MINUTES OF THE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF UPPER DEERFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, HELD ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2026, AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, HIGHWAY 77, SEABROOK, NEW JERSEY, PURSUANT TO NOTICE

Present were James Crilley, Joseph Spoltore, Thomas Speranza, William Whelan, and Anthony Lamanteer all being members of the Township Committee. Also present were Michael Testa, Solicitor; Roy Spoltore, Township Administrator/Clerk; Janeen Rossi, Tax Collector/Deputy Clerk; Amy Colaneri, CFO; and Chad Ott, Public Works Superintendent.

The meeting was called to order by Deputy Chairman Joseph Spoltore, 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 Daily Journal and The Press, Cumberland County Edition, by posting the notice in the Municipal Building at Seabrook, New Jersey, posting same to the Upperdeerfield.com Website and by filing such notice with the Township Clerk, in compliance with said Act." In compliance with State Fire Safety Statutes, Mr. Spoltore instructed those present how to exit the room in an emergency.

Invocation was given by Mayor Crilley, and the flag salute was led by Thomas Speranza.

At this time James Crilley, Chairman opened the meeting for public comment. With no public comments, James Crilley, Chairman called for the approval of minutes for the Regular Meeting of September 17, 2026. Thomas Spreanza made a motion, seconded by Anthony Lamanteer, to dispense with the reading of the minutes and to accept the minutes as received, were unanimously approved by a voice vote.

James Crilley, Chairman called for a public hearing on an ordinance entitled Ordinance Adding Section 405-113.1 Extension Request Requirements to and Amending Section 405-100a Development and Application Fees, of the Code of the Township of Upper Deerfield. On motion of Joseph Spoltore seconded by Thomas Speranza 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 Anthony Lamanteer, seconded by William Whelan, to close the public hearing and unanimously carried. On motion of Anthony Lamanteer, seconded by Thomas Speranza to approve and adopt proposed ordinance, with a recorded roll call vote of 5-0.

INSERT ORDINANCE

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution Cancel Balance of Utility Funds Remaining in Ordinance Number 855 and 863. On motion of William Whelan, seconded by Joseph Spoltore, to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.

INSERT RESOLUTION

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution Tax Payment to be Refunded. On motion of William Whelan, seconded by Joseph Spoltore, to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.

INSERT RESOLUTION

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution Appointing Part Time Emergency Medical Technician - Rodman. On motion of Thomas Spreanza, seconded by Anthony Lamanteer, to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.

INSERT RESOLUTION

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution Payment of Bills in the amount of $563,392.25. The Clerk read the resolution by title. On a motion of William Whelan, seconded by Thomas Speranza, to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 5-0 on a roll call vote with Joseph Spoltore abstaining from Cumberland Regional High School.

INSERT RESOLUTION

COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Anthony Lamanteer explained that he continues to review the township's zoning ordinances. Mr. Lamanteer provided an update on the senior center, noting that the revised activities and operational schedule.

William Whelan reported on his recent attended the inauguration of Dr. Brenden Rickards, the newly appointed President of Rowan College of South Jersey (RCSJ). Committeeman Whelan remarked that Dr. Rickards demonstrates a strong focus on student needs and success and will bring significant leadership value to the institution moving forward. Mr. Whelan added he attended the CCIA Bankers and Development Roundtable and there is a significant amount of activity.

Thomas Speranza commended the exceptional turnout and execution of the township's recent National Night Out event. He provided a brief synopsis of the evening, noting it was a resounding success that greatly enhanced community relations and partnership with local first responders. Mr. Speranza thanked public works for keeping the drains open during the recent storms.

Joseph Spoltore stated that everyone involved did an outstanding job organizing and executing National Night Out. Furthermore, he noted that the Music in the Park program was extremely successful, stating it as an excellent and valuable recreational option for families to enjoy.

Mayor Crilley expressed his gratitude to all coordinators, volunteers, and participants involved in making these programs a success. It was emphasized that the Township Committee must continue its strong support and investment in local recreational initiatives moving forward. Chairman James Crilley reported that he, Administrator Roy Spoltore and Committeeman William Whelan attended the regional Chamber of Commerce Legislative Forum, which hosted representatives from the 1st and 3rd Legislative Districts. The forum was highly attended and provided a valuable platform for representatives and attendees to share updates and discuss ongoing developments across neighboring township communities.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Roy Spoltore reported that the new Brine Tank is scheduled to be shipped around October 9th. The Planning Board began a discussion regarding tiny homes in the township. The Township Committee should determine whether the township would want to permit two separate residential units on a single property or is better for a property owner to apply for a use variance. The Committee was of the opinion that the property owner should request a use variance at this time as there have been potential state statutes that are being discussed that may establish procedures for tiny homes and Accessory Dwelling Units. Curbing bids are due on October 6th for Love Lane on the eastern side of Jack Roberts.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT.

Michael Testa, Solicitor did not have a report this evening.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Janeen Rossi, Deputy Township Clerk Roy J. Spoltore, Township Clerk