

**TOWNSHIP OF UPPER
2100 TUCKAHOE ROAD
PETERSBURG, NJ 08270
CAPE MAY COUNTY**

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 21, 2026

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE – 4:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

SUNSHINE ANNOUNCEMENT

Mayor Corson read the following Open Public meeting notice into the record:

“In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Law, I wish to state that on September 17, 2026, the notice of this special meeting of the Upper Township Committee was posted on the Upper Township Website, and emailed to the Atlantic City Press, the Ocean City Sentinel-Ledger, the Herald Times and filed with the Township Clerk. I hereby direct that this announcement be made a part of the minutes of this meeting.”

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

ROLL CALL

Tyler Casaccio	Present
Victor Nappen	Absent
Samuel Palombo	Present
Zachary Palombo	Present
Curtis Corson	Present

Also present were Municipal Clerk Joanne Herron, Municipal Attorney John Amenhauser, and Township Administrator James Van Zlike.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Approval of settlement of litigation, Docket Number: CPM-L-469-25.

**TOWNSHIP OF UPPER
CAPE MAY COUNTY
RESOLUTION**

RESOLUTION NO. 348-2026

**RE: APPROVAL OF SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION,
DOCKET NUMBER: CPM-L-469-25**

WHEREAS, Rhonda Sharp (“Sharp”) commenced litigation against the Township of Upper, et al. (“Upper Township”) in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Cape May County under Docket Number: CPM-L-469-25 related to a dispute pertaining to her employment with Upper Township (the “Litigation”); and

WHEREAS, Upper Township has denied the claims of Sharp and has otherwise indicated an intention to assert various affirmative defenses to Sharp’s allegations; and

WHEREAS, Upper Township and Sharp (collectively, the “Parties”) have participated in settlement discussions related to the resolution of the Litigation, which discussions have led to a proposed settlement which is being recommended by the insurer of Upper Township; and

WHEREAS, that resolution will include the dismissal of all claims asserted against the parties to the Litigation as well as a full releases from Sharp; and

WHEREAS, Upper Township’s insurance carrier has agreed to fully fund the proposed settlement of the Litigation, subject solely to Upper Township’s deductible and coinsurance obligation; and

WHEREAS, both Sharp and Upper Township, without admission of liability or wrongdoing on the part of either party, and to avoid the uncertainties, expense, and delay inherent in litigation, have determined it to be mutually advantageous to conclusively resolve those claims as set forth in the Litigation, and to otherwise resolve all claims and issues currently existing between them.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Committee of the Township of Upper, New Jersey, that the agreement resolving the Litigation be and hereby is APPROVED and that the same may and shall be signed by or on behalf of the Township of Upper by Mayor Curtis T. Corson, Jr.

Resolution No. 348-2026

Offered by: Casaccio

Seconded by: S. Palombo

Adopted: September 21, 2026

Roll Call Vote:

NAME	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Casaccio	X			
Nappen				X
S. Palombo	X			
Z. Palombo	X			
Corson	X			

PUBLIC COMMENT – LIMITED TO FIVE (5) MINUTES PER PERSON

Nathalie Neiss, Upper Township, requested that the record reflect that she was in attendance.

Lou Barbuto, Petersburg, also requested that the record show he was in attendance and stated that he is happy that this matter has settled.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business this evening the meeting was adjourned at 4:04 P.M., with a motion by Zachary Palombo, second by Tyler Casaccio. During roll call vote all four Committee members present voted in the affirmative. The next regular Committee meeting is scheduled for September 28, 2026 at 5:30 P.M.

Minutes prepared by,

Joanne R. Herron, RMC
Township Clerk