

The Minutes of the **Official Meeting** of the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, County of Union, State of New Jersey on **January 17, 2023** at 8:06 p.m. in Council Chambers.

This meeting is in compliance with the “Open Public Meetings Act” as adequate notice of this meeting has been provided by e-mailing the annual schedule of meetings to THE WESTFIELD LEADER, THE UNION COUNTY LOCAL SOURCE, THE STAR LEDGER, AND TAP INTO CRANFORD, by posting such annual meeting schedule on a bulletin board in the Municipal Building reserved for such announcements and the filing of said notice with the Township Clerk of Cranford. Formal Action will be taken at this meeting.

PRESENT: Mayor Brian Andrews
Deputy Mayor Jason Gareis
Commissioner Terrence Curran
Commissioner Kathleen Miller Prunty
Commissioner Gina Black

ABSENT: None

INVOCATION AND FLAG SALUTE

Deputy Mayor Gareis spoke about the recent Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Service held at the First Baptist Church of Cranford. He congratulated this year’s recipient of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. award: Ms. Phyllis Dunlop.

The invocation was led by Deputy Mayor Jason Gareis, followed by the flag salute.

MAYORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Andrews stated that he echoed Deputy Mayor Gareis’ remarks and spoke about the recent Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Service. He complimented/thanked the following individuals and groups: the First Baptist Church of Cranford, Phyllis Dunlop, the Cranford Clergy Council, the Interfaith Human Relations Committee and Reverend Brown.

Mayor Andrews read the Mayor’s Proclamations:

Commemoration of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - January 16, 2023

WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., who was born on January 15, 1929, devoted his life to justice and equality for people of all races and socio-economic standings through non-violent means;

WHEREAS, Dr. King and the Civil Rights Movement helped change public opinion and public policy from segregation to integration, resulting in the repeal of laws mandating racial segregation known as the “Jim Crow Laws;”

WHEREAS, Dr. King sought to fulfill the intent and promise of ratification of the 13th, 14th and 15th Amendments to the United States Constitution through new legislative action, thereby leading to the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Voting Rights Act of 1965, and other anti-discrimination laws aimed at ending economic, legal, and social segregation in America;

WHEREAS, Dr. King believed that service to others was “the soul’s highest purpose,” and was the path to happiness and greatness, once saying, “Life’s most persistent and urgent question is: ‘What are you doing for others?’” which led communities across the country to answer that question by coming together to honor Dr. King by helping their neighbors and communities through service projects spread across all fifty (50) states; and

WHEREAS, millions of people in the United States and around the world mourned when learning of Dr. King’s assassination on April 4, 1968.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Brian Andrews, Mayor of the Cranford Township Committee, proclaim January 16, 2023, as a day to recognize and remember the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and the dreams and ideals for which he stood.

Mayor Andrews invited Ms. Barbara Bilger to the podium and spoke about former Mayor Bilger’s service and character. He read the Mayor’s proclamation:

Barbara Bilger – Outstanding accomplishment and dedication to the Township and residents of Cranford

WHEREAS, Barbara Bilger has contributed to the Cranford community with her many years of service with various organizations including the Swim Pool Utility Advisory Board, the Memorial Day Committee, the Downtown District Management Corporation (DMC) Board, the Senior Housing Advisory Board, the Recreation and Parks Advisory Committee, and the Cranford World Trade Center Memorial Committee; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Bilger served on the Cranford Township Committee for over six (6) years; such service included two (2) terms as Mayor during 2002 and 2004; and the filling of an unexpired term in 2015; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Bilger’s presence in the Cranford community included work with many types of organizations and events including her work as a trustee for St. Michael Church, her membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 335 Auxiliary, her participation in numerous Chamber of Commerce events such as the Holiday Tree lighting and street fairs and her recurring role as the emcee for the annual Memorial Day ceremony; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Bilger has been a willing and generous volunteer since moving to Cranford over fifty-three (53) years ago; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Bilger’s spirit and dedication to the Township will be greatly missed;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford thank Barbara Bilger for her years of service to Cranford and wish her well in her new Florida community and all of her future endeavors.

Mayor Andrews presented Barbara Bilger with the proclamation. Ms. Bilger spoke about her volunteer experience with the Township. She spoke about her appreciation for the Township’s volunteers, the Cranford Police Department and the Cranford Fire Department. Ms. Bilger stated that she appreciated this recognition and stated that she would miss everyone.

Mayor Andrews also thanked Commissioner Miller Prunty who was the “driving force” behind the proclamation recognizing Ms. Bilger.

MAYORAL REMARKS

Mayor Andrews spoke about four (4) areas of focus which were outlined at the recent Reorganization Meeting: 1) improving our quality of life; 2) investing in our infrastructure; 3) improving our Township government and 4) living our values.

Mayor Andrews stated that he wanted to discuss three (3) items during this Meeting: 1) the change in the Township Committee Official Meeting structure. Mayor Andrews elaborated about the new Official Meeting Agenda format. Referencing the focus of 2) “improving the quality of life”, Mayor Andrews spoke about improving the Cranford Public Library, specifically through maintenance issue improvements and working to expand the Children’s Room. Referencing the 3) “living our values” focus, Mayor Andrews spoke about gun safety work and activity in Cranford including work by the Cranford Police Department and Moms Demand Action organization.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Curran – Finance

- Reported that the Township had recouped the entire surplus that was budgeted for the previous year;
- Stated that year 2023 would see challenges including the increase in State Health Benefits costs of approximately twenty-two (22) per cent (%) as well as expected increases in sewer rates;
- Stated that the Township Budget Meeting would be held on February 11th and the Capital Budget Meeting would be held on February 23rd; Encouraged members of the public to attend these meetings.

Commissioner Miller Prunty – Engineering & Public Works

- Discussed an award of contract to conduct a Comprehensive Parking Study (Resolution No. 2023-98); explained that the funding for this study had been approved in the 2020 Capital Budget;
- Stated the Township would be considering a recycling contract renewal with Giordano Company;
- Stated that the Department of Public Works would begin filling potholes; requested that residents email publicworks@cranfordnj.org with repair requests;
- Announced that Friday, January 20th would be the last day for Christmas tree pick up;
- Stated that the Conservation Center would be closed on Sundays in January and February;
- Provided an overview of Township Road paving and drainage projects; stated that she would be working with the Administration Department to update the website with current road project information;
- Discussed large drainage projects on Cranford Terrace, Cranford Avenue and Arlington Road and stated that residents in those areas would be notified and informed throughout the duration of the projects;
- Stated that State Road, North Avenue, would be paved from “end to end” including the section between Lincoln Avenue and Orchard Street, in the Spring;
- Stated that there were flood mitigation projects “in the works” and elaborated;
- Spoke about a significant project at Kensington Avenue and Edgar Avenue which would help with drainage and flow in the area;
- Spoke about an upcoming Casino Brook study.

Deputy Mayor Gareis – Public Safety

- Reported that Police Officer Rameil King and Police Officer Travis Freeman completed their field training and had been assigned to patrol;
- Announced that Sergeant D’Ambola, Patrol Officer Gamba and Patrol Office Meyer had been recognized by Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD);
- Spoke about the recent road project on Walnut Avenue and stated that the light-up crosswalk would be repaired/installed in the near future;
- Provided an explanation regarding Resolution No. 2023-100 pertaining to the Cranford Police Department’s participation in the Defense Logistics Agency Law Enforcement Support Office 1033 Program;
- Spoke about three (3) resolutions pertaining to Fire Department promotions which would be considered that evening, specifically for Arthur Anderson, Doug Petschow and Andrew DiFrancesco; stated that the formal promotion ceremony would be held on the following day;
- Spoke about a resolution (Resolution No. 2023-99) pertaining to the purchase of Mobile Data Terminals (MDT’s) for the Cranford Fire Department;
- Stated that the Stormwater Infrastructure Flood Committee had recently met; noted that the consulting engineering firm, Mott MacDonald, had briefed the Committee on Riverside Drive Dike repairs;
- Requested residents place their Christmas Trees at the curb;
- Noted that the Home Elevation Group met bi-weekly and would be meeting on the following day; stated that the first home should be started in the near future.

Commissioner Black – Public Affairs

- Announced that the Recreation Facility at 375 Centennial Avenue officially opened for adult sport rentals that evening; stated her appreciation for the Cranford Soccer Club and the Cranford Lacrosse Club for their volunteerism and their funding of temporary netting for the Recreational Facility; stated that a grand opening would be planned.

PROFESSIONAL COMMENTS

Township Clerk Patricia Donahue

- Congratulated Barbara Bilger and wished her ‘good luck’ in her future endeavors;
- Congratulated Arthur Anderson and Doug Petschow on their promotions and congratulated Andrew DiFrancesco on his appointment within the Cranford Fire Department.

Interim Township Administrator Ryan Greco

- Recognized and thanked Barbara Bilger for her tremendous amount of support to the Township and stated that she would be forever missed.

Township Attorney Ryan Cooper

- Congratulated Mayor Barbara Bilger and stated that she would be missed;
- Congratulated the Firefighters on their expected advancements.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Andrews opened the informal portion of the meeting and asked if there were any questions or comments.

Don Smith, 21 Oneida Place – Mr. Smith stated that he was in disagreement about the new Agenda format and asked that the Township Committee reconsider the changes, specifically regarding the public comments section. A brief discussion ensued with Mayor Andrews and Commissioner Curran.

Kurt Krause – spoke about 1) an ongoing erosion issue at his parents’ property located at 20 Pittsfield Street 2) the Memorial Day Ceremony and the Honor Guard position for shooting their rifles. He recommended that the shooting take place away from the members of the public.

Commissioner Miller Prunty stated that she would bring the erosion issue to the weekly Engineering Meeting. Ms. Bilger stated that she would reach out to the Honor Guard Commander on the following day and convey Dr. Krause’s concerns about the Honor Guard.

Christine Esposito, 11 Behnert Place – Ms. Esposito stated that she was present to speak about the 750 Walnut Avenue site and the pending application before the Planning Board. Ms. Esposito stated that members of the community were misled by the Planning Board process as it related to the Redevelopment Agreement and the Redevelopment Plan. She stated that the Township Attorney and members of the Township Committee told residents to voice their concerns with the Planning Board. Ms. Esposito stated

that many aspects of the Plan and Agreement were “set in stone” and elaborated. Ms. Esposito stated that it was her expectation that the Township Committee would be proactive with Hartz and hold such developer accountable and elaborated.

Jim Carvalho, 9 Orange Avenue – Mr. Carvalho spoke about the departure of former Township Administrator Jamie Cryan, the subsequent appointment of Police Chief Ryan Greco as Interim Township Administrator and Mr. Cryan’s appointment as Township Administrator in another municipality. Mr. Carvalho stated that he wished Mr. Cryan “well”.

Mr. Carvalho spoke about a recent Township labor attorney award (to Rainone, Coughlin, Minchello, LLC) and Assembly Speaker Coughlin’s attendance in Cranford last year for a State budget signing. Mr. Carvalho spoke about legislation in Trenton pertaining to elected officials’ property records and pay-to-play practices on a state-wide level.

Mr. Carvalho commended Ms. Black’s votes 1) against the change in the Township’s Bylaws, specifically pertaining to the Official Meeting Agenda format and 2) against the appointment of Township Attorney Ryan Cooper.

Mr. Carvalho spoke about retroactively-amended Agendas and asserted that the Township had amended the December 22, 2022 Agenda after the Meeting occurred on two (2) occasions.

Don Smith, 21 Oneida Place – Referencing Commissioner Curran’s suggestion to members of the public to attend Workshop Meeting to provide input to the Township Committee, Mr. Smith stated that Workshop Meetings were not recorded. He suggested the Township Committee reconsider the Official Meeting format so that public input could occur at the beginning of the Official Meeting and at the end of the Official Meeting.

William Thilly, 22 Bloomingdale Avenue – Mr. Thilly approached the podium and stated that he wanted to relax again. He thanked the members of the Township Committee for their time.

Hearing no further comments, Mayor Andrews closed the informal portion of the meeting.

MINUTE APPROVAL

On motion of Commissioner Black, seconded by Commissioner Miller Prunty and passed, the minutes of the Official Meeting of September 13, 2022 were approved by indicated vote of the Township Committee:

Recorded vote:

Aye: Mayor Brian Andrews, Deputy Mayor Gareis, Commissioners Miller Prunty and Black

Nay: None

Abstained: Commissioner Curran

Absent: None

FIRE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

RESOLUTION – By Roll Call Vote

On motion of Deputy Mayor Gareis, seconded by Commissioner Miller Prunty and passed, the following resolution was adopted by **roll call vote**:

Resolution No. 2023-95

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford at a meeting held January 17, 2023 that Arthur Anderson be, and hereby is, promoted to the rank of Battalion Chief within the Cranford Fire Department, effective February 1, 2023.

Recorded vote:

Aye: Mayor Brian Andrews, Deputy Mayor Gareis, Commissioners Miller Prunty, Curran and Black

Nay: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

On motion of Deputy Mayor Gareis, seconded by Commissioner Black and passed, the following resolution was adopted by **roll call vote**:

Resolution No. 2023-96

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford at a meeting held January 17, 2023 that Douglas Kurt Petschow be, and hereby is, promoted to the rank of Lieutenant within the Cranford Fire Department, effective February 1, 2023.

Recorded vote:

Aye: Mayor Brian Andrews, Deputy Mayor Gareis, Commissioners Miller Prunty, Curran and Black
Nay: None
Abstained: None
Absent: None

On motion of Deputy Mayor Gareis, seconded by Commissioner Curran and passed, the following resolution was adopted by **roll call vote**:

Resolution No. 2023-97

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford at a meeting held January 17, 2023 that Andrew DiFrancesco be, and hereby is, appointed as a Probationary Firefighter within the Cranford Fire Department, effective February 1, 2023.

Recorded vote:

Aye: Mayor Brian Andrews, Deputy Mayor Gareis, Commissioners Miller Prunty, Curran and Black
Nay: None
Abstained: None
Absent: None

RESOLUTIONS – By Consent Agenda

On motion of Commissioner Miller Prunty, seconded by Commissioner Black and passed, the following resolutions were adopted by consent agenda:

Resolution No. 2023-98:

WHEREAS, the Township advertised for Request for Proposals for a Comprehensive Parking Study through a fair and open process in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, on November 15, 2022, two (2) proposals were received for the Comprehensive Parking Study; and

WHEREAS, **Enovate Consulting, LLC**, 2 North Avenue West, Cranford, New Jersey, 07016 is the low qualifying bidder with a submitted proposal of \$49,982.87; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Finance has certified to the availability of funds which is on file in the office of the Township Clerk; and that said contract amount shall be charged to Account No. C-04-20-006-000-206; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, that the proposal for the Comprehensive Parking Study, be and is hereby awarded to **Enovate Consulting, LLC**, as more particularly set forth in the Successful Bidder's bid proposal dated November 15, 2022, and hereby is, awarded the contract for the Comprehensive Parking Study; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, authorizes and directs legally authorized representatives of the Township of Cranford to enter into a contract with **Enovate Consulting, LLC**, 2 North Avenue West, Cranford, New Jersey, 07016, for the Comprehensive Parking Study, in the form approved by the Township Attorney.

Resolution No. 2023-99:

WHEREAS, Local Public Contracts Law 40A:11-6.1; "Award of Contracts" requires that every contract awarded by the contracting agent for the provision or performance of any goods or services, the cost of which in the aggregate may exceed the bid threshold, shall be awarded only by resolution of the governing body; and

WHEREAS, The Township of Cranford is authorized by law to purchase goods and services from approved vendors who have been awarded by and have existing contracts with the State of New Jersey and/or authorized Cooperative Purchasing Programs; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified to the availability of funds which are on file in the Office of the Township Clerk and that said contract amount shall be charged to Account No. C-04-22-012-000-209; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford that Computer Systems & Methods, 111 Wood Avenue South, 6th Floor, Iselin, New Jersey, 08830 be, and hereby is, awarded a contract for the replacement of Mobile Data Terminals (MDTs) for the Fire Department at a total price of \$54,977.70, under the State of New Jersey Contract No. NASPO – Panasonic: NJ - 89980.

Resolution No. 2023-100:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY, LAW ENFORCEMENT SUPPORT OFFICE, 1033 PROGRAM TO ENABLE THE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO REQUEST AND ACQUIRE EXCESS DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE EQUIPMENT

WHEREAS, the United States Congress authorized the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) Law Enforcement Support Office (LESO) 1033 Program to make use of excess Department of Defense

personal property by making that personal property available to municipal, county and State Law Enforcement Agencies (LEAs); and

WHEREAS, DLA rules mandate that all equipment acquired through the 1033 Program remain under the control of the requesting LEA; and

WHEREAS, participation in the 1033 Program allows municipal and county LEAs to obtain property they might not otherwise be able to afford in order to enhance community preparedness, response, and resiliency; and

WHEREAS, although property is provided through the 1033 Program at no cost to municipal and county LEAs, these entities are responsible for the costs associated with delivery, maintenance, fueling, and upkeep of the property, and for specialized training on the operation of any acquired property; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-30.2 requires that the Governing Body of the municipality or county approve, by a majority of the full membership, both enrollment in, and the acquisition of any property through, the 1033 Program.

NOW THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford that the Cranford Police Department is hereby authorized to enroll in the 1033 Program for no more than a one (1)-year period, with authorization to participate terminating in December 31st of the current calendar year.

NOW THEREFOR BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Cranford Police Department is hereby authorized to acquire items of non-controlled property designated "DEMIL A", which may include office supplies, office furniture, computers, electronic equipment, generators, field packs, non-military vehicles, clothing, traffic and transit signal systems, exercise equipment, farming and moving equipment, storage devices and containers, tools, medical and first aid equipment and supplies, beds and sleeping mats, wet and cold weather equipment and supplies, respirators, binoculars and any other supplies or equipment of non-military nature identified by the LEA, if it shall become available in the period of time for which this resolution authorizes, based on the needs of the Cranford Police Department without restriction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Cranford Police Department is hereby authorized to acquire the following "DEMIL B through Q" property, if it shall become available in the period of time for which this resolution authorizes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the "DEMIL B through Q" controlled 3-page property list, redacted is hereby approved and hereto attached to this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Cranford Police Department shall develop and implement a full training plan and policy for the maintenance and use of the acquired property.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Cranford Police Department shall provide a quarterly accounting of all property obtained through the 1033 Program which shall be available to the public upon request.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately and shall be valid to authorize requests to acquire "DEMIL A" PROPERTY AND "DEMIL B through Q" property that may be made available through the 1033 Program during the period of time which this resolution authorizes; with Program participation and all property request authorization terminating on December 31st of the current calendar year.

Resolution No. 2023-101:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford at a meeting held January 17, 2023, that the Township Clerk be, and hereby is, authorized to advertise for sale at public auction, certain unclaimed vehicles which have come into the possession of the Cranford Police Department as well as Township-owned vehicles.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Public Auction will be held at the Cranford Department of Public Works (DPW) yard located at 364 E. North Avenue, Cranford, New Jersey, 07016, on February 4, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

MAKE YEAR SERIAL NO.

Toyota	Prius	2004	JTDKB20U440054182
BMW	320	2016	WBA8E5G5XGNT40219
Toyota	Corolla	1999	2T1BR12E1XC242910
Toyota	Camry	1998	JT2BG22K3W0238683
Mercedes	E-300	2019	WDDZF4KB5KA532844
NISSAN	PATHFINDER	2001	JN8DR09Y61W596007
JAGUAR	S-TYPE	2006	SAJWA01A46FN70010
T-3	T-3 motion	2006	4073001E1THBA00570
T-3	T-3 Mobility	2013	T2-010-207

Resolution No. 2023-102:

WHEREAS, it is desirous to establish a Change Fund for the Cranford Recreation Center at 375 Centennial Avenue in the Township of Cranford.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, that the Recreation Department, be and hereby is, authorized and permitted to establish a Change Fund in the amount of \$100.00 (one hundred dollars).

Resolution No. 2023-103:

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-59 provides for appropriation transfers during the first three (3) months of the year, when it has been determined it is necessary to expand for any of the purposes specified in the budget an amount in excess of the sum appropriated, therefore, and where it has been further determined that there is an excess in any appropriation over and above the amount deemed to be necessary to fulfill the purpose of such appropriation, the Governing Body may, by Resolution setting forth the facts, adopted by not less than two-thirds vote of the full membership thereof, transfer the amount of such excess to those appropriations deemed to be insufficient.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, in the County of Union and State of New Jersey, that the Chief Financial Officer, be and the same, is hereby authorized to make transfers among the 2022 budget appropriations in accordance with the following schedule of transfers.

Account	From	To
Pool: Salaries and Wages (ARP) 2-26-00-100-105-111	46,556.33	
Pool: Social Security O/E (ARP) 2-26-00-230-100-290		46,556.33
Admin: O/S Professional Services 2-01-20-100-100-215	\$20,000.00	
Legal 2-01-20-155-100-200		20,000.00
	\$20,000.00	

Resolution No. 2023-104:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford on the 17th day of January 2023 that the Tax Collector has been authorized to refund tax overpayments for the reason noted:

100% Disabled Veteran-Resident Tax Overpayment

Block 244 Lot 12
Snyder, Arthur
429 Manor Avenue
Cranford, N.J. 07016

Refund \$2,084.85
(3-01-55-000-010-025)

100% Disabled Veteran-Resident Tax Overpayment

Block 517 Lot 2
Raffield, Gale & Thomas
454 Lincoln Avenue East
Cranford, N.J. 07016

Refund \$ 502.59
(3-01-55-000-010-025)

Mortgage Company paid wrong acct

Block 265 Lot 1 Qualifier C0G05
Tencza, Eileen M.
66 Lawn Terrace
Cranford, NJ 07016

Refund \$ 116.85
(3-01-55-000-010-025)

Resolution No. 2023-105:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford on the 17th day of January 2023 that the Tax Collector, be and hereby, is authorized to expunge the following 2022 real estate taxes for reasons noted:

100% Disabled Veteran-As of Nov 23, 2022

Block 244 Lot 12
Snyder, Arthur
429 Manor Avenue
Cranford, N.J. 07016

Expunged: \$2,084.85

100% Disabled Veteran-As of Dec 19, 2022

Block 517 Lot 2
Raffield, Gale & Thomas
454 Lincoln Avenue East
Cranford, N.J. 07016

Expunged: \$ 502.59

Resolution No. 2023-106:

Removed from Agenda

Recorded vote:

Aye: Mayor Brian Andrews, Deputy Mayor Gareis, Commissioners Miller Prunty, Curran and Black
Nay: None
Abstained: None
Absent: None

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Gina Black

- Extended her gratitude to Barbara Bilger for her wonderful work in the Township; noted that she was a great role model and a great asset to the Township;
- Congratulated Arthur Anderson and Douglas Kurt Petschow on their promotions within the Cranford Fire Department; extended “good luck” wishes to Probationary Firefighter Andrew DiFrancesco;
- Thanked members of the public for their constructive comments.

Commissioner Terrence Curran

- Stated that he had experienced an exciting first month serving on the Township Committee and briefly elaborated;
- Spoke about the recent Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Service and Dr. King’s legacy;
- Spoke about a recent food drive that was held by the Cranford Clergy Council and the Interfaith Human Relations Committee;
- Noted that the Cranford P.B.A. had recently donated food to the Downtown Management Corporation (DMC);
- Announced that the Cranford V.F.W. would be hosting a food drive on January 22nd and encouraged members of the public to donate food;
- Stated that January was Blood Donor Month; spoke about the importance of blood in the medical field; stated that the Cranford Jaycees would be holding a blood drive on January 28th at the Cranford Community Center; stated that the V.F.W. would also be hosting a blood drive later in the year.

Commissioner Kathleen Miller Prunty

- Extended congratulations to Arthur (Chip) Anderson, Doug Petschow and Probationary Firefighter Andrew DiFrancesco;
- Thanked the Downtown Management Corporation and Project Graduation parents who ran the “Souperhero Stroll”; thanked the residents who came to the event and donated food;
- Thanked Barbara Bilger for her years of service to the Township of Cranford and elaborated.

Deputy Mayor Jason Gareis

- Congratulated and thanked Barbara Bilger for her efforts in the Township;
- Extended his congratulations to Lieutenant Arthur Anderson, Firefighter Doug Petschow and Callmen Andrew DiFrancesco on their promotions within the Cranford Fire Department.

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Mayor Brian Andrews

- Congratulated incoming Battalion Chief Anderson, incoming Lieutenant Petschow and incoming Probationary Firefighter Andrew DiFrancesco;
- Thanked members of the public for attending the Township Committee meeting.

On motion of Commissioner Curran seconded by Commissioner Black and passed, the Township Committee returned to the workshop meeting at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: January 17, 2023

Patricia Donahue, RMC
Township Clerk