

The Minutes of the **Official Meeting** of the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, County of Union, State of New Jersey on **November 23, 2021** at 8:02 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
Commissioner Jason Gareis
Commissioner Thomas H. Hannen, Jr.
Commissioner Mary O’Connor

ABSENT: Deputy Mayor Brian Andrews

INVOCATION AND FLAG SALUTE

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

MINUTE APPROVAL

On motion of Commissioner Hannen, seconded by Commissioner O’Connor and passed, the minutes of the Workshop Meeting of October 25, 2021, and the Conference Meeting of October 26, 2021 and the Official Meeting of October 26, 2021 were approved by indicated vote of the Township Committee:

Recorded vote:

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

PAYMENT OF BILLS

On motion of Commissioner O’Connor, seconded by Commissioner Hannen and passed, the Bill List dated November 23, 2021, totaling \$1,012,728.13 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, Commissioners Gareis, Hannen and O’Connor
Nay: None
Abstained: None
Absent: Deputy Mayor Andrews

MAYORAL REMARKS

Mayor Miller Prunty spoke about the Thanksgiving service that she attended along with Commissioners O’Connor and Hannen. She spoke about the Cranford community and the willingness of residents to help each other and thanked the Cranford Clergy Council.

MAYORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Miller Prunty stated that the Chamber of Commerce Tree Lighting ceremony would be held on Saturday instead of Friday due to the Cranford Cougars High School Football Team making it to the State regional championship at MetLife Stadium (which would take place on Friday.) She also stated that the Menorah would be lit on Wednesday, December 1st.

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 his attendance at a 2017 Workshop Meeting and noted the Meeting was not televised and elaborated that he would not make that mistake again (i.e., attend a non-televised or non-recorded Meeting.) Mr. Carvalho then elaborated about what he believed as dishonest and corrupt actions exhibited by the Township government officials and professionals after the specific 2017 Workshop Meeting, including actions pertaining to the Township’s Paving Program and Township Committee Minutes. He then spoke about the Township Committee’s approval of Conference Meeting Minutes which occurred earlier in the evening. He commented that Minutes from the Conference and Closed Session Minutes are not released to members of the Public and inquired how such Minutes’ contents were preserved and the procedures for Minutes’ release during legal proceedings including legal proceedings pertaining to Swan Cleaners.

Rita LaBrutto, 104 Arlington Road – Ms. LaBrutto requested wording in Ordinance No. 2021-18 regarding prohibition of commercial space into residential space in the 750 Walnut Avenue Redevelopment Plan. She asked about the traffic study that was conducted, cut-through traffic in surrounding neighborhoods and visitor parking spaces. Ms. LaBrutto inquired about rental credits. Discussion ensued.

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

POLICE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

RESOLUTION – By Roll Call Vote

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

Resolution No. 2021-397:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, at a meeting held November 23, 2021, that Christopher DiFabio be, and hereby is, advanced to the rank of Sergeant within the Cranford Police Department, effective November 24, 2021.

Recorded vote:

Aye: Mayor Miller Prunty, Commissioners Gareis, Hannen and O'Connor

Nay: None

Abstained: None

Absent: Deputy Mayor Andrews

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

Resolution No. 2021-398:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, at a meeting held November 23, 2021, that Antonio Bellomo be, and hereby is, appointed as a First Grade Patrol Officer within the Police Department, effective December 1, 2021.

Recorded vote:

Aye: Mayor Miller Prunty, Commissioners Gareis, Hannen and O'Connor

Nay: None

Abstained: None

Absent: Deputy Mayor Andrews

ORDINANCE – Final Reading and Public Hearing

Ordinance No. 2021-17:

The Township Clerk read by title only Ordinance No. 2021-17 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD, CHAPTER 255 LAND DEVELOPMENT, PERTAINING TO ELEVATION OF BUILDINGS IN THE FLOODPLAIN OVERLAY DISTRICT"

Said ordinance having been advertised and posted in accordance with law, Commissioner Hannen opened the public hearing. Before public comments were heard, Commissioner Hannen invited a representative from Topology NJ, LLC to provide a brief explanation about the streamlining process expected with the adoption of Ordinance No. 2021-17 pertaining to the elevation of homes. Senior Land Use Planner Graham Petto of Topology LLC gave a brief overview of Ordinance 2021-17. Commissioner Hannen thanked Mr. Petto and the Topology NJ, LLC individuals who worked on the ordinance in conjunction with the Township's Zoning Office.

Natalia Knapp – 504 Riverside Drive – Ms. Knapp asked for clarification on the comments made by Mr. Petto, specifically with regards to building height requirements. Discussion ensued.

Hearing no further comments, Commissioner Hannen closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Gareis thanked Topology and everyone else who had assisted with the elevation process work.

Township Clerk Patricia Donahue stated that Ordinance No. 2021-17 was introduced at the Township Committee's October 26th Official Meeting and amended at the Township Committee meeting of November 9th.

On motion of Commissioner Hannen, seconded by Commissioner Gareis, and passed, said ordinance was adopted by indicated vote of the Township Committee as amended:

Recorded vote:

Aye: Mayor Miller Prunty, Commissioners Gareis, Hannen and O’Connor

Nay: None

Abstained: None

Absent: Deputy Mayor Andrews

ORDINANCE –Introduction

Ordinance No. 2021-18:

The Township Clerk read by title only Ordinance No. 2021-18 entitled, “AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR A CONDEMNATION AREA IN NEED OF REDEVELOPMENT CONSISTING OF CERTAIN PROPERTIES LOCATED AT 750 WALNUT AVENUE (BLOCK 541, LOT 2, QUALIFIERS C01, C02, C03, C04, C05, C06 AND C07) IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LOCAL REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING LAW, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 ET SEQ.”

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

Recorded vote:

Aye: Mayor Miller Prunty, Commissioners Gareis, Hannen and O’Connor

Nay: None

Abstained: None

Absent: Deputy Mayor Andrews

Final Reading and Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 2021-18 to be held December 14, 2021 and the publication will take place in the Westfield Leader on December 2, 2021.

RESOLUTIONS – By Consent Agenda

On motion of Commissioner O’Connor, seconded by Commissioner Hannen and passed, the following resolutions were adopted by consent agenda:

Resolution No. 2021-399:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, at a meeting held on November 23, 2021, that the Township Committee hereby accepts, with regrets, the retirement of Craig Marino, a Lieutenant within the Cranford Police Department, effective December 31, 2021.

Resolution No. 2021-400:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford on the 23rd day of November, 2021 that the Tax Collector be and hereby is authorized to expunge the following 2021 real estate taxes for reasons noted:

100% Disabled Veteran-As of October 26, 2021

Block 589 Lot 3
Donnerstag, Daniel
53 Munsee Drive
Cranford, New Jersey 07016

Expunged: \$1,827.09

Resolution No. 2021-401:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford on the 23rd day of November, 2021 that the Tax Collector has been authorized to refund tax overpayments for the reason noted:

100% Disabled Veteran-Resident Tax Overpayment

Block 589 Lot 3
Donnerstag, Daniel
53 Munsee Drive
Cranford, N.J. 07016

Refund \$1,827.09
(1-01-55-000-010-025)

Resolution No. 2021-402:

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE 2021 DRIVE SOBER OR GET PULLED OVER YEAR-END HOLIDAY CRACKDOWN

WHEREAS, approximately one-third of all fatal traffic crashes in the United States involve drunk drivers; and

WHEREAS, impaired driving crashes cost the United States almost fifty billion dollars (\$50,000,000,000) a year; and

WHEREAS, twenty-nine per cent (29%) of motor vehicle fatalities nationwide in 2017 (the last year for which complete data is available) were alcohol-related; and

WHEREAS, an enforcement crackdown is planned to combat impaired driving; and

WHEREAS, the holiday season, in particular, is traditionally a time of social gatherings which include alcohol; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey, Division of Highway Traffic Safety, has asked law enforcement agencies throughout the State to participate in the *2021 Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Year-End Holiday Crackdown*; and

WHEREAS, the project will involve increased impaired driving enforcement from December 3, 2021 through January 1, 2022; and

WHEREAS, an increase in impaired driving enforcement and a reduction in impaired driving will save lives on our roadways;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Township of Cranford declares its support for the *2021 Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Year-End Holiday Crackdown* from December 3, 2021 through January 1, 2022 and pledges to increase awareness of the dangers of drinking and driving.

Resolution No. 2021-403:

WHEREAS, at its regularly scheduled meeting of November 22, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 8 Springfield Avenue, Conference Room 108, the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, Union County, New Jersey, held a discussion regarding the proposal for funding Community Development Fiscal Year 2022 - 2023 (Year 48) programs; and

WHEREAS, said meeting was advertised in compliance with the "Open Public Meetings Act"; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford agrees with the prioritization of proposed programs as presented; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford at a meeting held November 23, 2021, that the Mayor and Township Clerk be, and hereby are, authorized to sign the Community Development Block Grant applications for funding Fiscal Year 2022-2023 (Year 48) projects.

Resolution No. 2021-404:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER FOR ADDITIONAL IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE RENOVATION OF THE RECREATION CENTER AT 375 CENTENNIAL AVENUE, FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD, UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

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, DMR Architects has reviewed the requests and approved each, which outlines the estimated additional construction costs for said improvements to the Recreation Center in the amount of \$23,426.15;

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 \$23,426.15 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 Renovation 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 \$23,426.15 (1.87 per cent (%) of the original contract amount of \$1,253,000.00).

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 Council of the Township of Cranford, County of Union, State of New Jersey at a regular meeting of said Council held on November 23, 2021.

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 23rd day of November, 2021.

Certified to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Township Committee of Cranford at a meeting held on November 23, 2021.

Resolution No. 2021-405:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 FOR THE JAMES AVENUE DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD, UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 2020-281, the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford authorized and approved an award of contract to P & A Construction, Inc., 650 Leesville Avenue, Rahway, New Jersey, 07065 for a total project price of \$295,419.58; and

WHEREAS, certain necessary items of extra work were required to be undertaken throughout the course of the project due to unforeseen field conditions; and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer has reviewed and approved the construction item quantities and items of extra work as set forth in Change Order No. 1, a copy of which is attached to the original hereof; and

WHEREAS, Change Order No. 1 reflects an increase in the materials and work utilized in the amount of \$19,938.66 (a 6.75% increase); and

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, Union County, New Jersey that the above referenced Change Order No. 1 for the James Avenue Drainage Improvements Project is awarded to P & A Construction, Inc. with an amended contract amount of \$315,358.24.

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 November 23, 2021.

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 23rd day of November, 2021.

Resolution No. 2021-406:

RESOLUTION AWARDED A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR THE RETAININGWALL REPLACEMENT AT 18 CORNELL ROAD

WHEREAS, there is a retaining wall located within the Township of Cranford's Right of way which is in disrepair and is required to be replaced; and

WHEREAS, there were two (2) quotes received for the work being proposed with the low bidder for the project being A. Cossa Landscape Design LLC, 214 Columbia Avenue, Cranford, New Jersey, 07016, with a total amount of \$8,500.00; 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 A. Cossa Landscape Design LLC, 214 Columbia Ave, Cranford, New Jersey, 07016 for the retaining wall replacement in the amount of \$8,500.00 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 November 23, 2021.

Resolution No. 2021-407:

REMOVED FROM AGENDA

Resolution No. 2021-408:

RESOLUTION DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND DIRECTING THAT ORDINANCE NO. 2021-17 AMENDING CHAPTER 255 LAND DEVELOPMENT,

PERTAINING TO ELEVATION OF BUILDINGS IN THE FLOODPLAIN OVERLAY DISTRICT TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY

WHEREAS, on November 23, 2021, the Township Committee adopted an ordinance amending Chapter 255 Land Development pertaining to the elevation of buildings in the floodplain overlay district; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40:69A-181(b) provides that the governing body of a municipality may adopt a resolution declaring an emergency and providing for any duly-adopted ordinance to take effect less than twenty days after final passage; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee finds and declares that an emergency existing in light of the fact that immediate amendments to the ordinance will permit elevation of buildings located in the floodplain overlay district by-right without the need to seek variance relief to improve resiliency of vulnerable properties in the Township; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, in the County of Union, that pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:69A-181(b), Ordinance No. 2021-17 amending Chapter 255 Land Development, adopted on November 23, 2021, shall take effect immediately upon adoption of this resolution.

Resolution No. 2021-409:

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-58 provides for appropriation transfers during the last two (2) months of the year, when it has been determined it is necessary to expand for any of the purposes specified in the budget an amount in excess of the sum appropriated therefore and where it has been further determined that there is an excess in any appropriation over and above the amount deemed to be necessary to fulfill the purpose of such appropriation, the Governing Body may, by Resolution setting forth the facts, adopted by not less than two-thirds vote of the full membership thereof, transfer the amount of such excess to those appropriations deemed to be insufficient.

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 make transfers among the 2021 budget appropriations in accordance with the following schedule of transfers

Account	From	To
Bond Interest	1,000.00	
1-01-45-930-100-280		
Note Interest		1,000.00
1-01-45-935-100-280		
Clerk S&W	30,000.00	
1-01-20-120-100-100		
Zoning & Planning S&W	10,000.00	
1-01-21-190-000-100		
Construction Code Official S&W	20,000.00	
1-01-22-15-100-100		
Police S&W	60,000.00	
1-01-25-240-100-100		
Conservation S&W	15,000.00	
1-01-26-290-145-100		
Recreation S&W	5,000.00	
1-01-28-370-100-100		
Court S&W	5,000.00	
1-01-43-490-000-200		
Clerk O/E	10,000.00	
1-01-20-120-100-229		
Finance O/E	40,000.00	
1-01-20-130-100-214		
Assessor O/E	10,000.00	
1-01-20-150-100-214		
Hydrant	30,000.00	

1-01-25-265-130-237		
DPW O/E		250,000.00
1-01-26-290-100-214		
Youth S&W	5,000.00	
1-01-28-370-130-104		
Social Security	10,000.00	
1-01-36-472-100-285		
	251,000.00	251,000.00

Resolution No. 2021-410:

WHEREAS, at a meeting held May 24, 2016, the Township Committee adopted Ordinance No. 2016-06, which established ranges with minimum and maximum salaries and progressive salary steps for certain job titles within the Township of Cranford; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ordinance No. 2016-06, the Township Committee reserves the right and discretion to make salary adjustments at any time as it deems it to be in the public interest and in the interests of good management; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee is appreciative of the hard work of all of its Township employees and is desirous of retaining dependable and experienced employees; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee hereby approves the progression in steps and/or salary increases for the following employees in the following job titles:

Name	Title	Salary	Effective
John Cleary	Property Maint. Officer	\$21,866.73	Nov. 1, 2021
Christian Jessen	Plumbing Inspector	\$65,439.66	Nov. 1, 2021
Paul M. Kobliska	Electrical Inspector	\$98,418.67	June 1, 2021
Stephen G. Patterson	Fire Inspector	\$58,507.51	June 1, 2021
Richard Tunison	Bldg. Inspector	\$76,523.58	Nov. 1, 2021
Beth Ann Marotta	Dep. Court Administrator	\$54,441.98	Jan. 1, 2022
Alyssa Hay	Mun. Court Clerk	\$42,000.00	Nov. 1, 2021
Arthur S. Kennedy	Parking Attendant	\$41,453.23	Nov. 1, 2021
Janet L. Spricigo	Records Clerk	\$46,134.09	Nov. 1, 2021
William Babkowski	Maintenance/Rec. Dept.	\$46,359.93	Nov. 1, 2021
Laurent LaFontant	Lead Maintenance - Pool	\$39,892.06	Nov. 1, 2021
Kathy Lenahan	Land Use Administrator	\$78,419.70	Nov. 1, 2021
Ruth Nicholas	Zoning Officer Assistant	\$50,000.00	Nov. 1, 2021
Ed Davenport	TV35	\$45,000.00	Nov. 1, 2021
Hourly Employees			
Michelle Stavrou	DMC/Social Media Coord.	\$26.00	Nov. 1, 2021
Betty Andre	Admin. Asst.	\$22.00	Nov. 1, 2021
Joan Holler	Registrar/Admin Asst.	\$21.42	Nov. 1, 2021
Sagar Patel	REHS	\$36.72	Nov. 1, 2021
Jenny Neyra	Pool Registration	\$20.25	Nov. 1, 2021
Christine Hoffman	TV35	\$22.00	Nov. 1, 2021
Communication Officers			
Matthew Blanck	Dispatcher	\$47,982.82	Jan. 1, 2022
Michael Davis	Dispatcher	\$48,219.19	Jan. 1, 2022
Sandanna Jones	Dispatcher	\$49,082.83	Jan. 1, 2022

Robert Merrill	Dispatcher	\$49,082.83	Jan. 1, 2022
Liam Powell	Dispatcher	\$47,273.72	Jan. 1, 2022
Chapin Taggart	Dispatcher	\$44,538.87	Jan. 1, 2022
Stacy Thorn	Dispatcher	\$58,393.90	Jan. 1, 2022

Resolution No. 2021-411:**A RESOLUTION APPROVING SALARY STEP PROGRESSION****FOR EMPLOYEES PURSUANT TO THE TOWNSHIP'S SALARY ORDINANCE**

WHEREAS, at a meeting held May 24, 2016, the Township Committee adopted Ordinance No. 2016-06, which established ranges with minimum and maximum salaries and progressive salary steps for certain job titles within the Township of Cranford; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ordinance No. 2016-06, the Township Committee reserves the right and discretion to make salary adjustments at any time as it deems it to be in the public interest and in the interests of good management; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee is appreciative of the hard work of all of its Township employees and is desirous of retaining dependable and experienced employees; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee hereby approves the progression in steps and/or salary increases for the following employees in the following job titles:

Name	Title	Range #	Salary	Effective
Ryan Greco	Police Chief	1	\$180,047.09	Nov. 1, 2021
Lavona Patterson	Chief Financial Officer (CFO)	4	\$152,126.04	June 1, 2021
Stephen Robertazzi	Recreation & Parks Director	6	\$128,379.30	June 1, 2021
Erik Hastrup	Public Works Superintendent	6	\$116,150.00	Nov. 1, 2021
Patricia Donahue	Township Clerk	7	\$95,000.00	Jan. 1, 2022
Karyn Kinane	Tax Collector	10	\$72,381.00	Nov. 1, 2021
Jaimie Haynes	Financial Specialist	11	\$74,460.00	Nov. 1, 2021
Lori Powell	Court Administrator	11	\$78,227.68	June 1, 2021
Monika Koscovajencik	Registered Environmental Health Specialist	11	\$79,024.42	Nov. 1, 2021
Carol Cole	Executive Secretary	12	\$70,076.79	Nov. 1, 2021

Resolution No. 2021-412:**SUPERSEDING RESOLUTION NO. 2021-349 AUTHORIZING THE CONSTRUCTION SUBCODE OFFICIAL TO WAIVE BUILDING, ELECTRICAL, PLUMBING AND MECHANICAL PERMIT FEES FOR RESIDENTS AFFECTED BY STORM IDA FLOOD DAMAGE**

WHEREAS, Governor Philip D. Murphy declared a State of Emergency for the State of New Jersey with Executive Order No. 259 on September 1, 2021 in response to Storm Ida; and

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, at a meeting held on November 23, 2021, that the Construction Sub-code Official be and hereby is authorized to waive building, electrical, plumbing, fire, mechanical and zoning permit fees for residents and businesses and retail establishments affected by Storm Ida, retroactive to September 1, 2021; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said authorization to waive said fees shall be in effect for the period from September 1, 2021 through November 30, 2021.

Resolution No. 2021-413:

MOVED TO CALL VOTE (see below)

Resolution No. 2021-414:

MOVED TO CALL VOTE (see below)

Resolution No. 2021-415:**SUPERSEDING RESOLUTION NO. 2021-389- AUTHORIZING THE CLOSURE OF A PORTION OF NORTH UNION AVENUE AND THE UPPER PORTION OF MUNICIPAL LOT NO. 1 IN CONNECTION WITH THE HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING AND SANTA'S ARRIVAL**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford be and hereby authorizes the closure of a portion of North Union Avenue (from Alden Street to Springfield Avenue) and the upper portion of Municipal Lot No. 1 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Saturday, November 27, 2021, for the Holiday Tree Lighting and Santa’s arrival.

Recorded vote:

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

RESOLUTIONS – By Roll Call Vote

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

Resolution No. 2021-413:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford that the following individuals be and hereby are appointed as Call Department members of the Cranford Fire Department:

Allison Allmer
 Ian Spurr
 Chapin Taggart

Recorded vote:

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

RESOLUTIONS – By Roll Call Vote

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

Resolution No. 2021-414:

A RESOLUTION APPROVING SALARY STEP PROGRESSION FOR EMPLOYEES PURSUANT TO THE TOWNSHIP’S SALARY ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, at a meeting held May 24, 2016, the Township Committee adopted Ordinance No. 2016-06, which established ranges with minimum and maximum salaries and progressive salary steps for certain job titles within the Township of Cranford; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ordinance No. 2016-06, the Township Committee reserves the right and discretion to make salary adjustments at any time as it deems it to be in the public interest and in the interests of good management; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee is appreciative of the hard work of all of its Township employees and is desirous of retaining dependable and experienced employees; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee hereby approves the progression in steps and/or salary increases for the following employees in the following job titles:

Name	Title	Range #	Salary	Effective
Dan Czeh	Chief of Fire	2	\$171,865.80	June 1, 2021
Cathy Scotti	Executive Assistant	12	\$71,709.41	June 1, 2021

Recorded vote:

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

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 childhood memories in Kenilworth as well as Kenilworth Borough Attorney Frank Capece.

Rita LaBrutto, 104 Arlington Road – Ms. LaBrutto suggested the addition of Valley Road and Walnut Avenue to the redevelopment plan and spoke about the virtual presentation held on November 9th. Ms. LaBrutto also suggested adding a children’s playground at 750 Walnut Avenue instead of a basketball court. Discussion ensued.

Natalia Knapp, 504 Riverside Drive – Ms. Knapp asked about Ordinance No. 2021-17 as well as the guidelines that were created for residents who would like to elevate their homes in the future. She also asked if there have been any grant updates.

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

PROFESSIONAL COMMENTS

Township Clerk Patricia Donahue

- Congratulated Lieutenant Craig Marino on his retirement and wished him luck in the future.

Township Attorney Ryan Cooper

- Wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Township Administrator Jamie Cryan

- Wished Lieutenant Craig Marino a happy retirement and thanked him for his service to the Township;
- Welcomed Antonio Bellomo to the Cranford Police Department;
- Congratulated Sergeant Christopher DiFabio on his promotion;
- Spoke about the elevation ordinance (Ordinance No. 2021-17) and the Township’s efforts to streamline the home elevation process;
- Wished the residents and Township staff a Happy Thanksgiving;
- Thanked the Township Committee for their leadership.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS/COMMENTS

Commissioner Mary O’Connor

- Spoke about the tragic fire that claimed the life of Cranford resident, Grace Sinnott and extended her condolences to the Sinnott family;
- Thanked the Cranford Police Department, Fire Department, and EMS as well as emergency services from surrounding communities for their heroic actions;
- Congratulated Sergeant Christopher DiFabio on his advancement;
- Welcomed Antonio Bellomo to the Cranford Police Department;
- Thanked Lieutenant Craig Marino for his service to the Township and wished him a happy retirement;
- Spoke about Ordinance 2021-18 (pertaining to Redevelopment at 750 Walnut Avenue;)
- Wished the Cranford High School Football team good luck;
- Wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Commissioner Thomas H. Hannen, Jr.

- Thanked the Cranford Police Department, Fire Department, and EMS and spoke about the tragic events that claimed a resident’s life;
- Spoke about the concerns he had regarding Ordinance 2021- 18 (pertaining to Redevelopment at 750 Walnut Avenue;)
- Wished the Cranford High School Football team good luck;
- Wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Commissioner Jason Gareis

- Spoke about the fire that claimed the life of a Cranford resident and extended his condolences to the Sinnott family;
- Thanked the Cranford Police Department, Fire Department and EMS as well as the Fire Departments that arrived to help from surrounding communities;
- Spoke about the importance of fire safety;
- Congratulated Sergeant Christopher DiFabio and Officer Antonio Bellomo;
- Congratulated Lieutenant Craig Marino on his retirement;
- Welcomed the new Fire Department Call Members.

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Mayor Kathleen Miller Prunty

- Wished Lieutenant Craig Marino a happy retirement;
- Congratulated Sergeant Christopher DiFabio on his advancement;
- Welcomed Officer Antonio Bellomo;
- Welcomed the new Fire Department Call members;
- Wished everyone a happy and safe Thanksgiving.

On motion of Mayor Miller Prunty, seconded by Commissioner Hannen and passed, the Township Committee adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: November 23, 2021

Patricia Donahue, RMC
Township Clerk