

**MINUTES OF THE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
UPPER DEERFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, HELD ON
THURSDAY, JANUARY 16, 2025, AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING,
HIGHWAY 77, SEABROOK, NEW JERSEY, PURSUANT TO NOTICE**

Present were John Daddario, James Crilley, Thomas Speranza, Joseph Spoltore and William Whelan, 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.

The meeting was called to order by Committeeman James Crilley and he read the following public meeting announcement.

"In compliance with the "Open Public Meetings Act", written advance notice of the time, date and place of the meeting, has been given at least forty-eight (48) hours before the meeting by mailing same to the News of Cumberland County and The Press, Cumberland County Edition, by posting the notice in the Municipal Building at Seabrook, New Jersey, and by filing such notice with the Township Clerk, in compliance with said Act." In compliance with State Fire Safety Statutes, Mr. Daddario instructed those present how to exit the room in an emergency.

Invocation was given by Deputy Mayor Crilley and the flag salute was led by William Whelan.

At this time John Daddario, Chairman opened the meeting for public comment.

With no public comments, John Daddario, Chairman called for the approval of minutes for the meeting of January 2, 2025. Joseph Spoltore made a motion, second by Thomas Speranza, to dispense with the reading of the minutes and to accept the minutes as received, were unanimously approved by a voice vote.

INSERT RESOLUTION

John Daddario, Chairman called for a resolution Payment of Bills in the amount of \$285,490.03. The Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of Williams Whelan, seconded by James Crilley, to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.

INSERT RESOLUTION

COMMITTEE COMMENTS

William Whelan stated that at the Cumberland County Utility Authority meeting the board discussed the activities and operations of the plant. The funding for the Phase 1 renovations has been established through the NJ Ibank.

Deputy Mayor Crilley stated the Chamber of Commerce will have a meeting on January 28, 2025, and a representative from Sika will be making a presentation on Sika and the reasons why they chose Upper Deerfield as its Northeast Anchor Plant. The Love Where You Live Committee and the Bridgeton Area Chamber of Commerce Foundation has announced a new matching grant program for community beautification. Mr. Crilley suggested signage at Carlls Corner welcoming everyone to Upper Deerfield. Williams Whelan reiterated that this grant intends to improve a positive image of the area.

Joesph Spoltore stated the Recreation Committee was not able to hold its meeting due to inclement weather. Environmental Committee met and discussed their 5 year goals. The Planning Board reviewed a fence variance application and approved the completeness application for Lassonde Pappas warehouse addition.

Thomas Speranza stated that Cumberland County Sheriff's Department participated in a Search and Rescue training exercise. The Search and Rescue Team is equipped to handle land and dive rescue missions. The purpose of this exercise was the recovery of drowning victims, the collection of submerged evidence such as vehicles, guns, and stolen property. The Sheriffs Department continue to monitor traffic on various roadways.

John Daddario reported that the fire departments continue their training exercises. Little league has a new president, registration will begin shortly. The committee attended the re-opening of the Dunkin Donuts. Planet Fitness is scheduled to open in March and Wingstop should be opening soon.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Roy Spoltore stated Bridgeton Rotary is having a fundraiser at the Seabrook Fire Hall on February 8, 2025, and requested approval to hold an On-Premises Basket License and 50/50 Raffle. On motion of Joseph Spoltore, seconded by James Crilley, to approve raffle applications, unanimously carried 5-0 on a roll call vote. Chad Ott, Public Works Supervisor has been having issues with potholes on Olivet/Hannah Road. This road serves no purpose for the Township. Rocco Todesco, Solicitor stated that in order to vacate the road it requires an ordinance. More information will be reviewed in order to move forward with a plan. A special meeting will be held on Wednesday January 29th to adopt an Affordable Housing Resolution for Round 4. Departmental reports are in your packets for December 2024.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Rocco Tedesco, Solicitor stated that information provided to the Township by the Pro-Football team needs further review. The issue is with insurance and organizational agreements.

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 Ridgway a resident stated she felt the comments of a Downe Township official at the reorganization meeting were out of line. The committee agreed with her assessment. There being no further business to come before the Committee, on motion of James Crilley, seconded by Joseph Spoltore, to adjourn, unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Janeen Rossi, Deputy Township Clerk

Roy J. Spoltore, Township Clerk