

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF UPPER DEERFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, HELD ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 7, 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.

James Crilley gave the invocation followed by the flag salute led by John T. O'Neill, Sr.

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

Dean Hawk of Merritt Avenue stated that he is tired of seeing the Bridgeton Journal newspaper thrown on Township streets every Thursday.

Nancy Ridgway of Irving Avenue reported that Pennoni's engineering study will be recommending that four way stops be implemented at Silver Lake and Old Deerfield Pike, Finley Road and Old Deerfield Pike and Rosenhayn Avenue and Woodruff Roads due to the volume of traffic and accidents.

With no other public comments, James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution Authorizing Closed Session to update the Committee on contracts. The Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by John Daddario, to approve and adopt resolution, unanimously carried 5-0.

INSERT RESOLUTION

The Committee reopened the public portion of the meeting on a motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by Scott Smith and unanimously carried.

Rocco Tedesco stated that the Committee reviewed two proposed draft contracts in closed session that are on this evening's agenda. The items discussed were the proposed contract to purchase lands known as Sunset Lake LLC and the proposed agreement to have the Planning Board determine if the area known as Bristol Ponds would qualify as an area in need of redevelopment with no commitment from the Township.

James Crilley, Chairman called for the approval of minutes for the meeting of April 16, 2015. On a motion of John T. O'Neill, Sr., seconded by Scott Smith, to dispense with the reading of the minutes, and to accept the minutes as received, was unanimously approved 5-0.

James Crilley, Chairman called for a public hearing authorizing the Expenditure of Capital Reserve Funds for Expansion of Facilities for Township Parks. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by John Daddario, to open the meeting for a public hearing unanimously approved 5-0 on a roll call vote. There being no public comments, on motion of John Daddario, seconded by John T. O’Neill, Sr., to close the public hearing and unanimously carried. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by Scott Smith to approve and adopt proposed ordinance, unanimously carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.

INSERT ORDINANCE

James Crilley, Chairman called for a public hearing authorizing the Expenditure of Capital Reserve Funds for Purchase of Public Works Vehicles. On motion of John T. O’Neill, Sr., seconded by John Daddario, to open the meeting for a public hearing unanimously approved 5-0 on a roll call vote. Roy Spoltore reported that this ordinance would allow for the purchase of a small dump truck for Public Works. John Daddario added that the Public Works equipment needs to be replenished. There being no further public comments, on motion of John T. O’Neill, Sr., seconded by Bruce Peterson to close the public hearing and unanimously carried. On motion of John Daddario, seconded by Scott Smith to approve and adopt proposed ordinance, unanimously carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.

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Chairman James Crilley called for a discussion and introduction of an ordinance entitled, Amending Chapter 188-1 of the Code of The Township of Upper Deerfield. The Clerk read the proposed Ordinance by title. Roy Spoltore gave an overview that the increase would bring the base ambulance fee in line with the surrounding municipalities. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by John T. O’Neill, Sr., to approve and adopt proposed ordinance on first reading and setting the date for public hearing on May 21, 2015 at 7:00 pm, was carried 5-0 on a roll call vote. The Chairman instructed the Clerk to advertise same in the South Jersey Times as required by law and copies to be made available upon request

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Chairman James Crilley called for a discussion and introduction of an ordinance entitled, Amending Chapter 396 of the Code of The Township of Upper Deerfield with Respect to Water Use and Fees. The Clerk read the proposed Ordinance by title. Roy Spoltore reported that this will increase the base water bill from \$23.00 to \$25.00 per month. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by John T. O’Neill, Sr., to approve and adopt proposed ordinance on first reading and setting the date for public hearing on May 21, 2015 at 7:00 pm and was unanimously carried 5-0 on a roll call vote. The Chairman instructed the Clerk to advertise same in the South Jersey Times as required by law and copies to be made available upon request.

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Chairman James Crilley called for a discussion and introduction of an ordinance entitled, Amending Ordinance No. 683 Authorizing Participation in the Joint Municipal Court known as the Cumberland-Salem Regional Municipal Court and Authorizing an Amendment to the Agreement for the Operation of a Joint Municipal Court Between the Township of Deerfield, Township of Greenwich, Township of Hopewell, Township of Lawrence, Township of Pittsgrove, Borough of Shiloh, Township of Stow Creek and Township of Upper Deerfield. The Clerk read the proposed Ordinance by title. Roy Spoltore explained that this would allow Downe Township to be the ninth municipality in the Cumberland

Salem Regional Municipal Court. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by Scott Smith to approve and adopt proposed ordinance on first reading and setting the date for public hearing on May 21, 2015 at 7:00 pm and was unanimously carried 5-0 on a roll call vote. The Chairman instructed the Clerk to advertise same in the South Jersey Times as required by law and copies to be made available upon request.

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Chairman James Crilley called for a discussion and introduction of an ordinance entitled, authorizing the Acquisition of Lands Consisting of 119 Acres, More or Less, Identified on the Upper Deerfield Township Tax Map as Lots 1 and 5 of Block 1601 and Lot 12 in Block 1701. The Clerk read the proposed Ordinance by title. Rocco Tedesco commented that the purchase is conditional with various funding mechanisms that must be in place before the contract could be executed. Bruce Peterson stated that he has never seen a parcel of land in the community get residents so involved to be opposed to any development of the land. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by Scott Smith to approve and adopt proposed ordinance on first reading and setting the date for public hearing on June 4, 2015 at 7:00 pm and was unanimously carried 5-0 on a roll call vote. The Chairman instructed the Clerk to advertise same in the South Jersey Times as required by law and copies to be made available upon request.

INSERT ORDINANCE

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution entitled Directing the Upper Deerfield Township Planning Board to Conduct a Study to Determine whether the property known as Block 1901, Lots 15, 15.02, and 16 as shown on the Upper Deerfield Township Tax Map (and commonly referred to as the Bristol Ponds Project) Meets the Requirements for a Declaration for Area in Need of Redevelopment. The Clerk read the resolution by title. Bruce Peterson explained that the Township has not committed to the designation but is requesting the Planning Board study the possible designation and report back to the Township Committee. There will not be any expenses to the Township as the developer will be creating and funding an Escrow Account for Township appointed professionals to conduct a thorough study. 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 Providing for the Insertion of A Special Item of Revenue in the Budget Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 – Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention Program. The Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by Scott Smith to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.

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James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution entitled Providing for the Insertion of A Special Item of Revenue in the Budget Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 – NJ Transportation Trust Fund Grant. The Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by Scott Smith to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.

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James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution entitled Providing for the Insertion of A Special Item of Revenue in the Budget Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 – Clean Communities Program. The Clerk read the resolution by title. 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 the Foreclosure of Tax Title Liens in Rem. 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.

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James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution entitled Awarding Bids for Home Rehabilitation - Waechter. 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 Tax Payments to be refunded. 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 Awarding Contract for Lawn Maintenance for Various Vacant Properties. The Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of Bruce Peterson, 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 Payment of Bills, in the amount of \$2,028,976.29. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by Scott Smith to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.

INSERT RESOLUTION

COMMITTEE REPORTS

John Daddario did not have a report this evening.

Scott Smith did not have a report this evening.

Bruce Peterson reported that the tree near the new Recycling Center building will be taken down soon and we are currently looking into window air conditioning units for the office and break room since mini split system appears to be too big for the space and a much greater financial obligation.

John T. O'Neill, Sr. complimented Caroline Owens as an individual who is on top of a variety of issues. He added that you can really learn a lot from her as she is very passionate about her community and willing to help out anyone.

Mayor Crilley reported that Hibbett Sports has had a soft opening and the grand opening is tentatively scheduled for May 16th. Community Day was a success and came in under budget even with the cold weather. The Mayor informed everyone that the July 2, 2015 meeting may be cancelled. Business visits will begin again the second or third week in May. On May 19th the Mayor will be attending a County Solid Waste Advisory committee meeting.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Roy Spoltore reported that the Pella representative recently measured the windows to be replaced at the Municipal Building. Once we receive their information, we will work with the CCIA to receive proposals to purchase the replacement windows. The draft audit has been received and everything appears to be good. The User Friendly Budget is completed and will be submitted to the State. The 2014 recycling tonnage report has been submitted to the State. Chad Ott has submitted the base drawing showing the location of all of the streetlights in the Township. Brian Murphy will review and submit a list of recommended lights to remove. Proposals were received to purchase a Ford F-250 pick-up truck with a utility body and snow plow for the Utility Department from Winner Ford in the amount of \$37,737.00 and from Beyer Ford in the amount of \$35,360.00. On motion of Scott Smith, seconded by John T. O'Neill, Sr., to purchase the truck from Beyer Ford, unanimously carried 5-0 on a roll call vote. Proposals were received to purchase a Ford F-450 small dump truck with a stainless steel bed, snow plow and salt spreader for Public Works from Winner Ford in the amount of \$57,103.00 and from Beyer Ford in the amount of \$56,536.00. Beyer Ford's proposal would be reduced another \$895.00 if a power equipment package can be removed from proposal that Winner Ford did not have included in their pricing. On motion of Scott Smith, seconded by John Daddario, to purchase the truck from Beyer Ford, unanimously carried 5-0 on a roll call vote. Proposals were received to purchase and install a 4 ton air conditioner condenser unit for the second floor of the EMS building from Woodruff Energy in the amount of \$4,055.00, from All Seasons in the amount of \$4,465.00 and from Purdy Mechanical in the amount of \$15,536.00. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by John T. O'Neill, Sr., to purchase the unit from Woodruff Energy, unanimously carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Brian Murphy reported that he requested proposals to remove 425' of dilapidated fence and install 615' of new chain link fence at the old landfill site. Fence replacement was required by the EPA after an inspection of the property. Proposals were requested from Jersey Fence, LLC, NINSA LLC, Reyes Fence and South Jersey Fence. NINSA LLC submitted a proposal in the amount of \$10,700.00 and Reyes Fencing submitted a proposal in the amount of \$12,850.00, the other two vendors did not submit a proposal. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by Scott Smith, to award the proposal to NINSA LLC, unanimously carried 5-0 on a roll call vote. Mr. Murphy noted that additional work required by the EPA still needs to be done in the way of cleaning monitoring wells and closing some of the monitoring wells. The engineer stated that the annual stormwater report for DEP has been submitted. Mr. Murphy explained that he is having ongoing discussions with representatives from the CCUA regarding the effluent surcharges the Township has been receiving. The septic repair work for the revolving loan home rehabilitation project should be done within the next couple of weeks

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

Dean Hawk of Merritt Avenue stated that the ball fields are in good shape and asked about the location of Bristol Ponds and the mowing of properties.

Nancy Ridgway of Irving Avenue stated that Millville may be opting out of the single stream recycling with the CCIA and that she believes that the purchase of Sunset Lake LLC would be beneficial to the residents and Township.

With no other public comments, James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution Authorizing Closed Session to for a resolution Authorizing Closed Session to update the Committee on personnel, litigation and other matters requiring attorney client privileged confidential communications. The Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by John T. O'Neill, Sr., to approve and adopt resolution, unanimously carried 5-0.

INSERT RESOLUTION

The Committee reopened the public portion of the meeting on a motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by John Daddario and unanimously carried.

With no further business to come before the Committee, on a motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by Scott Smith, to adjourn the meeting, and unanimously carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa L. Warburton, Recording Secretary

Roy J. Spoltore, Township Clerk