

**MINUTES OF THE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
UPPER DEERFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, HELD ON
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 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, 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. William Whelan was unable to attend.

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 Thomas Speranza.

At this time John Daddario, Chairman opened the meeting for public comment. Dean Hawk, Township asked about the fire truck in this evening's ordinance for funding. Mr. Hawk was informed that this is for a pumper that will be housed at Fire Company #1.

With no other public comments, John Daddario, Chairman called for the approval of minutes for the meeting of January 16, 2025 and Special Minutes for the meeting of January 29, 2025. Joseph Spoltore made a motion, seconded 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 discussion and introduction of an ordinance entitled, Bond Ordinance Providing for the Purchase of a Pumper Fire Truck and Equipment in and by the Township of Upper Deerfield. The Clerk read the proposed Ordinance by title. Chairman Daddario stated that by purchasing the truck now, the Township will save \$200,000 and will not need a new truck for around twenty years. On motion of Joseph Spoltore, seconded by Thomas Speranza to approve and adopt proposed ordinance on the first reading and setting the date for public hearing on February 20, 2025, 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

John Daddario, Chairman called for a resolution Authorizing the Certified Financial Officer to Issue a Letter of Intent to Purchase an E-One Typhoon Pumper Truck with Specific Modifications. Thomas Speranza made a motion, second by James Crilley, to dispense with the reading of the minutes and to accept the minutes as received, were unanimously carried 4-0 on roll call vote.

INSERT RESOLUTION

John Daddario, Chairman called for a resolution Awarding Contract to Nielsen Ford the Purchase of a 2025 Ford Escape. Joseph Spoltore made a motion, second by James Crilley, to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 4-0 on a roll call vote.

INSERT RESOLUTION

John Daddario, Chairman called for a resolution Awarding Cherry Valley Tractor Sales to Purchase a Kubota 4WD Ultra Grad Cab Tractor. Thomas Speranza made a motion, second by Joseph Spoltore, to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 4-0 on a roll call vote.

INSERT RESOLUTION

John Daddario, Chairman called for a resolution Awarding Contract to Laurel Lawnmower Inc. for the Purchase of a 2025 Exmark Mower with Bagger. Joseph Spoltore made a motion, second by James Crilley, to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 4-0 on a roll call vote.

INSERT RESOLUTION

John Daddario, Chairman called for a resolution Amending the Personnel Policy and Procedures Manual of the Township of Upper Deerfield. Mr. Daddario and Mr. Speranza stated they have seen the benefits of the donated leave policy and support the adoption of the program. Thomas Speranza made a motion, second by James Crilley, to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 4-0 on a roll call vote.

INSERT RESOLUTION

John Daddario, Chairman called for a resolution Appointing Part Time Emergency Medical Technician-Mossbrooks. Thomas Speranza made a motion, second by Joseph Spoltore, to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 4-0 on a roll call vote.

INSERT RESOLUTION

John Daddario, Chairman called for a resolution Payment of Bills in the amount of \$2,381,881.90. The Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of James Crilley, seconded by Joseph Spoltore, to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 4-0 on a roll call vote.

INSERT RESOLUTION

COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Deputy Mayor Crilley stated the **Paradox of Seabrook farms** will be shown at Cumberland Regional on Saturday at 1:00 pm. The film explores the history of the Seabrook family and the factory workers who worked for them. The ACMJIF has opened the elected officials training on their website.

Joesph Spoltore stated Planning Board approved Lassonde Pappas manufacturing plant for completeness. North Cumberland Little League, Soccer Club and Basketball are registering children to participated for the spring programs.

Thomas Speranza stated that the Sherriff's department is diligently patrolling to keep residents safe.

Mayor Daddario stated that Mr. Speranza, Roy Spoltore and himself attended a meeting with the new director of the Seabrook House. Mr. Speranza reiterated that the director understood the Township concerns and said new changes were being implemented to address those concerns. Mr. Daddario reported that the Sika

representative at the Chamber Meeting did a good presentation on who Sika is and why they selected Upper Deerfield. Jim Crilley added that Sika wants to be involved in the area and their construction is on schedule

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Brian Murphy reported that the 12" water main extension from the Seabrook water plant to the Seabrook water tower will accommodate Lassonde Pappa's new water requirements. Waiting on the wires to come down around the old water tower before it can be removed. Repainting and repairing of the Love Lane water tower loan request to NJEIT has begun.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Roy Spoltore stated that Lassonde Pappas will be before the Planning Board on February 24, 2025, for the technical review of the warehouse addition and the Manufacturing Plant technical review is tentatively scheduled for March 10, 2025. Bonds for the school addition were held and came in at 3.646 percent. The professionals anticipated that the bonding could come in at 4.1 percent.

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. Mr. Tedesco reported that Upper Deerfield was one of five municipalities in Cumberland County that submitted the required documents for the DCA Affordable Housing procedures within the state-imposed guidelines. He added that he and Joe Ragno have begun discussions with Lassonde Pappas professionals pertaining to the PILOT for their new construction projects. Construction cannot start until the redevelopment and financial agreements have been completed.

On a motion of Joseph Spoltore, seconded by Thomas Speranza and unanimously approved, the Township Committee meeting was temporarily adjourned for the meeting of the Upper Deerfield Township Redevelopment Entity Special Meeting. On a motion of Thomas Speranza, seconded by Joseph Spoltore and unanimously approved, the Township Committee meeting was re-opened.

Joe Ragno from Waters, McPherson, McNeill, P.C, serving as Township Redevelopment Legal counsel was available on teleconferencing and provided a summary of the Lark Urban Renewal LLC project. John Daddario, Chairman called for a resolution Approving the Application for a Long-Term Tax Exemption Submitted by Lark Urban Renewal, LLC. Joseph Spoltore made a motion, second by James Crilley, to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 4-0 on a roll call vote.

INSERT RESOLUTION

John Daddario, Chairman called for a discussion and introduction of an ordinance entitled, Ordinance of the Township of Upper Deerfield, County of Cumberland, New Jersey Approving a Long-Term Tax Exemption and Authorizing the Execution of a financial Agreement with lark Urban Renewal, LLC. The Clerk read the proposed Ordinance by title. On motion of Joseph Spoltore, seconded by James Crilley to approve and adopt proposed ordinance on the first reading and setting the date for public hearing on February 20, 2025, 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.

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PUBLIC COMMENT

Wayne Sabota, Upper Deerfield resident asked what was being done on Quail Ridge Road. Roy Spoltore, Township Administrator, stated that survey work for the re-paving of the roads was being done.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, on motion of Thomas Speranza, seconded by James Crilley, to adjourn, unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Janeen Rossi, Deputy Township Clerk

Roy J. Spoltore, Township Clerk