Chapter 93, Article XII of the Code of the Township of Upper Deerfield With Respect to the Parking of Vehicles on the East Side of Macarthur Drive. The Clerk read the proposed Ordinance by title. On motion of Joseph Spoltore, seconded by John Daddario to approve and adopt proposed ordinance on the first reading and setting the date for public hearing on October 3, 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 discussion and introduction of an ordinance entitled, Storm Control Ordinance for the Township of Upper Deerfield. The Clerk read the proposed Ordinance by title. Rocco Tedesco suggested the penalty section contain the words not less than \$100. On motion of John Daddario, seconded by Thomas Speranza to approve and adopt proposed ordinance with modification on the first reading and setting the date for public hearing on October 3, 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 Authorizing Payment of Bills in the amount of \$ 1,472,534.83. The Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of Thomas Speranza, seconded by Joseph Spoltore to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 4-0 on a roll call vote with Joseph Spoltore abstaining to Cumberland Regional.

INSERT RESOLUTION

COMMITTEE REPORTS

John Daddario stated that a new North Cumberland Little League traveling team is in need of donations for baseball equipment.

Joseph Spoltore thanked public works for installing speed limit signs on John's Way. The Planning Board approved a minor subdivision. Cumberland Regional High School is implementing increased security measures at the Football games to ensure everyone's safety.

Thomas Speranza stated that there has been an increase in car thefts in the immediate area. Mr. Speranza encourages everyone to heighten their awareness of their surroundings and practice motor vehicle safety and theft prevention. The Sheriff's Department continues to control speeding on roads throughout the county.

Mayor Crilley stated that Candi Nails & Spa had a great grand opening on Sunday. They did a great job remodeling the store. Roy, John, Tony Stanzione and I visited many of our local businesses including Ollies, Puff and Shop, Ita-Mex, AT&T, Vesta, and Walmart. Walmart will be making exterior and interior updates to its property.

On a motion of Joseph Spoltore, seconded by John Daddario 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 Joseph Spoltore and unanimously approved, the Township Committee meeting was re-opened.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Roy Spoltore, Administrator stated that the Water Tower project is going very well. The primer has been applied and is scheduled to be completed in October. The committee agreed to have the water tower name be visible from 77 looking down Parsonage Road and on the other side visible to Old Deerfield Pike. The Sunset Lake Pavilion is now complete. Slade was awarded Phase V Walk Path project, and they anticipate they will be starting the project soon. NJ DCA informed the Township that an extra \$200,000 for lead home rehabilitation is available without a cash match. The committee agreed to accept the grant for lead home rehabilitation. At the JIF Finance meeting they agreed to recommend releasing \$2,000,000 in dividends again this year. Fralinger is doing the survey work on Park Drive and Old Deerfield Pike and the Township should receive the reports shortly. Departmental reports for August 2024 are included in this evening's packet

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Rocco Tedesco, Solicitor reported that he received an email from Mr. Spoltore in reference to the School Board's Pre-K expansion. Bond Counsel for the County recommended that the Township should retain its own Bond Counsel to review the documents. Mr. Tedesco will have a suggestion at the next meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dean Hawk asked if the increase in the fine for no parking in fire lanes should be advertised. Mr. Spoltore said that signs with the increase have been given to each of the stores in the Shopping Centers and most have placed them in their windows. 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,

Janeen Rossi, Township Deputy Clerk

Roy J. Spoltore, Township Clerk