

**MINUTES OF THE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF  
UPPER DEERFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, HELD ON  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 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; and Amy Colaneri, CFO.

The meeting was called to order by Committeeman John Daddario, 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 February 6, 2025. 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 approved by a voice vote.

John Daddario, Chairman called for a public hearing on a Bond Ordinance Providing for the Purchase of a Pumper Fire Truck and Equipment in and by the Township of Upper Deerfield, in the County of Cumberland, New Jersey, Appropriating \$1,020,000.00 Therefor and Authorizing the Issuance of \$969,000.00 Bonds or Notes of the Township for Financing the Cost Thereof. The Clerk read the proposed Ordinance by title. On the motion of James Crilley, seconded by Joseph Spoltore 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. There being no public comments on the motion of James Crilley, seconded by Joseph Spoltore, to close the public hearing and unanimously carried. On the motion of James Crilley, seconded by Thomas Speranza, to approve and adopt proposed ordinance, with a recorded roll call vote of 5-0.

**INSERT ORDINANCE**

John Daddario, Chairman called for a public hearing on an 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. Rocco Tedesco, Solicitor recused himself and was seated in the audience. The Clerk read the proposed Ordinance by title. On motion of Thomas Speranza, seconded by Joseph Spoltore 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. Dean Hawk, Township Resident asked for details pertaining to the exemption. Roy Spoltore, Township Administrator stated the Redevelopment Area is currently underutilized and will benefit from the construction of the Project. This development is projected to pay an annual service charge of \$ 243,543 in the first year as well as total annual service charges of more than \$10,786,345 over the thirty-year term of the tax exemption. Upon expiration of the exemption, the Project will be fully assessed and conventionally taxed. There being no other public comments on the motion of Joseph Spoltore, seconded by Thomas Speranza, to close the public hearing and unanimously carried. On motion of Joseph Spoltore, seconded by Thomas Speranza, to approve and adopt proposed ordinance, with a recorded roll call vote of 5-0.

## INSERT ORDINANCE

John Daddario, Chairman called for a resolution Accepting and Authorizing the Proposal and Agreement of Low Environmental Services LLC for Professional Services for Certified Lead Evaluation Contractor in Accordance with NJAC 5:28A. The Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of Thomas Speranza, seconded by William Whelan, to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.

## INSERT RESOLUTION

John Daddario, Chairman called for a resolution Appointing Township Home Rehabilitation Inspector - Reardon. The Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of Thomas Speranza, seconded by William Whelan, to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.

## INSERT RESOLUTION

John Daddario, Chairman called for a resolution Awarding Contract to First Choice Fire Apparatus to Purchase a E-One Typhoon Pumper Fire Truck. The Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of James Crilley, seconded by Joseph Spoltore, to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.

## INSERT RESOLUTION

John Daddario, Chairman called for a resolution Payment of Bills in the amount of \$1,569,346.11. The Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of Thomas Speranza, seconded by William Whelan, to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 5-0 on a roll call vote with Joseph Spoltore abstaining on payment to CRHS.

## INSERT RESOLUTION

## COMMITTEE COMMENTS

William Whelan stated he attended the Upper Deerfield School District Meeting. The pre-k expansion project is moving forward since funding has been completed. The windstorm over the weekend produced many outages and debris. The school is looking for a board member. Our first responders did an amazing job clearing streets as well as the utility companies providing services to many residents.

Deputy Mayor Crilley stated Wing Stop is now open next to Chipotle. We enthusiastically welcome Wing Stop and wish them nothing but great success on this exciting new journey. He attended the CCIA Solid Waste Advisory meeting, and they have established hazardous waste disposal dates in April, June and September. Mr. Crilley would still like to find a project to beautify the Carlls Corner entrance through the Township utilizes funds from the Love Where you live program.

Joseph Spoltore stated the Seabrook Farms movie was shown at Cumberland Regional High School over the weekend and was well attended. The movie depicts the history of Seabrook Farms. The Planning Board meeting is scheduled for Monday.

Thomas Speranza stated that Search and Rescue from Station 33 did a drill in Stow Creek. They have been utilized for various issues within the County and Chief Schaffer has done an excellent job directing the team. The Sheriff's department has received multiple calls regarding speeding near the schools. The Sheriff's Department has been addressing these issues.

Mayor Daddario stated that the Seabrook Farms movie was outstanding and had a great turn out. Mr. Daddario reiterated Mr. Whelan comments on the excellent response from the Township's First Responders and

public works did protecting the residents over the weekend during the windstorm. Mayor Daddario is concerned that other little leagues are requesting permission for Township children to participate in their league rather than North Cumberland.

#### ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Roy Spoltore stated that the Township anticipates the Water Tower at Seabrook will close financially in June. The fencing was placed around the Water Tower. It appears that the Township will only be responsible for around \$672,000 of this project. Brian Slaugh stated that he has not received any appeals to the Township's numbers for Round 4 of Affordable Housing. If no appeal is submitted, then planning for the location of the new affordable housing units will need to be addressed. The School Bond closed yesterday, and the financing is in place for the construction of 12 new pre-k classrooms. Road construction survey work is being done in Quail Ridge. Departmental reports are in your packets for January.

#### SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Rocco Tedesco, Solicitor, stated that the County agreement for Silver Lake has been received. This agreement is very important, and it may be many years before it may need to be revisited. The Township needs to pass this information on to the next Township Clerk and Business Administrator.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Janeen Rossi, Deputy Township Clerk

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Roy J. Spoltore, Township Clerk