

**MINUTES OF THE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF  
UPPER DEERFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, HELD ON  
THURSDAY DECEMBER 5, 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 Joseph Spoltore.

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

Dean Hawk, Upper Deerfield resident, asked if all the positions in the salary ordinance were filled. Mayor Crilley explained that there are various titles that have been used in the past and some positions can be hourly or salary depending on the appointment. There being no other public comments, James Crilley, Chairman called for the approval of minutes for the regular meetings of November 21, 2024. Scott Smith 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 5-0.

James Crilley, Chairman called for a discussion and introduction of an ordinance entitled, Ordinance Fixing salaries of Certain Officials of the Township of Upper Deerfield in the County of Cumberland, Providing the Terms of Payment Thereof and Repealing Ordinances Inconsistent therewith. 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 December 19, 2024, at 7:00 pm and was carried 5-0 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 Agreement with the County of Cumberland with Respect to the Rehabilitation and Maintenance of the Silver Lake Dam. Solicitor Tedesco explained that the resolution provides for the costs that have been taken by the Township and the County since 2011 when the two August storms damaged the downslope of the dam area. It states that the County will be responsible for the next two dam inspections and any other costs for maintenance will be a 50/50 split except that the Township is responsible for road surfacing. On motion of Scott Smith, 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 Resolution Approval of Change Order #2 for the contract to South State Inc. for the reconstruction of Hoover Road and Veterans Drive. 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 Awarding Engineering Services to Fralinger Engineering PA to Prepare Engineering Field Survey, Design, Construction, Inspection, and Contract Administration for the Reconstruction of Quail Ridge Drive, Partridge Court and Covey Court. 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 Resolution Canceling Certain Outstanding Checks for Upper Deerfield Township Current Fund. 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 Resolution Budget Transfer #2. 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 \$521,468.55. 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

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

John Daddario stated that a big tree fell into a high-tension line on Colonial Terrace. Public Works did a great job keeping the residents safe until Atlantic City Electric arrived on the scene.

Scott Smith complimented Public Works on leaf pick up.

Joseph Spoltore did not have a report this evening.

Thomas Speranza reported that during the holiday season there is an increase in Porch Pirates, who steal packages from other people's homes. The Sheriff's Department is very concerned with vehicles passing School Buses and will continue to monitor these situations. John Daddario thanked the Sheriff's Department for assisting the State Police in various local situations.

### ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Roy Spoltore, Administrator, stated that the December 9<sup>th</sup> Planning Board Meeting is cancelled. The Annual Holiday Safety luncheon will be on December 23, 2024. The Senior Center Annual

Christmas Party will be December 13, 11am- 2pm. The Rabies Clinic is tentatively scheduled for March 29, 2025 9am-11am. The new ADA compliant bleachers should be arriving soon. The Re-Organization Meeting date in 2026 needs to be confirmed since it will fall on New Years Day. Departmental and Treasurers Reports for November are included in this evening's packet.

## ENGINEERS REPORT

Brian Murphy, Township Engineer reported that the Seabrook Water Tower is operational, the project has a few items to close out. Removing the old tower will take place in the spring. The final stages of redeveloping Well #3 are almost complete. Mr. Murphy is finalizing Hildreth Tract plans.

## SOLICITORS REPORT

Rocco Tedesco, Solicitor, stated that Joe Ragno is moving forward on the long-term tax agreement for the Lark Project. The Township Committee should anticipate Lassonde will be present for a consistency review and redeveloper designation at the next Redevelopment Entity meeting on December 19, 2024. Brian Slauch will be at the next meeting to discuss the proposed round 4 affordable housing numbers for the Township by DCA. The meeting may need to start at 6 pm due to the topic to be discussed.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

Dean Hawk, Township resident, voiced his concern with the penalty fines for fire lane violations at the shopping centers. Mayor Crilley reiterated that the signs are in the store window and do specify a \$100 fine for each violation. Nancy Ridgeway, Township resident asked how often are Township loads rejected at the CCIA. Chad Ott responded by answering never.

With no further public comments and no further business to come before the Committee Chairman James Crilley, called for a resolution Authorizing Closed Session to discuss personnel and matters requiring attorney client privilege. Mayor Crilley stated no action will be taken. The Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of Joseph Spoltore, seconded by John Daddario to approve and adopt resolution, and unanimously carried.

## INSERT RESOLUTION

The Committee reopened the public portion of the meeting on a motion by John Daddario, seconded by Scott Smith and unanimously carried.

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