

The Minutes of the **Conference Meeting** of the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, County of Union, State of New Jersey on **November 22, 2022** at 7:04 p.m. in Room 108.

THIS MEETING IS IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE "OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT" AS ADEQUATE NOTICE OF THIS MEETING HAS BEEN PROVIDED BY E-MAILING THE ANNUAL SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS TO THE WESTFIELD LEADER, THE UNION COUNTY LOCAL SOURCE, THE STAR LEDGER, AND TAP INTO CRANFORD, BY POSTING SUCH ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULE ON A BULLETIN BOARD IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING RESERVED FOR SUCH ANNOUNCEMENTS AND THE FILING OF SAID NOTICE WITH THE TOWNSHIP CLERK OF CRANFORD. FORMAL ACTION MAY BE TAKEN AT THIS MEETING.

Present: Mayor Kathleen Miller Prunty
Deputy Mayor Jason Gareis
Commissioner Brian Andrews
Commissioner Gina Black
Commissioner Mary O'Connor

Absent: None

Township Attorney Ryan Cooper and Township Clerk Patricia Donahue were present.

Public Comments

Mayor Miller Prunty opened the public comments portion of the meeting and asked if there were any questions or comments. Hearing no comments, Mayor Miller Prunty closed the public comments portion of the meeting.

Review Official Meeting Agenda

Township Clerk Patricia Donahue stated that 1) the two (2) EMEX resolutions pertaining to electricity supply and natural gas supply services (Resolution No. 2022-401 and Resolution No. 2022-402) had been distributed to the Commissioners earlier that day; 2) an updated Ordinance No. 2022-28 (pertaining to a Financial Agreement regarding the Redevelopment of Walnut Avenue and South Avenue) had been distributed to the Commissioners earlier that day; and 3) the Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual had been added to the back of Resolution No. 2022-410.

Minute Approval - Closed Session Minutes of April 11th and November 14, 2022

Commissioner Andrews made a motion to adopt the April 11th and November 14, 2022 Closed Session Minutes. Commissioner O'Connor seconded the motion. Mayor Miller Prunty, Deputy Mayor Gareis and Commissioners Andrews, Black and O'Connor voted to approve the Closed Session minutes of April 11th and November 14, 2022.

Public Comments

Mayor Miller Prunty opened the public comments portion of the meeting and asked if there were any questions or comments. Hearing no comments, Mayor Miller Prunty closed the public comments portion of the meeting.

On motion of Commissioner Black, seconded by Commissioner Andrews and passed, the Township Committee moved to conduct the Official Meeting at 7:09 p.m.

On motion of Commissioner O'Connor, seconded by Deputy Mayor Gareis and passed, the Township Committee moved to reconvene the Conference Meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Late Starter - Closed Session

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

Resolution No. 2022-98.24

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

Personnel

- Clerk's Office

Recorded Vote:

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

On motion of Commissioner Andrews, seconded by Deputy Mayor Gareis and passed, the Township Committee returned to open session at 7:13 p.m.

Chief Financial Officer (CFO) Lavona Patterson arrived to the Conference Meeting at 7:14 p.m.

Mayor Miller Prunty recommended that during the Official Meeting, Chief Financial Officer (CFO) Patterson address the members of the Township Committee and the members of the public about the proposed ordinances (Ordinance No. 2022-27 and Ordinance No. 2022-28). Discussion ensued including discussion about the proposed PILOT agreement with Hartz Mountain Industries for 750 Walnut Avenue (CFO Patterson), whether the proposed PILOTs were good for the Township (Commissioner Andrews) and the difficulty in comparing the proposed PILOT agreements to the Birchwood situation as the Birchwood development occurred during a unique circumstance (Commissioner O'Connor).

On motion of Commissioner Black, seconded by Commissioner O'Connor and passed, the Township Committee moved to conduct the Official Meeting at 7:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: November 22, 2022

Patricia Donahue
Township Clerk