

The Minutes of the **Official Meeting** of the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, County of Union, State of New Jersey on **April 12, 2022** at 7:30 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 Town Hall 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 Kathleen Miller Prunty
Deputy Mayor Jason Gareis
Commissioner Brian Andrews
Commissioner Gina Black
Commissioner Mary O’Connor

ABSENT: None

INVOCATION AND FLAG SALUTE

The invocation was led by Mayor Miller Prunty, followed by the flag salute.

MAYORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Miller Prunty read the Mayor’s Proclamation:

Court Appointed Special Advocate of Union County Day

WHEREAS, the Township of Cranford, in Union County, New Jersey recognizes the problem of child abuse and neglect and is committed to helping its victims; and

WHEREAS, Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Union County recruits, trains, supports and supervises community volunteers as advocates for children who have been removed from their home due to neglect or abuse; and

WHEREAS, CASA volunteers ensure children’s best interest remain the priority while working toward establishing a safe, stable and permanent home for each child served; and

WHEREAS, CASA has a record of public service protecting the safety and well-being of Union County’s foster children, defending them from harm and ensuring they are provided with the court-ordered services they need; and

WHEREAS, CASA establishes and maintains effective relationships with the family court, the Division of Child Protection and Permanency (DCPP), Child Placement Review Board, Office of the Public Defender, Legal Aid, and other child serving agencies/institutions in order to create a cooperative environment in which to best meet the needs of children;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kathleen Miller Prunty, Mayor of the Township of Cranford, do hereby proclaim: April 12, 2022 as Court Appointed Special Advocate of Union County Day in the Township of Cranford and urge all residents to become aware of the work and mission of CASA of Union County. Let it be known that we support the education efforts to raise awareness of the CASA program at the local level and the need for community members to provide a voice for the children in foster care.

Mayor Miller Prunty invited the Director of Communications & Development of CASA, Gretchen M. Boger-O’Bryan to speak on the dais. Ms. Boger O’Bryan provided remarks.

MAYORAL REMARKS

Mayor Miller Prunty read aloud Chapter 3.5 Section B of the Township By-laws pertaining to the General Decorum of Township residents at a public meeting.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

On motion of Commissioner O’Connor, seconded by Commissioner Andrews and passed, the Bill List dated April 12, 2022, totaling \$5,510,159.24 was approved for payment by indicated vote of the Township Committee and is on file in the Office of the Township Clerk:

Recorded vote:

Aye: Mayor Miller Prunty, Deputy Mayor Gareis, Commissioners Andrews, Black and O’Connor

Nay: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

INFORMAL MEETING

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

Jim Carvalho, 9 Orange Avenue – Mr. Carvalho spoke about Commissioner O’Connor and Commissioner Black’s plans to introduce a Pay to Play Ordinance and referenced the Township Code pertaining to the duties of the Township Attorney. He stated that the Township Attorney should not be involved in the drafting of a Pay to Play Ordinance due to conflict of interest. He inquired as to the status of the ordinance and asked if Township Attorney Ryan Cooper would recuse himself from involvement in the drafting of said ordinance. Discussion ensued.

Danielle DeCostello, 238 North Avenue West - Ms. DeCostello spoke about parklets and stated that she hoped to see them brought back.

Kristen Mider, 16 Lincoln Ave East – Ms. Mider thanked the Township Committee for their dedication to the residents. She also expressed her support for the North Avenue Gateway Redevelopment Project and elaborated.

Steve Oliveira, 220 Denman Road - Mr. Oliveira thanked the Township Committee for their commitment. He also expressed his support for the North Avenue Gateway Redevelopment Project and discussed the negative effects that Builder’s Remedy lawsuits have on a community.

Anthony Durante, 100 Bloomingdale Avenue - Mr. Durante spoke in favor of the first reading of the North Avenue Gateway Redevelopment Project ordinance and elaborated.

Jim Carvalho, 9 Orange Avenue – Mr. Carvalho spoke about the creation and operation of the Downtown Management Corporation. He claimed it was only in existence to allow for plausible deniability by the Township Committee.

Joe Colangelo, 310 Prospect Avenue – Mr. Colangelo spoke the relationship between the Downtown Management Corporation and the Township Committee. He discussed the North Avenue Gateway Redevelopment Project and said that it is the best option for the Township at this time. Mr. Colangelo also spoke in favor of parklets.

Barry O’ Donovan, 710 Orange Avenue – Mr. O’ Donovan spoke about his time serving as a member of the Downtown Management Corporation and his appreciation and love for the Township of Cranford. He also spoke about perception and the importance of holding open discussions.

Hearing no further comments, Mayor Miller Prunty closed the Informal Meeting portion of the meeting.

ORDINANCE – Introduction

Ordinance No. 2022-11:

The Township Clerk read by title only Ordinance No. 2022-11 entitled, “AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD, COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ADOPTING A REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR AN AREA IN NEED OF REDEVELOPMENT CONSISTING OF CERTAIN PROPERTIES LOCATED AT BLOCK 193, LOTS 6.01, 10, 11, 12, 13 & 14 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LOCAL REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING LAW, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 ET SEQ.”

Township Clerk Patricia Donahue noted revisions had been made to the Redevelopment Plan. She stated that “maximum” had been added to the word “height” on pages 10 and 15 and that the affordability section on page 32 was consistent with the previous amendment to the redevelopment plan. Ms. Donahue said that the Redevelopment Plan would be updated on the website. She stated that members of the public and the Township Committee would have (four) 4 weeks to consider Ordinance No. 2022-11.

Commissioner Andrews

Thanked all members of the public for their continued involvement in Redevelopment discussions and the collective desire to protect the Township from Builder’s Remedy lawsuits.

Deputy Mayor Gareis

Echoed Commissioner Andrews thoughts and thanked members of the public for their participation in the Redevelopment process. He briefly elaborated about the Redevelopment Plan and development.

Commissioner O’ Connor

Stated that she is an opponent of eminent domain and discussed concerns she had with aspects of the Redevelopment Plan. She also said that she would like to hear from the Downtown Business owners and discussed a number of items that she would like to see happen between the introduction and adoption of Ordinance No. 2022-11. Commissioner O’Connor spoke about her interest in being included in the Redevelopment Plan process.

Commissioner Black

Spoke about the need to avoid Builder’s Remedy lawsuits and the importance of electing state representatives who will be committed to fixing the system that is currently in place. She also discussed the Master Plan, population density, building height, traffic and parking. Commissioner Black identified areas of the Redevelopment Plan that she had struggled to accept.

Mayor Miller Prunty

Stated that discussions would continue regarding redevelopment and thanked everyone who participated and voiced their opinions on the matter.

Said ordinance was introduced and approved on first reading on motion of Commissioner Andrews, seconded by Deputy Mayor Gareis, and passed by the indicated vote of the Township Committee:
Recorded vote:

Aye: Mayor Miller Prunty, Deputy Mayor Gareis, Commissioners Andrews and O’Connor
Nay: Commissioner Black
Abstained: None
Absent: None

Final Reading and Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 2022-11 to be held May 10, 2022 and the publication will take place in the Westfield Leader on April 21, 2022.

RESOLUTIONS – By Consent Agenda

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

Resolution No. 2022-183:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, at a meeting held on April 12, 2022, that the Township Committee hereby accepts, with regrets, the retirement of Michael Andrews, a Patrolman within the Cranford Police Department, effective December 31, 2021.

Resolution No. 2022-184:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, at a meeting held April 12, 2022, that the Township Committee hereby accepts, with regrets, the retirement of Robert Hurewitz, Firefighter within the Fire Department, effective April 1, 2022.

Resolution No. 2022-185:

**RESOLUTION AWARDING PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE
2022 CAPITAL ROAD IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the Township of Cranford requires an expert to provide engineering design and bidding services in connection with the 2022 Capital Road Improvements Project; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Cranford advertised a Request for Proposals (RFP) for Engineering Services through a fair and open process in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Cranford deemed that the background, experience and qualifications of the respondent herein satisfy the criteria set forth in the RFP; and

WHEREAS, Colliers Engineering & Design, DBA Maser Consulting Inc. is familiar with the procedures that are necessary for said improvements and shall perform the tasks as delineated in the April 4, 2022 correspondence; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified as to the availability of funds, which is on file in the Office of the Township Clerk.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, New Jersey, as follows:

1. **Colliers Engineering & Design, DBA Maser Consulting Inc.**, 400 Valley Road, Suite 304, Mount Arlington, New Jersey, 07856, be and hereby are awarded a contract to perform engineering services in connection with the aforementioned project at a fee not to exceed \$92,500.00; and
2. The Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute a contract with Colliers Engineering & Design; and
3. This contract is awarded pursuant to the “fair and open” process (N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5 et seq.).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said contract amount shall be charged to Account No C-04-21-010-000-S21.

Resolution No. 2022-186:

RESOLUTION AWARDING PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE NJDOT (NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION) FY2021 BURNSIDE AVENUE DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Township of Cranford requires an expert to provide construction administration (Engineering) services in connection with the NJDOT (New Jersey Department of Transportation) FY2021 Burnside Avenue Drainage Improvements Project; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Cranford advertised a Request for Proposals (RFP) for Engineering Services through a fair and open process in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Cranford deemed that the background, experience and qualifications of the respondent herein satisfy the criteria set forth in the RFP; and

WHEREAS, Colliers Engineering & Design, DBA Maser Consulting is familiar with the procedures that are necessary for said improvements and shall perform the tasks as delineated in the April 1, 2022 correspondence; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified as to the availability of funds, which is on file in the Office of the Township Clerk.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, New Jersey, as follows:

1. **Colliers Engineering & Design, DBA Maser Consulting Inc.**, 400 Valley Road, Suite 304, Mount Arlington, New Jersey, 07856, be and hereby are awarded a contract to perform engineering services in connection with the aforementioned project at a fee not to exceed **\$112,000.00**; and
2. The Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute a contract with Colliers Engineering & Design, DBA Maser Consulting Inc.; and
3. This contract is awarded pursuant to the “fair and open” process (N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5 et seq.).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said contract amount shall be charged to Account No. C-04-21-010-000-S21/Bond Ordinance No. 2021-10.

Resolution No. 2022-187:

RESOLUTION AWARDING CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR THE NJDOT (NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION) FY2021 BURNSIDE AVENUE DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

WHEREAS, on Thursday, March 31st at 10:00 a.m., bids were opened in the presence of the Purchasing Agent and the Township Clerk; and

WHEREAS, there were six (6) bids received with the lowest bidder for the project being CCM Contracting Inc., 336 Route 22, Green Brook, New Jersey, 08812 with a Base Bid Amount of \$1,172,651.22, Alternate Bid ‘A’ amount of \$136,835.12 and Alternate ‘B’ amount of \$36,194.62 for a Total Bid amount of \$1,345,680.96; and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer and other appropriate Township Officials have reviewed the bids and recommend award of contract for the Base Bid plus Alternate Bid ‘A’ plus Alternate Bid ‘B’ for a Total Bid for this project to CCM Contracting Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer reviewed the available funding for the improvements and has certified that sufficient funds are available within the current and/or previously adopted budget for said purpose by way of Bond Ordinance No. 2021-10; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said contract amount shall be charged to Account No. C-04-21-010-000-202/Bond Ordinance No. 2021-10.

WHEREAS, this Project is funded by way of a capital improvements bond ordinance stated herein as provided by Township of Cranford; and

WHEREAS, this project is in the best interest of the health, safety and welfare of the general public in the Township of Cranford.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, Union County, New Jersey that the above referenced construction project is awarded to CCM Contracting Inc. for a total bid amount of \$1,345,680.96 and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

I, Patricia Donahue, Township Clerk of the Township of Cranford, in the County of Union, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify that the forgoing is true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, County of Union, State of New Jersey at a regular meeting of said Committee held on April 12, 2022.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Township of Cranford in the County of Union and State of New Jersey this 12th day of April 2022.

Resolution No. 2022-188:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford and hereby authorizes the closure of the upper section of Municipal Lot One (1) in conjunction with the District Downtown Management Corporation (DMC) Lego Night event as follows:

- Wednesday, July 13, 2022 - 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- Thursday, July 14, 2022 - 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. (rain date)

Resolution No. 2022-189:

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford has authorized the Downtown District Management Corporation (DMC) to assist residents and local businesses recovering from the COVID pandemic,

WHEREAS, the Township Committee and the DMC wish to encourage the use of outdoor public space for increased pedestrian use that enhances the Downtown District for the benefit of residents, property owners, and downtown businesses by establishing parklets, which are concrete barriers placed over parking spaces adjacent to a sidewalk area upon which benches, tables, umbrellas, landscaping, and other accessory seating designed to provide outdoor areas for the public to sit, recreate, and safely socialize; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee authorizes the Downtown District Management Corporation to establish the temporary use of parklets from May 1, 2022 through and until October 31, 2022, subject to the DMC's Rules & Regulations for the safe operation of parklets in the Township; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, that the Downtown District Management Corporation is authorized to establish and maintain parklets in the metered public parking spaces in the vicinity of the following:

- Ambeli Greek Taverna, 29 North Union Avenue – two (2) spaces on Alden Street (Municipal Parking spaces 963 and 964);
- Oasis Restaurant, 21 North Union Avenue – two (2) spaces on North Union Avenue (Municipal Parking spaces 929 and 930);
- Playa Bowls, 102 North Union Avenue and Venue 104, 104 North Union Avenue – two (2) spaces on North Union Avenue (Municipal Parking spaces 932 and 933);
- Old City Café and Grill, 20 North Union Avenue – two (2) spaces on Alden Street (Municipal Parking spaces 950 and 951); and
- Vinny's Pizza, 28 Eastman Street – two (2) spaces on Eastman Street (Municipal Parking spaces 996 and 997);

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, that the Downtown District Management Corporation is authorized to establish and maintain parklets in the permit public parking spaces in the vicinity of the following:

- Garlic Rose Bistro, 28 North Avenue West - four (4) spaces in lower Municipal Lot 7

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the fee for parklets in metered spaces shall be \$2,750 for the 2022 parklet season from May 1, 2022 through and until October 31, 2022; and the fee for parklets in permitted spaces shall be \$3,250 (or \$1,250 plus four parking permits); which fees can be paid in full or split into two payments--due May 1, 2022 and July 15, 2022;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Committee and the DMC reserve the right to temporarily or permanently remove and/or revoke the aforementioned parklets in the event of a violation of the DMC's Rules and Regulations and/or to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the residents, businesses, and visitors to Cranford Township;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, New Jersey that this Resolution shall take effect as required by law.

Resolution No. 2022-190:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford on the 12th day of April, 2022 that the following checks will be refunded by the Tax Collector to the lien holder according to statutory requirements:

Redemption of Certificate# 07-00008

Block 493 Lot 5
34 Hawthorn Street
Robert E. Rothman
411 Grand Avenue
Englewood, NJ 07631-4104

Refund: \$323,830.03
(2-01-55-000-010-029)

Resolution No. 2022-191:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford on the 12th day of April, 2022 that the Tax Collector has been authorized to refund tax overpayments for the reason noted:

100% Disabled Veteran-Homestead Benefit

Block 460 Lot 2
 Saftlas, Joyce & Elliott
 121 Wilshire Drive
 Cranford, N.J. 07016

Refund \$1,000.00
 (2-01-55-000-010-025)

Resolution No. 2022-192:

WHEREAS, Resolution 2021-435 requested that the State of New Jersey Director of the Division of Local Government Services approve the inclusion of a special item of revenue, and matching appropriation, into the Township’s 2021 budget for the “Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over” grant; and, **WHEREAS**, a current year Grant Receivable balance exists in the records of the Township of Cranford that will not be reimbursed by State of New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety and needs to be cancelled; and

WHEREAS, the balance is as follows:

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| Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Grant: | \$4,860.00 |
| TOTAL GRANT RECEIVABLES TO CANCEL | \$4,860.00 |

WHEREAS, a current year Grant Appropriation Reserve balance exists in the records of the Township of Cranford that will not be expended and needs to be cancelled; and

WHEREAS, the balance is as follows:

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| Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Grant: | \$4,860.00 |
| TOTAL GRANT APPROPRIATIONS TO CANCEL | \$4,860.00 |

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 cancel the balance from the records of the Township.

Resolution No. 2022-193:

RESOLUTION SUPERSEDING RESOLUTION NO. 2022-96 APPROVING THE 2022 TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following is the schedule of Township Committee Meetings for the Year 2022; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that formal action may be taken at Workshop or Official Meetings; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Workshop Meeting and Conference Meetings will be held in Room 108 and Official Meetings will be held in Room 107/Council Chambers; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Workshop Meetings will be held at 7:00 p.m.; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Conference Meetings will be held at 7:00 p.m. and Official Meetings will be held at 7:30 p.m.; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that during Combined Workshop and Official Meeting dates, the Workshop Meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. and the Official Meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m.:

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| Reorganization Meeting | Sunday, January 2nd | 1:00 p.m. |
| Workshop Meeting | Monday, January 10th | 7:00 p.m. |
| Conference and Official | Tuesday, January 11th | 7:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. |
| Budget Meeting | Saturday, January 22nd | 8:00 a.m. |
| Combined Workshop and Official | Tuesday, January 25th | 6:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m. |
| Capital Budget Meeting | Thursday, February 3rd | 6:00 p.m. |
| Workshop Meeting | Monday, February 7th | 7:00 p.m. |
| Conference and Official | Tuesday, February 8th | 7:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. |
| Combined Workshop and Official Meeting | Tuesday, February 22nd | 6:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m. |
| Workshop Meeting | Monday, March 7th | 7:00 p.m. |
| Conference and Official | Tuesday, March 8th | 7:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. |

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| Combined Workshop and Official Meeting | Tuesday, March 29th | 6:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m. |
| Workshop Meeting Conference and Official | Monday, April 11th Tuesday, April 12th | 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. |
| Combined Workshop and Official Meeting | Tuesday, April 26th | 6:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m. |
| Workshop Meeting Conference and Official | Monday, May 9th Tuesday, May 10th | 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. |
| Combined Workshop and Official | Tuesday, May 24th | 6:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m. |
| Workshop Meeting Conference and Official | Monday, June 13th Tuesday, June 14th | 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. |
| Combined Workshop and Official | Tuesday, June 28th | 6:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m. |
| Combined Workshop and Official | Thursday, July 7th* | 6:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m. |
| Workshop Meeting Conference and Official | Monday, August 8th Tuesday, August 9th | 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. |
| Workshop Meeting Conference and Official | Monday, September 12th Tuesday, September 13th | 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. |
| Combined Workshop and Official | Tuesday, September 27th | 6:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m. |
| Combined Workshop and Official | Tuesday, October 11th | 6:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m. |
| Workshop Meeting Conference and Official | Monday, October 24th Tuesday, October 25th | 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. |
| Combined Workshop and Official | Monday, November 14th | 6:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m. |
| Workshop Meeting Conference and Official | Monday, November 21st Tuesday, November 22nd | 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. |
| Workshop Meeting Conference and Official | Monday, December 12th Tuesday, December 13th | 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. |

*Thursday, July 7th Township Committee Combined Workshop and Official Meetings added as Monday, July 11th and Tuesday, July 12th Township Committee Workshop, Conference and Official Meetings were cancelled.

Resolution No. 2022-194:

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE AMENDED AFFORDABLE HOUSING SPENDING PLAN FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD

WHEREAS, on November 12, 2019, the Township of Cranford (“Township”) signed a settlement agreement with Fair Share Housing Center (“FSHC”) which established the Township’s fair share obligation and preliminarily approved the Township’s compliance mechanisms in accordance with the March 10, 2015 decision of the Supreme Court, which transferred responsibility to review and approve housing elements and fair share plans from the Council on Affordable Housing (“COAH”) to designated Mount Laurel trial judges within the Superior Court; and

WHEREAS, on February 24, 2021, the Township of Cranford (“Township”) approved an amended settlement agreement with FSHC; and

WHEREAS, consistent with that amended agreement, the Township prepared a spending plan to project anticipated revenues to the Township’s Affordable Housing Trust Fund and to describe anticipated expenditures of funds through the end of the Third Round, which spending plan was adopted by the Township via Resolution No. 2021-173; and

WHEREAS, the Township needed to prepare an amended spending plan to update its trust fund balance and expenditures since the adoption of the 2021 Spending Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Township has prepared an amended spending plan, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:93-5.1 et., seq. and consistent with P.L.2008, c.46 Council on Affordable Housing (“COAH”) which projects anticipated revenues to the Township’s Affordable Housing Trust Fund and describes anticipated expenditures of funds through the end of the Third Round;

WHEREAS, the Township requires approval of its amended spending plan in order to utilize any of the funds within the Affordable Housing Trust Fund;

WHEREAS, the Township desires to submit its amended spending plan to the Court in connection with the Compliance Action for review and approval.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Governing Body of the Township of Cranford, County of Union, and the State of New Jersey hereby adopts the amended spending Plan that is attached hereto as **Exhibit A** and requests that the Court review and approve the Township’s amended spending plan, so that it can expend funds from its Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

Resolution No. 2022-195:

WHEREAS, the Association of New Jersey Environmental Commissions (ANJEC) is a non-profit organization that helps New Jersey environmental commissions, individuals, local and state agencies to preserve natural resources and promote sustainable communities; and

WHEREAS, Cranford Township’s Environmental Commission (“Environmental Commission”) wishes to submit a grant application with ANJEC to advance local open space stewardship by creation of a pollinator garden; and

WHEREAS, the pollinator garden will benefit the ecosystem as pollinators are essential to New Jersey’s flora, fauna, natural heritage, and overall biodiversity; and

WHEREAS, pollinator habitat consists of native plants that can help stabilize the soil, improve water quality, sequester carbon, and improve landscape aesthetics; and

WHEREAS, the pollinator garden will help to raise the profile of the Environmental Commission in the community through publicity, public participation and education; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford supports the Environmental Commission in its efforts to create a pollinator garden.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford supports the Environmental Commission in their pursuit of a grant with ANJEC for the Local Open Space Stewardship Project Program to create and establish a pollinator garden in Cranford Township.

Resolution No. 2022-196:

WHEREAS, the Township of Cranford required the Restoration/Service/Remodel of the Cranford Canoe Club in the Township of Cranford; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Cranford requested quotes for the Restoration/Service/Remodel Services through a non-fair and open process in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Agent has determined and certified in writing that the value of the contract will exceed \$17,500; and

WHEREAS, Servpro of Central Union has submitted a proposal dated February 14, 2022, indicating they will provide the Restoration/Service/Remodel Services for \$43,812.59; and

WHEREAS, Servpro of Central Union. has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that Servpro of Greater Union has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Township of Cranford in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit Servpro of Central Union from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract, and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer have certified to the availability of funds which is on file in the office of the Township Clerk.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, authorizes the Purchasing Agent to enter into a contract with Servpro of Central Union, 1094 Globe Avenue*, Mountainside, New Jersey, 07092, as described herein; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Business Disclosure Entity Certification and the Determination of Value to be placed on file with this resolution.

*104 Globe Avenue was updated to 1094 Globe Avenue, 4/18/22

Resolution No. 2022-197:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE PRICING AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A 40A:11-11(5) specifically authorizes two or more contracting units to enter into a Cooperative Pricing System and Agreement for the purchase of work, materials and supplies; and

WHEREAS, Randolph Township serves as the lead agency of the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council and operates the same; and

WHEREAS, the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council shall be responsible for complying with the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:1-1 et seq. and all other provisions of the revised statutes of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee authorizes the Township of Cranford to become a member of the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council, MCCPC, 502 Millbrook Avenue, Randolph, NJ 07869-3799, effective April 12, 2022, and, that such membership shall be for the period ending September 30, 2026, and each renewal, thereafter of the system, unless the Township Committee elects to formally withdraw from the system; and

WHEREAS, on April 12, 2022, the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, County of Union, State of New Jersey hereby authorizes the execution of an agreement with the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council by the Township of Randolph as Lead Agency dated April 12, 2022 pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A11-11(5). Said agreement is to become a member of the MCCPC for a five (5) year period through September 30, 2026;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and the Township Committee be and hereby authorized to enter into a Cooperative Pricing Agreement with the Lead Agency.

The Township Clerk is hereby directed to submit a copy of this adopted Resolution, along with an executed agreement, to Randolph Township as Lead Agency of the MCCPC.

This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Resolution No. 2022-198:

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING PERMISSION FOR THE DEDICATED TRUST BY RIDER FOR UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION

WHEREAS, permission is required of the State of New Jersey Director of the Division of Local Government Services for approval as a dedication by rider of revenues received by a municipality when the revenue is not subject to reasonably accurate estimates in advance; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-39 et seq. provides for the creation of an Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund; and,

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-39 provides the dedicated revenues anticipated from Unemployment Compensation are hereby anticipated as revenue and are hereby appropriated for the purpose to which said revenue is dedicated by statute or other legal requirement:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, County of Union, New Jersey as follows:

1. The Governing Body does hereby request permission of the State of New Jersey Director of the Division of Local Government Services to pay expenditures for Unemployment Compensation.
2. The Clerk of the Township of Cranford, County of Union is hereby directed to forward two certified copies of the Resolution to the State of New Jersey Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

Resolution No. 2022-199:

WHEREAS, at a meeting held August 10, 2021, the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford adopted Resolution No. 2021-276 which authorized submission of a grant application to Union County Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund for a grant in connection with the 2021 Kids Recreation Trust Fund Grant Program for renovations to the Hillside Avenue Tennis Courts, Johnson Park Beautification and the Adams Avenue Field Concession Stand; and

WHEREAS, through correspondence dated October 21, 2021 from the Union County Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund, the Township of Cranford was notified that it was awarded grant funding through the aforementioned grant program; and

WHEREAS, repairs and renovations for the modernization and expansion of the Adams Avenue Field Concession Stand will be conducted by the Cranford Baseball & Softball Leagues (CBSL).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford that it hereby agrees to reimburse CBSL for work completed to repair and renovate the Adams Avenue Field Concession Stand with funds awarded through the 2021 Kids Recreation Trust Fund Grant.

Recorded vote:

Aye: Mayor Miller Prunty, Deputy Mayor Gareis, Commissioners Andrews, Black and O'Connor

Nay: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

Jim Carvalho, 9 Orange Avenue - Mr. Carvalho spoke about his attendance at Cleveland School when he was younger. He then spoke about Ordinance No. 2022-08 which pertained to Conservation Center fee increases and Ordinance No. 2022-09 which pertained to Pool fee increases. Mr. Carvalho stated that the fees went into effect before being approved by the Township Committee. He then elaborated about Township individuals, specifically Mr. Ryan Cooper, Mr. Phil Morin and Mr. Dan Aschenbach. He spoke about the former Cleveland School area.

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

PROFESSIONAL COMMENTS

Interim Township Administrator Lavona Patterson

- Congratulated Township Administrator Jamie Cryan on the birth of his child.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS/COMMENTS

Commissioner Gina Black

- Thanked members of the public for attending the Township Committee meeting;
- Announced that April is Autism Awareness Month and recognized the successes of her niece who is on the autism spectrum and who will attending Penn State in the fall;
- Congratulated Township Administrator Jamie Cryan;
- Offered her condolences to the family on Orchard Street who lost their house and two (2) dogs in a tragic fire and thanked all first responders who assisted in the emergency;
- Wished everyone a Happy Passover and Happy Easter.

Commissioner Mary O'Connor

- Announced that the Friends of the Cranford Public Library would be collecting books for their used book sale;
- Spoke about her concerns regarding parklets and the importance of Downtown restaurant and business owners working together;
- Discussed builder's remedy lawsuits and the efforts being made by the Township to understand and combat overdevelopment;
- Emphasized the importance of Affordable Housing as well as the fundamental principles of the court system in New Jersey;
- Wished everyone a Happy Passover and Happy Easter;
- Welcomed Township Administrator Jamie Cryan's new child;
- Expressed her condolences to the family on Orchard Street and thanked the first responders who assisted.

Commissioner Brian Andrews

- Commended the Cranford Fire Department and first responders for their actions at the recent Orchard Street house fire;
- Spoke about the approval of parklets and talked about the amount of work that went into getting it done;
- Commended DMC (Downtown Management Corporation) Director Caren Demyen for her hard work;
- Thanked the DMC (Downtown Management Corporation), Department of Public Works and the Cranford Police Department for their assistance with parklets;
- Spoke about the "Sweet Escape" event that would be taking place later in the week;
- Announced that Downtown Cranford would be hosting their first "PEEPS-tacular" event;
- Spoke about "National Garlic Day" on April 19th and elaborated

Deputy Mayor Jason Gareis

- Discussed the recent tragic events that occurred on Orchard Street and thanked members of the Cranford Fire Department, members of the Call Department, members of the Cranford Police Department as well as the First Aid Squad for their work in responding to the fire. He also thanked the assistance that was received from surrounding communities;
- Mentioned the outpouring of support from members of the community including FLAG;
- Wished everyone a Happy Passover and a Happy Easter.

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Mayor Kathleen Miller Prunty

- Thanked all first responders who assisted with the Orchard Street fire and expressed her gratitude for the Cranford Police and Fire Departments;
- Thanked members of the public who got involved in the discussions regarding the North Avenue Gateway Redevelopment Plan;
- Congratulated Township Administrator Jamie Cryan on the birth of his child;
- Wished everyone a Happy Easter and Happy Passover.

On motion of Commissioner Black, seconded by Commissioner O'Connor and passed, the Township Committee adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: April 12, 2022

Patricia Donahue, RMC
Township Clerk