

**MINUTES OF THE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF  
UPPER DEERFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, HELD ON  
THURSDAY DECMEBER 30, 2024 AT 3:00 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 Roy Spoltore, Township Administrator/Clerk; Janeen Rossi, Tax Collector/ Deputy Clerk; and Amy Colaneri, CFO. 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 John Daddario.

At this time James Crilley, Chairman opened the meeting for public comment. There being no other public comments, James Crilley, Chairman called for the approval of minutes and closed minutes for the meeting of December 19, 2024. Thomas Speranza 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 resolution 2024 Budget Transfer-3. The Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of John Daddario, seconded by Thomas Speranza to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 4-0 on a roll call vote.

**INSERT RESOLUTION**

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution Canceling Appropriations from 2024 Current Utility Fund Budget to Utility Fund Balance. The Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of Joseph Spoltore, seconded by Thomas Speranza to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 4-0 on a roll call vote.

**INSERT RESOLUTION**

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution Approval to Submit 2025 Local Recreation Improvement Grant. The Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of Thomas Speranza, seconded by John Daddario to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 4-0 on a roll call vote.

**INSERT RESOLUTION**

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution Authorizing Payment of Bills in the amount of \$ 116,445.53. The Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of Thomas Speranza, seconded by John Daddario to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 4-0 on a roll call vote.

**INSERT RESOLUTION**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

John Daddario did not have a report.

Joseph Spoltore thanked the Fire Companies for having Santa ride through the neighborhoods.

Thomas Speranza stated that the Sheriff's Department met with the FBI in regard to the Drones. Drone sightings have decreased.

Mayor Crilley stated that the Regional Court had its annual meeting, and the number of court cases have decreased the past year. The documentary film Paradox of Seabrook Farms, that explores the history of Seabrook farms, will be shown at Cumberland Regional High School on February 8th. Dunkin Donuts' will hold their Grand Re-Opening on January 11, 2025, at 10:30 am and Sika officials will be speaking at the Chamber meeting on January 28<sup>th</sup> at 8 am at the Grove. The re-organization meeting is Jan 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7 pm. Mayor Crilley added that the Township street lighting bill exceeds \$200,000.

#### ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Roy Spoltore, Administrator stated that the Township received paperwork to begin Ultra Cleans' Five-Year Tax Abatement Application. The Redevelopment and financial agreement with Lark Renewal LLC are being reviewed by Redevelopment Legal Counsel- Joseph Ragno, Esq. The Re-Organization Meeting Agenda is included in your packet. The reserve balance for 2024 will be 50 to 75 thousand lower than last year.

On a motion of Thomas Speranza, seconded by Joseph Spoltore 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.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

Nancy Ridgeway, Upper Deerfield Resident, asked if the Township pays for street lighting on County and State Roads. Roy Spoltore, Township Administrator stated that the Township pays for the cost of street lighting on all the roads in the Township. 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