

**MINUTES OF THE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF  
UPPER DEERFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, HELD ON  
THURSDAY, APRIL 3, 2025, AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING,  
HIGHWAY 77, SEABROOK, NEW JERSEY, PURSUANT TO NOTICE**

Present were John Daddario, James Crilley, 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. Thomas Speranza was unable to attend.

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 Joseph Spoltore.

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

Dean Hawk, Township resident, asked for clarification of the resolution that would pre-empt Local Planning and Permitting for the Conversion of Certain Office Parks and Retail Centers. Roy Spoltore, Township Administrator stated that the State Legislature is proposing to pre-empt local zoning regulations to allow for the conversion of semi-vacant shopping centers and office buildings into mixed use developments and allow for this conversion to be considered a permitted use and not require local planning standards. Alicia Serlick thanked the Committee for their assistance in trying to reduce the speed limit on Pindale Drive. With no other public comments, John Daddario, Chairman called for the approval of minutes for the meeting of March 20, 2025. Joseph Spoltore made a motion, second by William Whelan, 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 resolution Authorizing the Closure of Escrow Accounts with Unexpended Balances. The Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of William Whelan, seconded 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 Approving Settlement of Fourth Round Affordable Housing Present Need and Prospective Need Numbers. The Clerk read the resolution by title. Mr. Crilley stated that the Township needed to challenge the numbers proposed by the State and he thanked Solicitor Tedesco and Roy Spoltore for their efforts. On the motion of James Crilley, seconded by William Whelan, to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 4-0 on a roll call vote.

**INSERT RESOLUTION**

John Daddario, Chairman called for a resolution Opposing Legislation that Would Preempt Local Planning and Permit Conversion of Certain Office Parks and Retail Centers to Mixed-Use Developments. The Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of William Whelan, seconded 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 Payment of Bills in the amount of \$142,309.63 The Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of William Whelan, seconded by Joseph Spoltore, to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 4-0 on a roll call vote.

## INSERT RESOLUTION

### COMMITTEE COMMENTS

William Whelan did not have a report this evening.

Deputy Mayor Crilley stated that Community Day is April 26, 2025. Business Visits were made to Wingstop, Chipotle, Planet Fitness, Print Signs & Designs and Winchester Western. Mr. Crilley stated the past few years have been challenging and it's important for the Township to help ensure that Upper Deerfield is an attractive option for local businesses.

Joseph Spoltore stated that the Economic Commission has been preparing the Munyon property for Community Day.

Mayor Daddario stated that Little League's opening day is April 12, 2025. There have been reports that dog owners are allowing their dogs to run loose on the sports fields. Mayor Daddario requested Chad Ott; Public Works Supervisor to install signs on all sports fields that will say no dogs on fields.

### ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Roy Spoltore stated the Rabies Clinic last weekend was well attended and people had to be turned away as the Health Dept needed to go to their next scheduled stop. The Board Planning Meeting on the 14th will be cancelled. The Township received \$19,214.61 from the Recycling Tonnage Grant that was just announced. The money will be used to pay back the cost of the backhoe and skid steer. Dawson, Acorn, Oak Hill, and Colonial roads paving has begun. The Township Newsletter is complete and is in the final design stages. The Long-Term Tax Exemption for Lassonde Pappas is in discussion. The State Financial Disclosure forms are available to be completed. Chad Ott, Public Works Supervisor had an issue with a tree possible falling on a shed on Bostwick Lake Commission property. On a motion of Joseph Spoltore, seconded by James Crilley, to approve the Bostwick Lake funds to be used to remove the tree, unanimously carried 4-0 on a roll call vote.

### ENGINEER'S REPORT

Brian Murphy, Township Engineer, reported he met Wes Seabrook, who provided water and sewer lines on Parsonage Road. Mr. Murphy is preparing to increase the water main on Parsonage Road from 6" to 12". The close-out of the Seabrook Water Tower is scheduled for June. Mr. Murphy reported that his firm will be blending with Pennoni Associates over the next three years.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

With no public comments and no further business to come before the Committee, on the motion of Joseph Spoltore, seconded by James Crilley to adjourn the meeting and unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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Janeen Rossi, Deputy Township Clerk

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Roy J. Spoltore, Township Clerk