

The Minutes of the **Official Meeting** of the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, County of Union, State of New Jersey on **October 24, 2017** at 8:00 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 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 MAY BE TAKEN AT THIS MEETING.

PRESENT: Mayor Thomas H. Hannen, Jr.
Deputy Mayor Patrick F. Giblin
Commissioner Ann Dooley
Commissioner Andis Kalnins
Commissioner Mary O'Connor

ABSENT: None

INVOCATION AND FLAG SALUTE

The invocation was led by Deputy Mayor Giblin, followed by the flag salute led by Brownie Girl Scout Troop No. 40687.

MINUTE APPROVAL

On motion of Commissioner O'Connor, seconded by Deputy Mayor Giblin and passed, the minutes of the Workshop and Official Meetings of October 10, 2017 were approved by indicated vote of the Township Committee:

Recorded vote:

Aye: Mayor Hannen, Deputy Mayor Giblin, Commissioners Dooley and O'Connor

Nay: None

Abstained: Commissioner Kalnins

Absent: None

PAYMENT OF BILLS

On motion of Commissioner Kalnins, seconded by Commissioner Dooley and passed, the Bill Lists dated October 24, 2017 totaling \$1,767,950.04 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 Hannen, Deputy Mayor Giblin, Commissioners Dooley, Kalnins and O'Connor

Nay: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

MAYORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Small Business Saturday

WHEREAS, the government of Cranford, New Jersey, celebrates our local small businesses and the contributions they make to our local economy and community; according to the United States Small Business Administration, there are currently 28.8 million small businesses in the United States, they represent more than 99.7 percent of American employer firms and are responsible for creating 63 percent of net new jobs over the past 20 years; and

WHEREAS, small businesses employ over 48 percent of the working population in the United States; and

WHEREAS, on average, 33 percent of consumers' holiday shopping will be done at small, independently-owned retailers and restaurants; and

WHEREAS, 91 percent of all consumers believe that supporting small, independently-owned restaurants and bars is important; and

WHEREAS, 76 percent of all consumers plan to go to one or more small businesses as part of their holiday shopping; and

WHEREAS, Cranford, New Jersey supports our local businesses that create jobs, boost our local economy and preserve our neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, advocacy groups as well as public and private organizations across the country have endorsed the Saturday after Thanksgiving as Small Business Saturday.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Thomas H. Hannen, Jr., Mayor of Cranford, New Jersey do hereby proclaim, November 25, 2017, as:

SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY

And urge the residents of our community, and communities across the country, to support small businesses and merchants on Small Business Saturday and throughout the year.

POLICE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCEMENT

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

Resolution No. 2017-359:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, at a meeting held this the 24th day of October 2017, that Ryan Greco, be and hereby is, appointed as Chief of Police, of Cranford Police Department, effective October 24, 2017.

Recorded vote:

Aye: Mayor Hannen, Deputy Mayor Giblin, Commissioners Dooley, Kalnins and O'Connor

Nay: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

(Oath of Office Administered by Michael Sheets, Esq., Union County Assistant Prosecutor)

FIVE MINUTE RECESS

INFORMAL MEETING

Mayor Hannen opened the informal meeting and asked if there were any questions or comments. Hearing no comments, Mayor Hannen closed the informal meeting.

ORDINANCES – Final Reading and Public Hearing

Ordinance No. 2017-12:

The Township Clerk read by title only Ordinance No. 2017-12 entitled, “AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A CODIFICATION AND REVISION OF THE ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD, COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; PROVIDING FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF SAID CODE; REPEALING AND SAVING FROM REPEAL CERTAIN ORDINANCES NOT INCLUDED THEREIN; ESTABLISHING A PENALTY FOR ALTERING OR TAMPERING WITH THE CODE; AND MAKING CERTAIN CHANGES IN PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED ORDINANCES”.

Said ordinance having been advertised and posted in accordance with law, Commissioner Kalnins opened the public hearing. Hearing no comments, Commissioner Kalnins closed the public hearing. On motion of Commissioner Kalnins seconded by Deputy Mayor Giblin and passed, said ordinance was adopted by indicated vote of the Township Committee:

Recorded vote:

Aye: Mayor Hannen, Deputy Mayor Giblin, Commissioners Dooley, Kalnins and O'Connor

Nay: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

Ordinance No. 2017-13:

The Township Clerk read by title only Ordinance No. 2017-13 entitled, “AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A CODIFICATION AND REVISION OF THE ORDINANCES OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD, COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AS PART III OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE; PROVIDING FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF PART III OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE; REPEALING AND SAVING FROM REPEAL CERTAIN ORDINANCES NOT INCLUDED THEREIN; ESTABLISHING A PENALTY FOR ALTERING OR TAMPERING WITH PART III OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE; AND MAKING CERTAIN CHANGES IN PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED ORDINANCES”.

Said ordinance having been advertised and posted in accordance with law, Commissioner Dooley opened the public hearing. Hearing no comments, Commissioner Dooley closed the public hearing. On motion of Commissioner Dooley seconded by Commissioner Kalnins and passed, said ordinance was adopted by indicated vote of the Township Committee:

Recorded vote:

Aye: Mayor Hannen, Deputy Mayor Giblin, Commissioners Dooley, Kalnins and O'Connor

Nay: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

RESOLUTIONS – By Consent Agenda

On motion of Commissioner Kalnins, seconded by Deputy Mayor Giblin and passed, the following resolutions were adopted by consent agenda:

Resolution No. 2017-360:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford be and hereby accepts, with regrets, the resignation of Tara Rowley as Township Clerk for the Township of Cranford effective October 27, 2017.

Resolution No. 2017-361:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, at a meeting held October 24, 2017, that Police Chief Ryan Greco be and hereby is appointed as a member to the following for the year 2017:
Bicycle Safety Board
Municipal Alliance
Parking Committee

Resolution No. 2017-362:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford at a meeting held October 24, 2017 that the Treasurer be, and hereby is, authorized to utilize Investors Bank and TD Bank as depositories; and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Treasurer be, and hereby is, authorized to utilize any other banking institution as a depository which can provide a Government Unit Deposit Protection Act Certificate issued by the State of New Jersey, Department of Banking.

Resolution No. 2017-363:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford that the funds of the Township of Cranford deposited in the Investors Bank 105 North Avenue West, Cranford, New Jersey 07016, TD Bank 465 South Avenue, Cranford, New Jersey 07016, be subject to withdrawal upon checks signed by any two of the following officers:

Thomas H. Hannen, Jr.
Lavona Patterson
Terence Wall

PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that checks drawn upon the payroll account shall require only the facsimile signature of Lavona Patterson.

Resolution No. 2017-364:

WHEREAS, it is required for the Township of Cranford to adopt and have on file a detailed Cash Management Plan regarding investments of Township funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford that the following Cash Management Plan is hereby adopted and it is to be kept on file in the offices of the Township Treasurer and Township Clerk:

I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

This Cash Management Plan (the "Plan") is prepared pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:5-14 in order to set forth the basis for the deposits ("Deposits") and investment ("Permitted Investments") of certain public funds of the Township of Cranford, pending the use of such funds for the intended purposes. The Plan is intended to assure that all public funds identified herein are deposited in interest bearing Deposits or otherwise invested in Permitted Investments hereinafter referred to. The intent of the Plan is to provide that the decisions made with regard to the Deposits and the Permitted Investments will be done to insure the safety, the liquidity (regarding its availability for the intended purposes), and the maximum investment return within such limits. The Plan is intended to insure that any Deposit or Permitted Investment matures within the time period that approximates the prospective need for the funds deposited or invested so that there is not a risk to the market value of such Deposits or Permitted Investments.

II. IDENTIFICATION OF FUNDS AND ACCOUNTS TO BE COVERED BY THE PLAN

The Plan is intended to cover the deposit and/or investment of the following funds and accounts of the Township of Cranford.

1. Current Fund	6. General Capital Fund
2. Trust Assessment Fund	7. Swim Pool Operating Fund
3. Trust Fund	8. Swim Pool Capital Fund
4. SID/DMC Fund	9. COAH
5. Dog Trust Fund	10. CDBG Block Grant

III. DESIGNATION OF OFFICIALS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD

AUTHORIZED TO MAKE DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS UNDER THE PLAN

The Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Cranford [and the Treasurer] (the "Designated Official") is hereby authorized and directed to deposit and/or invest the funds referred to in the Plan.

IV. DESIGNATION OF DEPOSITORIES

The following banks and financial institutions are hereby designated as official depositories for the Deposit of all public funds referred to in the Plan, including any Certificates of Deposit which are not otherwise invested in Permitted Investments as provided for in this Plan:

All New Jersey Banks that provide a certificate of eligibility. Depositories for are Investors Bank and TD Bank

A "Certificate of Eligibility" is the certification issued by the New Jersey Department of Banking, Division of Banking, that a public depository is eligible to act as a depository for public funds and qualifies as a

participant in the New Jersey Governmental Unit Depository Protection Act (GUPA). The Township of Cranford shall designate said depositories by resolution of the governing body each year in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:5-15.1.

V. AUTHORIZED INVESTMENTS

A. Except as otherwise specifically provided for herein, the Designated Official is hereby authorized to invest the public funds covered by this Plan, to the extent not otherwise held in Deposits, in the following Permitted Investments:

- (1) Bonds or other obligations of the United States of America or obligations guaranteed by the United States of America;
- (2) Government money market mutual funds;
- (3) Any obligation that a federal agency or a federal instrumentality has issued in accordance with an act of Congress, which security has a maturity date not greater than 397 days from the date of the purchase, provided that such obligation bears a fixed rate of interest not dependent on any index or other external factor;
- (4) Bonds or other obligations of the Local Unit or bonds or other obligations of school districts of which the Local Unit is a part or within which the school district is located;
- (5) Bonds or other obligations, having a maturity date not more than 397 days from the date of purchase, approved by the Division of Investment of the Department of the Treasury for investment by Local Units;
- (6) Local government investment pools;
- (7) Deposits with the State of New Jersey Cash Management Fund established pursuant to section I of P.L. 1977, c. 281 (C.52:18A-90.4); or
- (8) Agreements for the repurchase of fully collateralized securities if:
 - (a) the underlying securities are permitted investments pursuant to paragraphs (1) and (3) of this subsection a;
 - (b) the custody of collateral is transferred to a third party;
 - (c) the maturity of the agreement is not more than 30 days ;
 - (d) the underlying securities are purchased through a public depository as defined in section I of P.L. 1970, c.236 (C.17:9-41); and
 - (e) a master repurchase agreement providing for the custody and security of collateral is executed.

For purposes of the above language, the terms "government money market mutual fund" and "local government investment pool" shall have the following definitions:

Government Money Market Mutual Fund. An investment company or investment trust:

- (a) which is registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission under the "Investment Company Act of 1940," 15 U.S.C. sec. 80a-1 et seq., and operated in accordance with 17 C.F.R. sec. 270.2a-7.
- (b) the portfolio of which is limited to U.S. Government securities that meet the definition of any eligible security pursuant to 17 C.F.R. sec. 270.2a-7 and repurchase agreements that are collateralized by such U.S. Government securities; and
- (c) which has:
 - (i) attained the highest ranking or the highest letter and numerical rating of a nationally recognized statistical rating organization; or
 - (ii) retained an investment advisor registered or exempt from registration with the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to the "Investment Advisors Act of 1940," 15 U.S.C. sec. 80b-1 et seq., with experience investing in U.S. Government securities for at least the most recent past 60 months and with assets under management in excess of \$500 million.

Local Government Investment Pool. An investment pool:

- (a) which is managed in accordance with 17 C.F.R. sec. 270.2a-7;
- (b) which is rated in the highest category by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization;
- (c) which is limited to U.S. Government securities that meet the definition of an eligible security pursuant to 17 C.F.R. sec. 270.2a-7 and repurchase agreements that are collateralized by such U.S. Government securities;
- (d) which is in compliance with rules adopted pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L. 1968, C.410 (c.52:14B-1 et seq.) by the Local Finance Board of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs, which rules shall provide for disclosure and reporting requirements, and other provisions deemed necessary by the board to provide for the safety, liquidity and yield of the investments;
- (e) which does not permit investments in instruments that: are subject to high price volatility with changing market conditions; cannot reasonably be expected, at the time of interest rate adjustment, to have a market value that approximates their par value; or utilize an index that does not support a stable net asset value; and
- (f) which purchases and redeems investments directly from the issuer, government money market mutual fund, or the State of New Jersey Cash Management Fund, or through the use of a national or State bank located within this State, or through a broker-dealer which, at the time of purchase or redemption, has been registered continuously for a period of at

least two years pursuant to section 9 of P.L. 1967 c.9 (C.49.3-56) and has at least \$25 million in capital stock (or equivalent capitalization if not a corporation), surplus reserves for contingencies and undivided profits, or through a securities dealer who makes primary markets in U.S. Government securities and reports daily to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York its position in and borrowing on such U.S. Government securities.

VI. SAFEKEEPING CUSTODY PAYMENT AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT OF PLAN

To the extent that any Deposit or Permitted Investment involves a document or security which is not physically held by the Township of Cranford, then such instrument or security shall be covered by a custodial agreement--with an independent third party, which shall be a bank or financial institution in the State of New Jersey. Such institution shall provide for the designation of such investments in the name of the Township of Cranford to assure that there is no unauthorized use of the funds or the Permitted Investments or Deposits. Purchase of any Permitted Investments that involve securities shall be executed by a "delivery versus payment" method to insure that such Permitted Investments are either received by the Township of Cranford or by a third party custodian prior to or upon the release of the Township's funds.

To assure that all parties with whom the Township of Cranford deals either by way of Deposits or Permitted Investments are aware of the authority and the limits set forth in this Plan, all such parties shall be supplied with a copy of this Plan in writing and all such parties shall acknowledge the receipt of that Plan in writing, a copy of which shall be on file with the Designated Official(s).

VII. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

The Designated Official(s) referred to in Section III hereof shall submit to the governing body of the Township of Cranford a monthly written report of any Deposits or Permitted Investments made pursuant to this Plan, which shall include, at a minimum, the following information:

- A. The name of any institution holding funds of the Township of Cranford as a Deposit or a Permitted Investment.
- B. The amount of securities or Deposits purchased or sold during the immediately preceding month.
- C. The class or type of securities purchased or Deposits made.
- D. The book value of such Deposits or Permitted Investments.
- E. The earned income on such Deposits or Permitted Investments. To the extent that such amounts are actually earned at maturity, this report shall provide an accrual of such earnings during the immediately preceding month.
- F. The fees incurred to undertake such Deposits or Permitted Investments.
- G. The market value of all Deposits or Permitted Investments as of the end of the immediately preceding month.
- H. All other information which may be deemed reasonable from time to time by the governing body of the Township of Cranford.

VIII. TERM OF PLAN

Attached to this Plan is a resolution of the governing body of the Township of Cranford approving this Plan for such period of time. The Plan may be amended from time to time. To the extent that any amendment is adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, the Designated Official is directed to supply copies of the amendments to all of the parties who otherwise have received the copy of the originally approved Plan, which amendment shall be acknowledged in writing in the same manner as the original Plan was so acknowledged.

Resolution No. 2017-365:

WHEREAS, Local Public Contract 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;

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 following vendors have been awarded state contracts and/or authorized cooperative purchasing program agreements and the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford hereby authorizes the purchase of goods and/or services through the following vendors listed herewith, that in the aggregate may exceed \$40,000.00 for the calendar year 2017;

State Contracts

Dell	88796	89850	89967
ESI Equipment, Inc	80967	81377	
Foley	85846		
Gold Type Business Machines	81342	83904	81341
Grainger	79875		
Holophane	85579		
National Terminal	81396		
Rich Tree	80902		
Sanitation Truck Repair Co.	42105	89290	
Traffic Safety Services	85193		

Trius 88269 42108 85856 89249 85439
 WB Mason 88839

Cooperative Purchasing

National Fuel Oil, Inc. Somerset County CC0045
 Ford Motor Credit Cranford Co-Op 47 - CPCPS
 Beyer Ford Cranford Co-Op 47 - CPCPS
 Johnston Communications Union County UCCP 42-2017
 Demco Keystone Purchasing KPN-201209-06
 Weldon Union County UCCP-2-2016
 Atlantic Salt Union County UCCP 55-15

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford authorizes purchases from the aforementioned vendors that in the aggregate may exceed \$40,000.00 for the calendar year 2017.

Resolution No. 2017-366:

WHEREAS, Kevin & Kimberly Kraemer (the “Kraemers”) have asserted that the Township of Cranford is liable to them for damages caused to their home on or about March 2, 2017, by a Township-owned tree; **WHEREAS** issues of liability and the timeliness of the Kraemers’ claim remain unresolved; and **WHEREAS**, the Kraemers and the Township have agreed to resolve all issues arising out of the March 2, 2017 occurrence; and a settlement agreement has been reached; and **WHEREAS**, the Township Attorney has reviewed the provisions of the settlement agreements, which have been revised in order to satisfy all legal requirements of the Township of Cranford on favorable terms. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, Union County, State of New Jersey that the Township Attorney be and is hereby authorized to execute the settlement agreement for this matter with the Kraemers, and that upon execution the Township comply with all of the provisions contained therein, including payment to the Kraemers’ of \$375.

Resolution No. 2017-367:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford at a meeting held October 24, 2017 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 Township of Cranford Roundhouse, 364 North Avenue East, Cranford on November 29th at 9:00 AM.

<u>MAKE</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>SERIAL NO.</u>
Ford E45	2006	1FDXE45S86DB24015
Ford F350	1992	2FDKF38MXNCA69113
Dodge Ram	2001	2B5WB35Z51K538134
Kohler 35 kw generator -----		-----
AMG Dump	1984	052900592
Ford Backhoe	1990	A411567
Cat Loader	1973	81J5872
Honda	2010	1HGCP2F35AA162256
Ford	2005	1FTNE24W75HA01589

Resolution No. 2017-368:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, that the Township Clerk be and hereby is authorized to advertise for the receipt of bids for Intersection Improvements at North Union Avenue and Alden Street

Resolution No. 2017-369:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford on the 24th day of October 2017 that the following checks will be refunded by the Tax Collector to the lien holder according to statutory requirements:

Redemption of Certificate# 15-00021

Block 401 Lot 1 – 114 South Ave. W.	<u>Refund:</u> \$ 16,639.13
KCC Promised Lands, LLC	(7-01-55-000-010-029)
2560 Route 22 East #175	<u>Premium:</u> \$ 100.00
Scotch Plains, NJ 07076	(T-15-00-000-106-000)

Redemption of Certificate# 17-00011

Block 265 Lot 2 Qualifier C032A-	<u>Refund:</u> \$ 209.72
217 Prospect Ave. Apt. 3-2A	(7-01-55-000-010-029)
Trystone Capital Assets, LLC	<u>Premium:</u> \$ 400.00
P.O. Box 1030	(T-15-00-000-106-000)
Brick, NJ 08723	

Redemption of Certificate# 17-00013

Block 267 Lot 3 – 208 Orange Ave.
 US Bank Cust BV002 Trst/Crdts
 50 South 16th St. Suite 2050
 Philadelphia, PA. 19102-2513

Refund: \$ 12,893.73
 (7-01-55-000-010-029)
Premium: \$ 43,100.00
 (T-15-00-000-106-000)

Redemption of Certificate# 17-00015

Block 282 Lot 2 – 502 Casino Ave.
 TFS Cust/FIG Cap Inv NJ13, LLC
 P.O. Box 54472
 New Orleans, LA. 70154-4472

Refund: \$ 243.42
 (7-01-55-000-010-029)
Premium: \$ 1,400.00
 (T-15-00-000-106-000)

Redemption of Certificate# 17-00028

Block 473 Lot 10 – 25 South Ave. W.
 TFS Cust/FIG Cap Inv NJ13, LLC
 P.O. Box 54472
 New Orleans, LA. 70154-4472

Refund: \$ 17,857.29
 (7-01-55-000-010-029)
Premium: \$ 36,100.00
 (T-15-00-000-106-000)

Redemption of Certificate# 17-00036

Block 573 Lot 12.01 – 112 Bryant Ave.
 TFS Cust/FIG Cap Inv NJ13, LLC
 P.O. Box 54472
 New Orleans, LA. 70154-4472

Refund: \$ 4,672.13
 (7-01-55-000-010-029)
Premium: \$ 26,000.00
 (T-15-00-000-106-000)

Resolution No. 2017-369A:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SETTLEMENT OF THE 2017 TAX APPEAL, ENTITLED 10-12 COMMERCE, LLC V. CRANFORD TOWNSHIP, DOCKET NO.: 005011-2017, BLOCK 636, LOT 3, COMMONLY KNOWN AS 10-12 COMMERCE DRIVE.

WHEREAS, an appeal of the real property tax assessment for tax year 2017, Block 636, Lot 3 has been filed by the taxpayer, 10-12 Commerce, LLC; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Cranford desires to settle the tax appeal for the tax year 2017, and the proposed settlement agreement has been reviewed and recommended by the Township Special Tax Counsel and Tax Assessor; and

WHEREAS, settlement of said matter as more fully set forth below is in the best interests of the Township of Cranford;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford that the tax appeal settlement for the property and tax years herein are hereby authorized as follows:

1. Settlement of the 2017 tax appeal is hereby authorized as follows:
10-12 Commerce Drive
Block 636
Lot 3

Year 2017

	<u>Original</u> <u>Assessment</u>	<u>County</u> <u>Board Judgment</u>	<u>Requested Tax</u> <u>Court Judgment</u>
Land	\$ 2,422,200	N/A	\$ 1,959,100
Improvements	\$ 730,800		\$ 638,200
Total	\$ 3,153,000		\$ 2,597,300

2. The Township Special Tax Counsel and Tax Assessor are hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver such agreements, pleadings stipulations or other documentation as is reasonably necessary and/or appropriate to memorialize the settlement authorized herein.

Resolution No. 2017-370:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford on the 24th day of October 2017 that the Tax Collector has been authorized to refund tax and/or sewer overpayments:

SEWER OVERPAYMENT

Block 316 Lot 9 - Acct# 3755-0 – 12 Hamilton Ave.
 Roberts, David & Molly
 12 Hamilton Ave.
 Cranford, NJ 07016-2203

Refund: \$14.06
 (7-01-55-000-010-026)

Recorded vote:

Aye: Mayor Hannen, Deputy Mayor Giblin, Commissioners Dooley, Kalnins and O'Connor
 Nay: None
 Abstained: None
 Absent: None

RESOLUTIONS – By Roll Call Vote

On motion of Commissioner Dooley, seconded by Commissioner Kalnins and passed, the following resolution was adopted by **roll call vote**:

Resolution No. 2017-371:**APPROVE RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE BOND FOR TWIN OAKS DEVELOPMENT**

WHEREAS, the developer of Twin Oaks Development has posted Maintenance Bond No. SNN4003274 in the amount of \$72,885.30 for construction work and activity performed at the aforementioned property; and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer and Township Attorney are recommending the release of the Performance Guarantee for construction work and activity performed at the Twin Oaks Development, including Performance Bond No. SNO0000141 being held by the Township in the amount of \$191,850.37, and the balance of the cash portion of the Performance Guaranty being held by the Township in the amount of \$6,733.81.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that all work was performed to the satisfaction of the Township Engineer and release of the Performance Guarantee be and hereby is authorized.

Recorded vote:

Aye: Mayor Hannen, Deputy Mayor Giblin, Commissioners Dooley and Kalnins

Nay: Commissioner O'Connor

Abstained: None

Absent: None

On motion of Commissioner O'Connor, seconded by Commissioner Kalnins and passed, the following resolution was adopted by **roll call vote**:

Resolution No. 2017-372:

WHEREAS, the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act, N.J.S.A 40A:65-1, et. seq., permits, authorizes and encourages public bodies such as municipalities to enter into agreements with each other to contract for the provision of any service which the parties to such agreement are empowered to render under and within its own jurisdiction, whether administrative, educational, instructional or otherwise; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Cranford and the Township of Winfield desire to enter into such an agreement to provide Uniform Construction Code construction services and sub-code official services; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Cranford and the Township of Winfield have agreed certain terms and conditions wherein Cranford will provide Uniform Construction Code construction services to Winfield;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to sign a shared services agreement with the Township of Winfield for the above-mentioned services.

Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Dooley discussed Resolution No. 2017-372 and explained that while she supports shared services, she feels this particular service does not provide enough benefit to the community, and could detract from the public and client services.

Recorded vote:

Aye: Mayor Hannen, Commissioners Kalnins and O'Connor

Nay: Deputy Mayor Giblin, Commissioner Dooley

Abstained: None

Absent: None

PROFESSIONAL COMMENT**Township Attorney Cooper**

Announced that Hartz Mountain has requested that its request for a redevelopment designation at 750 Walnut Avenue be postponed until further notice.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

John Pritchard, 42-44 West Holly Street, spoke in support of the Police Department, Fire Department and the military. Feels residents should always remember those who served our country and those who were lost during war. Sang a song in support of the military, and urged the Township Committee to request that legislators reactivate Muhlenberg Hospital and other hospitals in the area due to their proximity to Ground Zero.

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

ANNOUNCEMENT

Mayor Hannen announced that tonight would be Township Clerk Rowley's last meeting as Cranford Township Clerk.

PROFESSIONAL COMMENTS

Township Clerk Tara Rowley

- Commended the Township employees that she has worked with over the years and stated that she will miss working with all of them. Thanked the Township Committee for their support and confidence in her. Also thanked the residents of Cranford and stated that it has been an honor to serve them;
- Reminded residents that November 7, 2017 is Election Day and that polls would be open from 6:00 AM to 8:00 PM. Provided contact information for those with questions or needing additional information.

Township Administrator Terence Wall

- Congratulated Township Clerk Rowley on her new journey and thanked her family for supporting her career. Feels her level of service to the Township of Cranford was exceptional and that she will be impossible to replace. Also thanked Township Clerk Rowley for her service to the town and wished her the best in her future endeavors.

Township Attorney Ryan Cooper

- Thanked Township Clerk Rowley for her professionalism. Congratulated her on her new journey and wished her well.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS/COMMENTS

Commissioner Mary O'Connor

- Thanked Brownie Girl Scout Troop No. 40687 for leading the flag salute;
- Congratulated Ryan Greco on his appointment as Chief of Police and stated that she looks forward to working with him. Discussed the Cranford Police Department and stated that Cranford has one of the highest-ranking departments in the State of New Jersey;
- Discussed the bulky waste program and informed residents that she has obtained additional information concerning this program which she has shared with the Township Committee. Stated that she is hopeful Cranford will be able to provide this service again to the residents;
- Announced that the Municipal Alliance of Union County would be holding a meeting to address the opioid epidemic and provided information for those interested in attending;
- Announced that Cranford schools would be participating in Red Ribbon Week and explained that this initiative was started to honor the life of a murdered DEA agent. Explained that the goal is to educate youth and encourage participation in drug prevention activities and provided statistics related to underage drinking and drug use;
- Discussed a post on the Township's website regarding Halloween candy. Also reminded residents that a new Township website was launched and provided the new web address;
- Congratulated the Cranford Community Connection for hosting the first Porchfest in Cranford;
- Announced that November 7, 2017 is Election Day and encouraged everyone to vote;
- Announced that Halloween is approaching and urged residents to drive carefully and to be alert for trick or treaters;
- Extended a heartfelt thank you to Township Clerk Rowley and stated that it has been a privilege to work with her. Also stated that she values her professionalism and friendship, and extended best wishes to her family.

Commissioner Andis Kalnins

- Congratulated Ryan Greco on his appointment as Chief of Police. Mentioned that the process was extensive and expressed his appreciation to all candidates who participated. Stated that he looks forward to working with Chief Greco and thanked him for his service;
- Discussed a new business that opened in Downtown Cranford. Extended his best wishes to the business owner and encouraged residents to show their support;
- Announced that the second annual Food Truck Festival would take place on November 4, 2017 to support Project Graduation and encouraged parents to support the event;
- Announced that the Chamber of Commerce would be hosting a murder mystery event and provided information for those interested in attending;
- Announced that the Jaycees and League of Women Voters would be sponsoring the candidate's debate on October 26, 2017. Feels it is a great opportunity to meet the candidates and encouraged residents to attend;
- Reminded residents that Election Day is November 7, 2017 and urged residents to exercise their right to vote;
- Extended his best wishes to Township Clerk Rowley. Stated that he has never seen anyone so dedicated to their job and to the community, and thanked her for everything she has done throughout the seventeen (17) years she has served Cranford. Also thanked her family for supporting her career.

Commissioner Ann Dooley

- Wished Township Clerk Rowley good luck in her next venture. Feels she is one of the best in her position and that her resignation is an unbelievable loss for the Township of Cranford. Stated that Ms. Rowley is a consummate professional, and thanked her family for understanding all of the sacrifices she has made;

- Announced that it is leaf season and discussed the protocols the Department of Public Works would like residents to follow. Also provided information regarding the leaf pickup schedule;
- Discussed the current schedule for the 2017 Paving Program;
- Provided an update concerning the status of Phase 2B of the Northeast Quadrant Storm Water Management Project and the impact of this project to the paving of Riverside Drive. Stated that she is hopeful the Township will have approval from the Department of Environmental Protection in the near future to move forward with Phase 2B. Assured residents on Riverside Drive that the Township Committee hears their issues and is doing what it can to have the roads in that area repaired as soon as possible;
- Discussed the Great Pumpkin Carve Out event, the Rubber Ducky Race and Porchfest that took place over the weekend. Stated that they were all a great success and thanked everyone involved;
- Congratulated Ryan Greco on his appointment as Chief of Police. Feels he will be an exceptional Chief with an exceptional command staff.

Deputy Mayor Patrick Giblin

- Congratulated Ryan Greco on his appointment as Chief of Police. Stated that Chief Greco has the full support of the Township Committee and that he looks forward to working with him to achieve what is best for Cranford;
- Discussed community events that took place in Cranford over the weekend and commended everyone involved;
- Announced that Track Friday would be held on the Friday after Thanksgiving and provided information for those interested in participating;
- Announced that the 10th Annual Scarecrow Stroll would be held this weekend and commended the DMC for its efforts;
- Announced that Halloween is in one week and urged everyone to be safe. Stated that the Cranford Police Department would be out in full force to monitor traffic and to keep the community safe. Urged residents to be cautious;
- Announced that the Jaycees and Cranford Recreation Department would be hosting the Halloween Parade and provided information for those interested in participating;
- Announced that the candidate's debate would be held on Thursday and feels there will be informative conversations on the issues impacting Cranford;
- Announced that Election Day is November 7, 2017 and that polls would be open from 6:00 AM to 8:00 PM;
- Extended his best wishes to Township Clerk Tara Rowley on her new journey. Stated that she is nothing but professional and thank her for making his two (2) years of service with the Township much easier.

Mayor Thomas H. Hannen, Jr.

- Congratulated Ryan Greco on his appointment as Chief of Police and stated that he is very proud of all of the candidates who participated in the search process;
- Announced that Veteran's Day is November 11, 2017 and thanked those who served and sacrificed for our country. Also encouraged everyone to extend their thanks a Veteran;
- Thanked Township Clerk Rowley for her service to Cranford and expressed his appreciation to her for everything she has done for Cranford and the Township Committee.

On motion of Commissioner Kalnins, seconded by Deputy Mayor Giblin and passed, the Township Committee adjourned at 9:12 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tara Rowley, RMC
Township Clerk

Date: October 24, 2017