

The Minutes of the **Workshop Meeting** of the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, County of Union, State of New Jersey on **January 17, 2023** at 7:00 p.m.in Room 108.

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 MAY 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

Township Attorney Ryan Cooper, Interim Administrator Ryan Greco, Chief Financial Officer (CFO) Lavona Patterson and Township Clerk Patricia Donahue were present.

Fire Chief Dan Czeh and Fire Department advancement candidates Arthur Anderson, Doug Petschow and Andrew DiFrancesco were present.

### **Public Comments**

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

Ms. Barbara Krause of 20 Pittsfield Street – noted that she and her husband, Frank, had been Cranford residents for 52 years. Ms. Krause stated that she lived one (1) block from Cranford High School. She spoke about her concerns regarding 1) the environmental problem and contamination of air which was caused by cars running their motors beginning at approximately 7 a. m. waiting for the 8 a.m. High School opening, and 2) drivers who speed.

Mr. William Thilly of 22 Bloomingdale Avenue – stated that he thought it was important that in small towns to remember why we moved here, specifically for the "slower pace". Mr. Thilly stated that with the permission of the Township Committee, he would like to use his two (2) minutes of time to relax.

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

### **Closed Session**

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

### **Resolution No. 2023-94.1**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township Committee will go into closed session to discuss the following, the minutes of which will be released at some time in the future at the discretion of the Township Committee:

#### **Legal**

- Legal Update

#### **Personnel**

- Township Administrator
- Fire Department Advancements
- Building Department – Fire Inspector
- Emergency Management Coordinator

#### **Minute Review**

- Closed Session Minutes of December 22, 2022

Recorded Vote:

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

On motion of Commissioner Curran, seconded by Commissioner Black and passed, the Township Committee returned to open session at approximately 7:57 p.m.

The Township Committee moved to Council Chambers at 8:01 p.m. to conduct the Official Meeting.

On motion of Commissioner Curran, seconded by Commissioner Black and passed, the Township Committee returned to open session at approximately 9:19 p.m.

**Recycling 2023 – Contract Extension**

Interim Administrator Ryan Greco spoke about the recycling contract extension with Giordano Company Inc. for the year 2023. He stated that the Giordano Company Inc. fee for the year would cost \$516,600. CFO Patterson stated that related to discussing the recycling matter, the Township should go out to bid for solid waste. Township Attorney Ryan Cooper inquired if the Township could consolidate the recycling and solid waste agreements into one contract. Commissioner Curran stated that some residents didn't know about the recent recycling changes. Interim Administrator Ryan Greco responded that another recycling notice would be sent to the residents.

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Nay: None  
Abstained: None  
Absent: None

On motion of Commissioner Curran seconded by Commissioner Black and passed, the Township Committee returned to open session at approximately 10:13 p.m.

**Closed Session Minutes of December 22, 2022**

Commissioner Black made a motion to adopt the December 22, 2022 Closed Session Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Prunty seconded the motion. Mayor Andrews, Deputy Mayor Gareis, Commissioner Prunty and Commissioners Black voted to approve the Closed Session minutes of

December 22, 2022. Commissioner Curran abstained from the vote (as he was not in office in December 2022).

**Late Starter - Workshop Minutes of December 22, 2022**

Township Clerk Patricia Donahue reviewed the proposed edits to the December 22<sup>nd</sup> Workshop Meeting Minutes submitted by Commissioner Black and Mayor Andrews. Consensus was reached to accept the suggested edits and that a vote considering the December 22<sup>nd</sup> Workshop Minutes for adoption would occur at the January 24, 2023 Official Meeting.

On motion of Commissioner Curran, seconded by Commissioner Black and passed, the Township Committee adjourned at 10:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Donahue  
Township Clerk

Dated: January 17, 2023