

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF UPPER DEERFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, HELD ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2, 2015 AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, HIGHWAY 77, SEABROOK, NEW JERSEY, PURSUANT TO NOTICE.

Present were: James Crilley, Chairman, John O'Neill, Sr., Vice Chairman, Bruce Peterson, John Daddario, and Scott Smith all being members of the Township Committee. Also present were: Roy Spoltore, Township Clerk/Administrator, Rocco Tedesco, Township Solicitor Teresa Warburton, Recording Secretary, Brian Murphy, Township Engineer, Chad Ott, EMS Chief and Amy Colaneri, Treasurer.

The meeting was called to order with a public announcement statement read by James Crilley, Chairman.

“This meeting is being held in accordance with the “Open Public Meetings Act”. Notice of meeting has been provided and published as required by law in the South Jersey Times and the Press, Cumberland County Edition. Notice has also been posted in the Municipal Building. The Clerk shall enter this statement in the minutes of this meeting. In compliance with State Fire Safety Statutes the Mayor instructed those present how to exit the room in an emergency.

Jim Crilley gave invocation followed by the flag salute led by Scott Smith.

At this time James Crilley, Chairman opened the meeting for public comment.

Nancy Ridgway of Irving Avenue stated she read the newsletter and felt that if the owner of the home is not living in the home for at least 6 months of the year it should be listed as a rental property. Ms. Ridgway also questioned the article pertaining to residential abatements. The tax assessor will be asked to further explain the notice.

There being no other public comments, James Crilley, Chairman called for the approval of minutes for the meeting of March 19, 2015. On a motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by John T. O'Neill, Sr., to dispense with the reading of the minutes, and to accept the minutes as received, and unanimously approved 5-0.

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution entitled Authorizing Tonnage Grant Application to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection. The Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of John T. O'Neill, Sr., seconded by Bruce Peterson to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.

INSERT RESOLUTION

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution entitled Authorizing Inter-local Service Agreement between the Township of Upper Deerfield and Township of Deerfield with Respect to the Provision of Construction Code Services. The Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by John T. O'Neill, Sr., to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.

INSERT RESOLUTION

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution entitled Authorizing Professional Service Agreement Pennoni Associates – Seabrook Sewer Mains Topographic Survey. The Clerk read the resolution by title. Brian Murphy, Engineer gave an overview of the Topographic Survey and where the lines are located to be able to do the replacement of the lines. On motion of John T. O’Neill, Sr., seconded by Scott Smith to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.

INSERT RESOLUTION

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution entitled Authorizing Agreement between County of Cumberland and Township of Upper Deerfield Regarding the Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention. The Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by John T. O’Neill, Sr., to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.

INSERT RESOLUTION

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution entitled Honoring the 2015 Best of West and South Cumberland Award Winners Sponsored by the Bridgeton Area Chamber of Commerce, Cumberland Development Corporation and South Jersey Times. The Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by John T. O’Neill, Sr., to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 4-0 on a roll call vote, with John Daddario abstaining.

INSERT RESOLUTION

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution entitled Rejecting all Bids Received for Convenience Center Ramp and Pavement. The Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by John T. O’Neill, Sr., to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.

INSERT RESOLUTION

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution entitled Amending the 2015 Temporary Budget of the Township of Upper Deerfield #2. The Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of John Daddario, seconded by Scott Smith to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.

INSERT RESOLUTION

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution entitled Amending the Temporary Dedicated Sewer & Water Utility Budget #1. The Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of John T. O’Neill, Sr., seconded by Bruce Peterson to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.

INSERT RESOLUTION

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution entitled Payment of Bills, in the amount of \$112,002.74. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by Scott Smith to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 5-0 on a roll call vote with John Daddario abstaining on the JEM Print payment.

INSERT RESOLUTION

COMMITTEE REPORTS

John Daddario reported that there were around 40 people at field day for Little League. The Basketball courts continue to be used every day. The Little League needs a new hood and suppression system complete install, quotes were received from Cumberland Fire - \$5,800.00, Don Urie, \$5,838.00 and Over the Ridge did not bid. On motion of John Daddario, seconded by Bruce Peterson to approve Cumberland Fire to install a new hood and suppression system at the Little League Concession Stand for \$5,800.00, unanimously approved 5-0 on a roll call vote.

Scott Smith reported that Public Works crews have been patching pot holes and have started repairing storm drains on Love Lane and Concord Court. Some have settled and are sinking which will require basins to be re-bricked.

Bruce Peterson reported that quotes were received from Coleman Electric - \$4,250.00, FC Oertle - \$4,462.50 and Culley & Son -\$4,377.50 to install a breaker panel and wiring in the office, bathroom and break room areas of the new Recycling Center building. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by John T. O'Neill, Sr. to approve Coleman Electric \$4,250.00 proposal, unanimously approved 5-0 on a roll call vote. Mr. Peterson added that the clean up around the Recycling Center is continuing to make progress.

John T. O'Neill, Sr. stated that he was a little disappointed that the proposals came in as high as they did to develop a second ramp at the Recycling Center, but it needs to be done right when it is constructed.

Mayor Crilley stated that the Public Works did a great job on Dawson Drive and Oak Hill. He added that Roy Spoltore, Tony Stanzione, John O'Neill, Sr., and he went to the 30 Mayors and 30 developers economic development meeting in Mount Laurel. Upper Deerfield Township was well represented and got to speak to a number of developers. Mayor Crilley asked for an update on last meetings presentation by the potential Bristol Ponds developers. Rocco Tedesco, Solicitor reported that he spoke with their attorney Mr. Washburn to get an idea of the escrow amount they were contemplating for the township to conduct independent studies. Mr. Washburn suggested \$10,000.00 to start and be replenished when the escrow reaches \$2,000-\$3,000. After the Committee discussed the proposal, they authorized Mr. Tedesco to contact Mr. Washburn to let him know that the Township Committee is interested in pursuing a review of the developer's proposal by the Township Planning Board with the understanding that this is not an approval to designate the area a redevelopment area by the Township and that the Township committee is interested in seeing the property developed as a mixed use of commercial and residential.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Roy Spoltore reported that there are two old gray closed top containers at the convenience center, one is a 40 yard and the other is a 20 yard container that need to be scrapped. The Committee unanimously agreed to scrap the containers. A resignation letter was received from Eileen Clark on the Environmental Commission. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by John T. O'Neill, Sr. and unanimously approved to accept her resignation with regret and send a letter accordingly thanking her for her years of service. Mr. Spoltore explained that the two FEMA projects (Love Lane and Colonial Terrace) from Irene have been amended from small scale projects to large scale projects. Love Lane received an initial estimate

of around \$51,000.00 with the actual cost closer to \$250,000 and Colonial Terrace project was estimated around \$82,000.00 with an actual cost closer to \$145,000. The financial disclosure statements need to be filed electronically by April 30th if it is not done the individuals are responsible for a \$100 fine. The CS Regional Court Committee met on April 1, 2015 to discuss the addition of Downe Township to the Regional Court. Chad has received a State Contract price from Beyer Ford for a small dump truck with a stainless steel bed, plow and spreader for \$56,436. The Clerk received approval to place a capital ordinance on the next meeting's agenda to have funds available to purchase the truck. The 3rd District Legislators also announced that the Township will be receiving \$170,000 in State Transportation Trust Funds to repave a portion of Button Mill Road. A meet and greet with the new County Engineer is scheduled for Tuesday April 14th at 9 am.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Brian Murphy reported that the Convenience Center bids included reconstructing the baseball entrance and ramps for the new ADA bathroom. He is currently talking to a couple of contractors to see if they can just asphalt the area in need. It was suggested to get a handicap port a pot until such time that the ramp can be constructed. Mr. Murphy reported he reviewed the Emergency Action Plan for Silver Lake Dam by Adams Rehmann and Heggan and was concerned that Chad Ott was listed as the primary emergency contact.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Rocco Tedesco, Solicitor stated that John Paff sent an email to Township officials regarding his concern of court operations after reviewing information received from his OPRA request to the CS Regional Municipal Court. Mr. Paff contends that a few citations issued by the State Police were being downgraded through a plea agreement to municipal violations. The Solicitor advised that it is not the governing body's responsibility to tell the Municipal Prosecutor or Judge how cases should be handled. The Attorney General's opinion referenced by Mr. Paff was directed to County Prosecutors to remind Municipal Prosecutors of their responsibility. The jurisdiction of Mr. Paff criticisms are with the County Prosecutor and not with the municipal governing body.

At this time James Crilley, Chairman opened the meeting for additional public comments.

Nancy Ridgway of Irving Avenue believed the letter to Mrs. Clark should leave the door open in case she could have the time to come back. Ms. Ridgway was concerned about the length of a potential abatement for Bristol Ponds. Mr. Tedesco explained that that was negotiable and that the Township would keep 95% of the abatement funds. She added that the County will be having a budget hearing on April 30th. She also stated that the CCIA may start charging to haul the recyclables from the Convenience Centers.

With no other public comments and no further business to come before the Committee, on a motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by John T. O'Neill, Sr., to adjourn the meeting, and unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,