

The Minutes of the **Official Meeting** of the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, County of Union, State of New Jersey on **October 25, 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 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 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 Father Andy Kruger of Trinity Episcopal Church, followed by the flag salute.

MINUTE APPROVAL

On motion of Commissioner Black, seconded by Deputy Mayor Jason Gareis and passed, the minutes of the Workshop Meeting of August 23, 2021, Workshop Meeting of April 26, 2022 and Official Meeting of June 14, 2022 were approved by indicated vote of the Township Committee:

Recorded vote:

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

Nay: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

PAYMENT OF BILLS

On motion of Commissioner O'Connor, seconded by Commissioner Andrews and passed, the Bill List dated October 25, 2022, totaling \$324,331.81 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

MAYORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Miller Prunty read the Proclamation:

Former Police Chief Harry W. Wilde Recognition – Outstanding accomplishment and dedication to the Township and residents of Cranford

WHEREAS, Harry Wilde, dedicated his career, time and talents to family, friends, his beloved Cranford community and the Cranford Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Harry Wilde, served in the United States Coast Guard from 1959-1963 and achieved the rank of Boatswain Mate. He served in Greenland and later commanded vessels patrolling the New York harbor; and

WHEREAS, Harry Wilde joined the Cranford Police Department in 1963 and moved quickly through the ranks, before being promoted to Chief in 1991; and

WHEREAS, Harry Wilde' commitment and history with the Cranford Police Department holds many accomplishments throughout his forty-year career, before retiring in 2003; and

WHEREAS, Harry Wilde served as an adjunct faculty member at Union College, served on the Union College Board of Governors, served as Executive Officer of the Union County Narcotics Strike Force and is a past recipient of the Martin Luther King Award; and

WHEREAS, Harry Wilde was directly responsible for developing the West Point Command and Leadership Program in 1993. To this day the academic award bears his name; and

WHEREAS, Harry Wilde was appointed by the NJ State Chiefs of Police Association to serve on the Attorney Generals task force on police reform and recognized by the NJ State Chiefs of Police Association as a resident expert in the field of Federal Tort Claims; and

WHEREAS, Chief Wilde' love for his family, the community and his country, has inspired his tremendous efforts as a leader to contribute to his lifelong dedication and service; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford

thank and commend Chief Harry Wilde for his dedication to our community for all his work as a true leader and wish him good health and happiness.

Mayor Miller Prunty invited members of Trinity Episcopal Church to the podium and read the Mayor's Proclamation:

150th Anniversary of Trinity Episcopal Church

WHEREAS, in 1872 a small group met in private homes in Cranford to worship "according to the customs and usages of the Protestant Episcopal Church. The group incorporated a religious society under the name The Rectors and Trustees of Trinity Mission Episcopal Church"; and

WHEREAS, in 1873, as the parish out-grew worshiping in members' homes, "the old public-school house" was rented to hold services, which were presided over by priests from neighboring parishes. In addition, funds were raised from members and via small denomination bonds, purchased by Cranford citizens, to begin construction of a church building at its present location on land donated by members. In 1875, the first service was celebrated in the new church building and Trinity called the Rev. E.M. Reilly as its first Rector; and

WHEREAS, Trinity has a strong tradition of service to others. During the Great Depression Trinity, led by Father Frank Sherlock, co-founded the Cranford Welfare Association which has become Cranford Family Care today. Since 1956 Trinity has been providing space for weekly Alcoholics Anonymous meetings. Today, Trinity's Outreach Ministry projects serve the local and international community, and

WHEREAS, Today, Trinity is dedicated to living out its mission 'to know Christ and make the Lord known with Joy, Faith, and Service' in all that we do; and

NOW, THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford congratulates Trinity Episcopal Church on the occasion of its 150th Anniversary and commends the many people who, through many generations, have built and sustained this loving and generous congregation in Cranford.

Father Andy Kruger of Trinity Episcopal Church thanked Mayor Miller Prunty for reading the proclamation and spoke briefly about the planning that went into Trinity Episcopal Church's 150th Anniversary celebration, noting that the celebration was delayed due to the pandemic. He also spoke about the support and commitment of the Township to its residents and serving in a church which is committed to its parishoners and the surrounding community.

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 stated that he was dissatisfied with the slow pace at which it takes for Township Committee meeting minutes to be approved and made available to the public. He read an excerpt from State law which referred to the promptness at which meeting minutes should be made available to the public and asked the Township Committee what the reason was for the delay. A discussion ensued in which Township Clerk Donahue spoke about the status of Minutes processing.

Greg Carey, 25 Locust Drive – Mr. Carey said that he was in attendance to petition the Township Committee for relief against the proliferation of 5G antennas throughout Cranford. He expressed concerns about the potential exposure of radio frequency output that could be harmful to residents. He made a formal request that the Township Code be amended to restrict 5G infrastructure, specifically to the effect of the prompt removal of all 5G antennas from residential spaces and/or spaces that children frequent within the Township.

Chrissa Stulpin, 356 Retford Avenue – Ms. Stulpin inquired about Resolution No. 2022-367 pertaining to the award of contract to Arterial LLC for the Special Improvement District (SID) Streetscape Improvement Plan. Mayor Miller Prunty responded.

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

ORDINANCES – Final Reading and Public Hearing

Ordinance No. 2022-20:

REMOVED FROM AGENDA

Ordinance No. 2022-21:

The Township Clerk read by title only Ordinance No. 2022-21 entitled "AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARIES AND WAGES OF CERTAIN OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD, NEW JERSEY FOR THE YEAR 2022"

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

Commissioner O'Connor

Prior to Roll Call, Commissioner O'Connor commented on Ordinance No. 2022-21 explaining that it realigned salaries of municipal employees and would make the Township more competitive with surrounding Municipalities.

Recorded vote:

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

Ordinance No. 2022-22:

The Township Clerk read by title only Ordinance No. 2022-22 entitled "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD, CHAPTER 6, TO CREATE ROBUST CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICIES IN THE AWARDED OF PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT AND CONTRACTING"

Said ordinance having been advertised and posted in accordance with law, Commissioner O' Connor opened the public hearing.

Jim Carvalho, 9 Orange Avenue – Referring to the ordinance consideration, Mr. Carvalho stated that "it's about time". He spoke about Commissioner O' Connor and Commissioner Black's initial discussion regarding this matter. Mr. Carvalho spoke about what he perceived to be inappropriate actions taken by Township Attorney Ryan Cooper. Discussion then ensued between Mr. Carvalho and Mr. Cooper on the meaning of the proposed ordinance and Mr. Cooper's actions. Mr. Carvalho stated that he found it distasteful that employees or contracted officials in this government would be actively involved in a disputed primary election between opposing candidates - their future, present or past bosses.

Hearing no further comments, Commissioner O' Connor closed the public hearing.

Commissioner O'Connor

Stated that Ordinance No. 2022-22 would bring the Township towards grassroots type of campaigning and elaborated. Commissioner O'Connor noted that it was a good ordinance and she would be voting for it.

Commissioner Andrews

Stated that Ordinance No. 2022-22 was part of this Township Committee's steady progress towards good governance and briefly elaborated. Referencing "pay to play" ordinance choices, Commissioner Andrews referred to the proposed ordinance as the "gold standard" approach and noted that the ordinance was something the Township Committee should be proud of.

On motion Commissioner O' Connor seconded by Commissioner Andrews and passed, said ordinance was adopted by indicated vote of the Township Committee:

Recorded vote:

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

Ordinance No. 2022-23:

The Township Clerk read by title only Ordinance No. 2022-23 entitled "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD TO EXPRESSLY PROHIBIT IN PUBLIC PLACES WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP THE SMOKING, VAPING, OR AEROSOLING OF TOBACCO, HEMP, CANNABIS AND MARIJUANA"

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

Recorded vote:

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

Nay: None
Abstained: None
Absent: None

RESOLUTIONS – By Consent Agenda

On motion of Commissioner Andrews, seconded by Deputy Mayor Gareis and passed, the following resolution was adopted by consent agenda:

Resolution No. 2022-367:

WHEREAS, the Township advertised for Request for Proposals for a Special Improvement District Streetscape Improvement Plan, through a fair and open process in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.

WHEREAS, on September 15, 2022, four (4) proposals were received for the Special Improvement District (SID) Streetscape Improvement Plan.

WHEREAS, **Arterial LLC**, 507 Bloomfield Avenue, 2nd Floor, Montclair, New Jersey, 07042 is the low qualifying bidder with a submitted proposal of \$47,500.00.

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-04-22-012-000-211; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, that the proposal for the Special Improvement District Streetscape Improvement Plan, be and is hereby awarded to **Arterial LLC**, as more particularly set forth in the Successful Bidder's bid proposal dated September 15, 2022 and hereby is, awarded the contract for the Special Improvement District (SID) Streetscape Improvement Plan; 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 **Arterial LLC**, 507 Bloomfield Avenue, 2nd Floor, Montclair, New Jersey, 07042, for the Special Improvement District Streetscape Improvement Plan, in the form approved by the Township Attorney.

Resolution No. 2022-368:

**APPROVE RELEASE OF CONTRACT RETAINAGE AND PERFORMANCE BOND FOR THE
ELM STREET AREA DRAINAGE PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the Contractor, P & A Construction, Inc., P.O. Box 28 Colonia, New Jersey, 07067 has submitted a Maintenance Bond No. 3964631 in the amount of \$1,379,466.52 to the Township in connection with aforementioned project; and

WHEREAS, the Township's Engineering Department has indicated that P & A Construction, Inc. has completed the project and has met all requirements for final payment and is recommending the return of the Performance Bond No. 3964631 in the amount of \$843,171.96 currently on file with the Township Clerk of the Township of Cranford; and

WHEREAS, the Township's Engineering Department recommends the release of contract retainage and final payment in the amount of **\$27,589.33** to P & A Construction, Inc., for the Elm Street Area Drainage Improvements Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford authorizes the release of the Performance Bond and release of contract retainage to P & A Construction, Inc., in connection with the Elm Street Area Drainage Improvements Project.

Resolution No. 2022-369:

WHEREAS, the Township of Cranford requires an expert to provide Engineering Services in connection with the Casino Brook Drainage Study; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Cranford advertised for a Request for Proposals (RFP's) for the Provision of Various 2022 Professional Services through a fair and open process in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution 2022-20, the Township of Cranford deemed that the background, experience, and qualifications of Mott MacDonald satisfied the criteria set forth in the RFP, and designated Mott MacDonald as a firm for providing the Township engineering services; and

WHEREAS, Mott MacDonald, 412 Mount Kemble Avenue, Suite G22, Morristown, New Jersey 07960 is familiar with the procedures that are necessary for said Study and shall perform the tasks as delineated in their August 2, 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. **Mott MacDonald**, 412 Mount Kemble Avenue, Suite G22, Morristown, New Jersey, 07960, be and hereby are awarded a contract to perform Engineering Services in connection with the aforementioned project at a fee not to exceed **\$38,000.00**; and
2. The Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute a contract

with Mott MacDonald, LLC 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-04-22-012-000-S20.

Resolution No. 2022-370:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER FOR ADDITIONAL IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE RENOVATION OF THE RECREATION CENTER AT 375 CENTENNIAL AVENUE

WHEREAS, Tri-Form Construction Inc., 119 Liberty Street, Metuchen, New Jersey, 08840, was previously awarded a construction contract for the Renovation of the Cranford Recreation Center at 375 Centennial Avenue with a total project price of \$1,253,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the project is currently on-going and it is understood that the Township of Cranford would like to expedite the Renovation of the Cranford Recreation Center at 375 Centennial Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the Township professionals have reviewed the requests and approved each, which outlines the estimated additional construction costs for said improvements to the Recreation Center in the amount of \$21,771.53; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that sufficient funds are available within the current and/or previously adopted budget for said purpose.

WHEREAS, the following summarizes the allocation of the \$21,771.53 Change Order:

- Utilize the available funding from Capital Bond Ordinance C-04-21-010-000-209

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, Union County, New Jersey that the above referenced Change Order for the Renovations of the Cranford Recreation Center at 375 Centennial Avenue is awarded to Tri-Form Construction, Inc., 119 Liberty Street, Metuchen, New Jersey, 08840 in the amount of \$21,771.53 (1.75% of the original contract amount of \$1,253,000.00).

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

Resolution No. 2022-371:

WHEREAS, the Township of Cranford (herein referred to as the “Township”) is the lead agency for the Cranford Police Cooperative Pricing System, System Identifier 47-CPCPS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.1, et seq.: and

WHEREAS, the Township advertised for bids for police and administrative vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the Township received sealed bids on October 12, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the bid of the lowest responsible bidder for the vehicles listed below was determined to be Gentilini Ford, 500 John S Penn Blvd, Woodbine, New Jersey 08270 (hereinafter referred to as the “Successful Bidder”) by submitting a bid proposal as follows:

PURCHASE

<u>VEHICLE TYPE</u>	<u>UNIT PRICE</u>
2023 Ford Utility Police Interceptor	\$32,323.00

TWO (2) YEAR LEASE WITH OPTION TO PURCHASE

<u>VEHICLE TYPE</u>	<u>TWO (2) YEAR LEASE UNIT PRICE</u>
2023 Ford Utility Police Interceptor	\$35,447.00

THREE (3) YEAR LEASE WITH OPTION TO PURCHASE

<u>VEHICLE TYPE</u>	<u>THREE (3) YEAR LEASE UNIT PRICE</u>
2023 Ford Utility Police Interceptor	\$37,765.000

WHEREAS, the Successful Bidder has agreed to provide the goods/services bid upon to registered members of the Cranford Police Cooperative Pricing System; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.1, et seq., requires that a Master Contract be entered into between the lead agency and the successful bidder;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford that the bid for the provision of police and administrative vehicles as listed above to the Township of Cranford and to registered members of the Cranford Police Cooperative Pricing System be and is hereby awarded to Gentilini Ford, 500 John S Penn Blvd, Woodbine, New Jersey 08270, as more particularly set forth in the Successful Bidder’s Bid proposal dated October 12, 2022, which bid proposal is on file in the Office of the Township Clerk; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Township Clerk be and are hereby authorized and directed to enter into a Master Contract agreement with the Successful Bidder in the form approved by the Township Attorney.

Resolution No. 2022-372:

WHEREAS, the Township of Cranford (herein referred to as the “Township”) is the lead agency for the Cranford Police Cooperative Pricing System, System Identifier 47-CPCPS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.1, et seq.: and

WHEREAS, the Township advertised for bids for police and administrative vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the Township received sealed bids on October 12, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the bid of the lowest responsible bidder for the vehicles listed below was determined to be Hertrich Fleet Services Inc., 1427 Bay Road, Milford, Delaware 19963 (hereinafter referred to as the “Successful Bidder”) by submitting a bid proposal as follows:

PURCHASE

<u>VEHICLE TYPE</u>	<u>UNIT PRICE</u>
2023 Dodge Durango	\$37,776.00
2023 Dodge Charger	\$34,723.00

WHEREAS, the Successful Bidder has agreed to provide the goods/services bid upon to registered members of the Cranford Police Cooperative Pricing System; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.1, et seq., requires that a Master Contract be entered into between the lead agency and the successful bidder;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford that the bid for the provision of police and administrative vehicles as listed above to the Township of Cranford and to registered members of the Cranford Police Cooperative Pricing System be and is hereby awarded to Hertrich Fleet Services, 1427 Bay Road, Milford, Delaware 19963, as more particularly set forth in the Successful Bidder’s Bid proposal dated October 12, 2022, which bid proposal is on file in the Office of the Township Clerk; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Township Clerk be and are hereby authorized and directed to enter into a Master Contract agreement with the Successful Bidder in the form approved by the Township Attorney.

Resolution No. 2022-373:

WHEREAS, the Township of Cranford (herein referred to as the “Township”) is the lead agency for the Cranford Police Cooperative Pricing System, System Identifier 47-CPCPS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.1, et seq.: and

WHEREAS, the Township advertised for bids for police and administrative vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the Township received sealed bids on October 12, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the bid of the lowest responsible bidder for the vehicles listed below was determined to be Koch 33 Ford, 3810 Hecktown Road, Easton, Pennsylvania, 18045 (hereinafter referred to as the “Successful Bidder”) by submitting a bid proposal as follows:

PURCHASE

PURCHASE OPTION

<u>VEHICLE TYPE</u>	<u>Total Payment</u>
2023 Ford Expedition	\$50,319.00

TWO (2) YEAR LEASE WITH OPTION TO PURCHASE

<u>VEHICLE TYPE</u>	<u>TWO (2) YEAR LEASE UNIT PRICE</u>
2023 Ford Expedition	\$52,641.96

THREE (3) YEAR LEASE WITH OPTION TO PURCHASE

<u>VEHICLE TYPE</u>	<u>3 YEAR LEASE UNIT PRICE</u>
2023 Ford Expedition	\$54,458.83

WHEREAS, the Successful Bidder has agreed to provide the goods/services bid upon to registered members of the Cranford Police Cooperative Pricing System; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.1, et seq., requires that a Master Contract be entered into between the lead agency and the successful bidder;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford that the bid for the provision of police and administrative vehicles as listed above to the Township of Cranford and to registered members of the Cranford Police Cooperative Pricing System be and is hereby awarded to Koch 33 Ford, 3810 Hecktown Road, Easton, Pennsylvania, 18045, as more particularly set forth in the Successful Bidder’s Bid proposal dated October 12, 2022, which bid proposal is on file in the Office of the Township Clerk; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Township Clerk be and are hereby authorized and directed to enter into a Master Contract agreement with the Successful Bidder in the form approved by the Township Attorney.

Resolution No. 2022-374:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, on this 25th day of October 2022, that the Mayor and Township Clerk, be and hereby are, authorized to execute an Employment Agreement between the Township of Cranford and Chief Financial Officer Lavona Patterson pertaining to the terms and conditions of this appointment.

Resolution No. 2022-375:

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY, DESIGNATING A \$9,700,000 BOND ANTICIPATION NOTE, DATED OCTOBER 21, 2022, PAYABLE JULY 20, 2023, AS A "QUALIFIED TAX-EXEMPT OBLIGATION" PURSUANT TO SECTION 265(b)(3) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986, AS AMENDED

WHEREAS, the Township of Cranford, in the County of Union, New Jersey (the "Township") intends to issue a \$9,700,000 Bond Anticipation Note, dated October 21, 2022, payable July 20, 2023 (the "Note"); and

WHEREAS, the Township desires to designate the Note as a "qualified tax-exempt obligation" pursuant to Section 265(b)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code");

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

SECTION 1. The Note is hereby designated as a "qualified tax-exempt obligation" for the purpose of Section 265(b)(3) of the Code.

SECTION 2. It is hereby determined and stated that (1) said Note is not a "private activity bond" as defined in the Code and (2) the Township and its subordinate entities, if any, do not reasonably anticipate issuing in excess of \$10 million of new money tax-exempt obligations (other than private activity bonds) during the calendar year 2022.

SECTION 3. It is further determined and stated that the Township has, as of the date hereof, issued the following tax-exempt obligations (other than the Note) during the calendar year 2022, viz:

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Dated - Due</u>
\$9,700,000 BAN	6/24/22 – 6/23/23

SECTION 4. The Township will, to the best of its ability, attempt to comply with respect to the limitations on issuance of tax-exempt obligations pursuant to Section 265(b)(3) of the Code; however, said Township does not covenant to do so, and hereby expressly states that a covenant is not made hereby.

SECTION 5. The issuing officers of the Township be and they hereby are authorized to deliver a certified copy of this resolution to the original purchaser of the Note and to further provide such original purchaser with a certificate of obligations issued during the calendar year 2022 dated as of the date of delivery of the Note.

SECTION 6. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Mayor Miller Prunty, Deputy Mayor Gareis, Commissioner Andrews, Commissioner Black and Commissioner O’Connor

Nays: None

Abstain: None
 Absent: None

Resolution No. 2022-376:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford that the Township Clerk be, and hereby is, authorized to advertise for bids for the purchase of vehicles, specifically:

1. 2022 Super Cab - 4 x 4 Pick Up
2. 2022 Regular Cab/Chassis - 4 x 4 DRW

Resolution No. 2022-377:

WHEREAS, the Township of Cranford’s Department of Engineering is in receipt of an application package from Pombal Builders, LLC, which is proposing to install utility connections at 95 James Avenue; and

WHEREAS, Pombal Builders, LLC has acknowledged the need to restore the roadway for the sections under moratorium and agrees to the penalty fees outlined in the Township Engineer’s letter, dated June 24, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford recognizes that James Avenue was recently paved as part of the 2021 ETG Pavement Restoration Program which was completed in August 2021 and is under moratorium until the end of August 2026;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Township of Cranford Municipal Code Chapter 367 Streets and Sidewalks, Article VIII Excavations and Openings, §367-44(D) Limitations on permit; opening streets less than five years old, “the Township Engineer, or his designee, shall be required to secure approval therefor from the governing body by resolution before any permit can be approved hereunder”; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee hereby grants the Township Engineer, or his/her designee, authority to approve the necessary permit(s) for the Applicant to effectuate this project; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee hereby approves lifting the moratorium placed on this section of roadway to enable the installation of proposed improvements.

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

1. Grants the Township Engineer, or his/her designee, authority to approve the necessary permit(s) for the Applicant stated herein at the location described above.
2. Approves lifting the moratorium placed on the roadway discussed above to allow the street openings on the applications listed herein.
3. The Applicant shall pay the penalty fees of \$2,250.00 as outlined in the Engineer’s letter dated June 24, 2022.
4. The Applicant shall restore and repave the roadway curb to curb along the property frontage.

Resolution No. 2022-378:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, at a meeting held on October 25, 2022, that the Township Committee hereby accepts, with regrets, the retirement of Edward R. Davenport, a Captain within the Cranford Police Department, effective November 1, 2022.

Resolution No. 2022-379:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CANCELLATION OF UNEXPENDED BALANCES IN THE GENERAL CAPITAL FUND

WHEREAS, there remains unexpended balances on certain General Capital Improvement appropriations of capital projects that have been completed; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to formally cancel said balances to credit the General Capital fund balance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, in the County of Union, that the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to cancel the unexpended balances from the records of the Township outlined as follows:

Ordinance Number	Improvement Authorization Description	Funded Balance
2012-19	Various Improvements	61,207.83
2012-21	Multi-Purpose	40,523.38
2012-37	Various Improvements (Hurricane Sandy)	8,949.09
2013-16	Multi-Purpose	201,554.43
2016-28	Acquisition Of Real Property	57,728.10
		<u>369,962.83</u>

Resolution No. 2022-380:

RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION

– N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-87

(PERTAINING TO THE NATIONAL OPIOIDS SETTLEMENT)

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-87 provides that the Director of the New Jersey Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, the Director may also approve the insertion of an appropriation for the equal amount;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford in the County of Union, New Jersey hereby requests the Director of the New Jersey Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2022 in the sum of \$7,190.00 which is now available from the Settlement Agreements, more commonly referenced as the “National Opioids Settlement,” between the three largest pharmaceutical distributors, Johnson & Johnson, McKesson, Cardinal Health and AmerisourceBergen, and the multiple States and Local Political Subdivisions affected by the opioid crisis, pursuant to the provision of the statute; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the like sum of \$7,190.00 is hereby appropriated under the caption “National Opioids Settlement”; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the above is a result of funds from the “National Opioids Settlement” agreement in the amount of \$7,190.00.

Resolution No. 2022-381:

WHEREAS, Father Charles Watters, who was an Air National Guard Chaplain during two tours of duty during the Vietnam War, also served at St. Michael Church in Cranford from 1964 through 1965; and

WHEREAS, during his second tour, Father Watters was killed on November 17, 1967 during a twelve (12)-day battle in the vicinity of Dak To, Vietnam; and

WHEREAS, unarmed and completely exposed, Father Watters rushed forward in the line of contact with complete disregard for his own safety to provide aid to wounded soldiers, to assist with evacuation efforts and to assist with Last Rites to the dying soldiers; and

WHEREAS, Father Watters was mortally wounded while giving aid to his comrades and awarded our nation's highest honor, the Congressional Medal of Honor, posthumously. Only a handful of chaplains have received this honor. Father Watters was buried at Arlington National Cemetery with full honors; and

WHEREAS, during Cranford Memorial Day Parades, the Cranford Knights of Columbus honored Father Charles Watters with a float depicting him ministering to a fellow soldier; and

WHEREAS, Father Charles Watters spent all of his life in Cranford, serving the people of his town, and then served his country and ultimately, gave his life; and

WHEREAS, as Father Watters served in Saint Michael Parish, it is fitting to memorialize him in the location near St. Michael Church; and

WHEREAS, Father Watters always put others needs before his own and was known for his willingness to help those in need and whose sacrifice and dedication to the community have been recognized by the Veterans of Foreign War (VFW), the Cranford 86, and Saint Michael Church; and

WHEREAS, Cranford residents Gracy Lyubarsky, Aashritha Jinaga, and Alexi Pryor of Girl Scout Troop No. 40222 focused their Silver Award Project on formally recognizing the Cranford 86 individuals with honorary street signs within the community, beginning with Father Charles Watters; and

WHEREAS, these Silver Award Candidates worked with the Cranford VFW, Saint Michael Church, the Cranford Historical Society, the Cranford 86 Project Committee, the Cranford Police Department and the Cranford Knights of Columbus to organize an effort to dedicate a Township Road to Father Watters; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, be and hereby authorizes, the dedication of street signs, and the honorary re-naming of Alden Street, from Miln Street to North Union Avenue, as “Father Charles Watters Plaza”.

Resolution No. 2022-382:

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford that Jen Electric, 631 Morris Avenue Springfield, New Jersey, 07081 be, and hereby is, awarded a contract for the repair and installation of a LED Crosswalk, at the intersection of Walnut Avenue and South Union Avenue, at a quoted price of \$28,559.48, under the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council, Contract No. 37.

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.

William Thilly, 22 Bloomingdale Avenue – Mr. Thilly discussed the Township's court-ordered obligation to build Affordable Housing units and referred to Affordable Housing as "a sweetheart deal" for developers. He further elaborated.

Mr. Thilly inquired about Resolution No. 2022-369 pertaining to Mott MacDonald and the Casino Brook Drainage Study. He further elaborated. Mr. Thilly inquired about Resolution No. 2022-375 pertaining to a \$9,700,000 BAN (Bond Anticipation Note), specifically the interest rate and the bond maturity. He further elaborated. Discussion ensued.

Rite LaBrutto, 104 Arlington Road – Ms. LaBrutto commented about the Township's utilization of studies with few "shovels in the ground". She spoke about a PILOT (Payment in Lieu of Taxes) and then requested clarification about a settlement. Discussion ensued. Ms. LaBrutto suggested that the Township focus on the Business Park. Commissioner Andrews spoke about the Township's progress with flood matters.

Erik Hastrup, 364 North Avenue East – Department of Public Works (DPW) Superintendent Erik Hastrup announced that leaf season had begun and informed residents that it would run until the end of the year. He also asked that residents coordinate leaf matters with their landscapers.

Jim Carvalho, 9 Orange Avenue – Mr. Carvalho stated that Superintendent of the DPW Erik Hastrup and the rest of the Department did great work. He then went on to express his dissatisfaction with the ruling party within the Township and listed a number of actions taken by the Governing Body that he took issue with including pool fees, Conservation Center fees, street closures, public documents and financial disclosure. Township Attorney Ryan Cooper responded.

Chrissa Stulpin, 356 Retford Avenue – Ms. Stulpin spoke about the 750 Walnut Avenue PILOT (Payment in lieu of taxes) program as well as bonding. Discussion ensued between Ms. Stulpin and Mayor Miller Prunty.

Greg Carey, 25 Locust Drive – Mr. Carey noted the concerns surrounding the flooding issues within the Township. He suggested that members of the public 1) be mindful of the totality of the environment that are not limited to flood concerns and 2) to take action.

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

PROFESSIONAL COMMENTS

Township Clerk Patricia Donahue

- Bid farewell to Captain Edward Davenport and wished him luck in his future endeavors;
- Announced that the General Election would be held in two (2) weeks and encouraged members of the public to contact the Clerk's Office with any questions about voting;
- Provided members of the Public with the website <https://unioncountyvotes.com/> and discussed the various ways that residents could cast their ballot, including early voting, vote by mail, and in-person voting;

Township Administrator Jamie Cryan

- Congratulated former Police Chief Harry Wilde and current Police Chief Ryan Greco on the celebration of the Cranford Police Departments 125th Anniversary;
- Discussed the 2022 Best Practices inventory;
- Congratulated Assistant Zoning Officer Ruth Nicholas for gaining her United States citizenship;
- Thanked Captain Edward Davenport for his service to the Township, including his work with the Police vehicle cooperative program.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS/COMMENTS

Commissioner Gina Black

- Extended her congratulations to the Cranford Police Department on their 125th Anniversary;
- Spoke about the legacy and career of former Police Chief Harry Wilde;
- Congratulated Captain Edward Davenport on his career and wished him luck in the future;
- Discussed vendors would be assisting the Township with “growing pains” matters such as Connolly & Hickey Historical Architects and Arterial LLC (the Special Improvement District (SID) Streetscape Improvement Plan and Street Scape);
- Discussed the upcoming General Election and urged members of the public to stay informed;
- Encouraged members of the public to vote both in the general election and in the Halloween contests;
- Stated that the Township would be seeking volunteers for various committees and boards;
- Wished everyone a “Happy Halloween”.

Commissioner Mary O’Connor

- Discussed the Cranford Police Departments 125th Anniversary celebration and stated that the residents of Cranford stand behind their Police;
- Congratulated the Cranford Police Departments 125th Anniversary Committee for a “well-done” job;
- Spoke about the character of former Chief of Police Harry Wilde;
- Expressed her gratitude for Captain Edward Davenport’s work and wished him the “best” in his future endeavors;
- Announced that the unveiling of the “little Free Library” would take place the following day at the gazebo across the street from the Municipal Building;
- Congratulated Assistant Zoning Officer Ruth Nicholas on her gaining citizenship;
- Discussed the Township’s 2022 Best Practices Inventory and congratulated Chief Financial Officer (CFO) Lavona Patterson, Department Heads and the Office of Administration;
- Reminded members of the public to get out and vote;
- Wished everyone a “Great Halloween”

Commissioner Brian Andrews

- Spoke about the Halloween events which had occurred during the Halloween season including “Dracula’s Blood Drive”;
- Discussed the “Cereal Killer Dominos” event held at the Cranford Fire House;
- Reported that business in the Downtown area had been slow in September but business had experienced a “boost” during October;
- Announced that the “Cranford Light-Up Ride” would take place the following evening and urged members of the public to come out and support the event; discussed upcoming events such as the “Autumn Sounds”, the “Candy Stroll”; “Ghostbusters Day” and the “Pumpkin Chunkin” and the Jaycees Halloween costume contest;
- Directed members of the public to <https://www.cranfordnj.org/halloween> for all of the Township events being held during the Halloween season;
- Congratulated the Cranford Police Department on a successful Truck Parade;
- Wished Captain Edward Davenport the “best” in his retirement.

Deputy Mayor Jason Gareis

- Congratulated Captain Edward Davenport on his retirement;
- Discussed the Cranford Police Departments 125th Anniversary Celebration and acknowledged the committee that organized the event which included Chief of Police Ryan Greco, Captain Edward Davenport, Lieutenant Matthew Nazzaro, Detective Sergeant Russell Luedecker, Sergeant Joseph Stulpin, Sergeant Steve D’Ambola, Detective James Knight, Patrolman Ali Muhammad, Patrolman Robert Chamra, Patrolman Ryan Drew and Auxiliary Sergeant John Guempel;
- Encouraged members of the public to look for the newly-installed brick walkway and bench;
- Spoke about Fire Prevention Month and announced that the Fire Department had completed twenty-three (23) Fire Prevention Week programs;
- Stated that he was looking forward to the following evenings Light-Up Bike Ride;
- Wished members of the public a “Happy Halloween”.

Mayor Kathleen Miller Prunty

- Discussed the 2022 Best Practices Inventory and recognized and thanked the Township's professional staff for their hard work;
- Spoke about Father Andy Kruger from Trinity Episcopal Church and noted that it was the second Cranford church to celebrate their 150th Anniversary (as St. Michaels recently celebrated their 150th anniversary);
- Congratulated the Cranford Police Department on their 125th Anniversary celebration;
- Discussed Former Chief Harry Wilde;
- Stated that it would be very hard to bid farewell to Police Captain Edward Davenport;
- Spoke about Cranford being the unofficial Halloween Capital of the World;
- Thanked various volunteer boards and organizations for contributing to the Township's character and spoke about the importance of working together as a team.

On motion of Commissioner O'Connor, seconded by Commissioner Black and passed, the Township Committee adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: October 25, 2022

Patricia Donahue, RMC
Township Clerk