

The Minutes of the **Official Meeting** of the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, County of Union, State of New Jersey on **December 13, 2022** at 7:47 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 Mary O’Connor

ABSENT: Commissioner Gina Black

INVOCATION AND FLAG SALUTE

The invocation was led by Deputy Mayor Jason Gareis, followed by the flag salute

MINUTE APPROVAL

On motion of Commissioner Andrews, seconded by Deputy Mayor Gareis and passed, the minutes of the Workshop Meetings of January 25, 2022 and October 24, 2022, Conference Meeting of November 22, 2022 and Official Meeting of August 9, 2022 were approved by indicated vote of the Township Committee:

Recorded vote:

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

Nay: None

Abstained: None

Absent: Commissioner Black

On motion of Commissioner Andrews, seconded by Deputy Mayor Gareis and passed, the minutes of the Workshop Meeting of November 21, 2022 were approved by indicated vote of the Township Committee:

Recorded vote:

Aye: Mayor Miller Prunty, Deputy Mayor Gareis and Commissioner Andrews

Nay: None

Abstained: Commissioner O’Connor

Absent: Commissioner Black

PAYMENT OF BILLS

On motion of Commissioner O’Connor, seconded by Commissioner Andrews and passed, the Bill List dated December 13, 2022, totaling \$6,303,857.40 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 and O’Connor

Nay: None

Abstained: None

Absent: Commissioner Black

MAYORAL REMARKS

Mayor Miller Prunty thanked Commissioner O’Connor for her service to the Township and presented her with a plaque for outstanding dedication to the residents of the Township throughout her tenure.

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 inquired about the proper protocol and timing for amending Agendas and Ordinances retroactively.

Don Smith, 21 Oneida Place – Mr. Smith stated that he wanted to speak about Ordinance No. 2022-27 (pertaining to the financial agreement for 750 Walnut Avenue Redevelopment). After a brief discussion, he stated he would return to the public comments podium during the public hearing for Ordinance No. 2022-27.

William Thilly, 22 Bloomingdale Avenue – Mr. Thilly inquired about Resolution No 2022-427 pertaining to a grant application for flood mitigation and drainage improvements.

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

ORDINANCES – Final Reading and Public Hearing

Ordinance No. 2022-26:

The Township Clerk read by title only Ordinance No. 2022-26 entitled “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ARTICLE I, PARKS AND RECREATION, CHAPTER 306, SECTION 1 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD TO ESTABLISH THE FEES FOR THE 375 CENTENNIAL AVENUE RECREATIONAL FACILITY”

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 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 and O’ Connor

Nay: None

Abstained: None

Absent: Commissioner Black

Ordinance No. 2022-27:

The Township Clerk read by title only Ordinance No. 2022-27 entitled “AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A FINANCIAL AGREEMENT FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE REDEVELOPMENT OF APPROXIMATELY 15 ACRES LOCATED AT 750 WALNUT AVENUE, BLOCK 541, LOT 2”

Said ordinance having been advertised and posted in accordance with law, Deputy Mayor Gareis opened the public hearing.

Don Smith, 21 Oneida Place – Mr. Smith inquired about the thirty (30) year Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) for the 750 Walnut Avenue Redevelopment area. Discussion ensued.

William Thilly, 22 Bloomingdale Avenue – Mr. Thilly discussed the thirty (30) year Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) Program for the 750 Walnut Avenue Redevelopment area and expressed concerns regarding tax exemptions for developers. He also spoke about the importance of resident input and transparency.

Hearing no further comments, Deputy Mayor Gareis closed the public hearing. On motion of Deputy Mayor Gareis 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 and Commissioners Andrews

Nay: Commissioner O’Connor

Abstained: None

Absent: Commissioner Black

Ordinance No. 2022-28:

The Township Clerk read by title only Ordinance No. 2022-28 entitled “AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A FINANCIAL AGREEMENT FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE REDEVELOPMENT OF WALNUT AVENUE AND SOUTH AVENUE”

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

William Thilly, 22 Bloomingdale Avenue – Referencing Ordinance No. 2022-28 and the authorization of a five (5) year tax exemption for Iron Ore Properties LLC, Mr. Thilly stated that he was against the Township “giving money away”. He then stated that he was permitted five (5) minutes at the public comments podium. A discussion ensued regarding meeting conduct. Mr. Thilly stated that he wanted his full time to remain at the podium and spoke about “protest”. Further discussion ensued.

Hearing no further comments, Commissioner Andrews closed the public hearing. On motion of Commissioner Andrews seconded by Deputy Mayor Gareis and passed, said ordinance was adopted by indicated vote of the Township Committee:

Recorded vote:

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

Nay: None

Abstained: None

Absent: Commissioner Black

*Township Clerk Patricia Donahue announced that there would be a change to Resolution No. 2022-432 pertaining to the 2023 Township Committee Meeting Schedule. She stated that, as requested by the Township Committee, an amendment would be made to remove Tuesday, June 13, 2023 from the calendar.

Ms. Donahue stated that during the Conference Meeting of December 13th, a resolution (Resolution No. 2022-439) was added to the consent agenda which she read aloud in full:

Resolution No 2022-439:

**AUTHORIZING A ONE-TIME EXTENSION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE SERVICE HOURS
ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2022**

WHEREAS, Chapter 143, Section 8 of the Township Code of the Township Cranford prohibits service of alcoholic beverages in any licensed premises before 12 p.m. on Sundays; and

WHEREAS, due to a seven (7) hour time difference, the 2022 FIFA World Cup Final will be played in the morning hours of Sunday, December 18, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Cranford recognizes the significance of this event for sports fans and wishes to accommodate same by permitting licensed on-premise retailers to open early for the sale, service and consumption of alcoholic beverages during the event;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford that New Jersey Alcoholic Beverage Control consumption licensees are hereby permitted to open for service to the public at 10 a.m. on Sunday, December 18, 2022.

RESOLUTIONS – By Consent Agenda

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

Resolution No. 2022-411:

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 and that said contract amount shall be charged to Account No. 2-01-25-266-145-280 and Account No. 3-01-25-266-145-280 (upon adoption of the 2023 Municipal Budget);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford that National Auto Fleet Group, 490 Auto Center Drive, Watsonville, California, 95076, be and hereby is, awarded a contract for the purchase of a 2023 Ford Super Duty F-350 4 WD (Wheel Drive) Pickup Truck at a total price of \$60,271.60, split into two (2) lease payments, via cooperative purchasing under Sourcewell Contract No. 091521-NAF.

Resolution No. 2022-412:

WHEREAS, Local Public Contract Law N.J.S.A. 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 and that said contract amount shall be charged to Account No. 2-01-22-195-100-290 and Account No.3-01-22-195-100-290 (upon adoption of the 2023 Municipal Budget); and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford that Ford Motor Credit, on behalf of Hertrich Fleet Services, 1427 Bay Road, Milford, Delaware 19963 be, and hereby is, awarded a contract for the purchase of a 2023 Ford Edge SE 4 Wheel Drive (WD) at a total price of \$38,113.76, under the State of New Jersey Contract No. 209-FLEET-01387 (T2007).

Resolution No. 2022-413:

WHEREAS, the Township of Cranford is purchasing a motorcycle to be used as part of the Police patrol fleet for the Township of Cranford’s Police Department; and

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

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

WHEREAS, H.D.P. Harley, L.L.C. dba Williams Harley-Davidson, 1100 US Highway 22 West, Lebanon, New Jersey, 08833 has submitted a proposal dated November 4, 2022 indicating they will provide a 2023 Police Extra Glide motorcycle for \$20,890.07; and

WHEREAS, H.D.P. Harley, L.L.C. dba Williams Harley-Davidson has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that Williams Harley-Davidson has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Township of Cranford in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit H.D.P. Harley, L.L.C. dba Williams Harley-Davidson from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract, and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified to the availability of funds which is on file in the office of the Township Clerk and that such purchase will be charged to T-15-00-000-141-000; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, authorizes the Purchasing Agent to enter into a contract with Williams Harley-Davidson as described herein; and,

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

Resolution No. 2022-414:

WHEREAS, there exists a need to engage experts to provide Animal Control services for the Township of Cranford; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Cranford advertised for a Solicitation of Bids for Animal Control services through a fair and open process in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq., and

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Agent of the Township of Cranford has deemed that **Animal Control Solutions, LLC**, 2 Marshall Drive, Flemington, New Jersey, 08822 is the lowest respondent who satisfies the criteria set forth in the specification.

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

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

1. **Animal Control Solutions, LLC**, 2 Marshall Drive, Flemington, New Jersey, 08822 shall be and hereby is awarded a contract for:
 - a. a two (2) year term beginning January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2024 to provide Animal Control services at a yearly cost of:
 - 2023 - \$54,000.00
 - 2024 - \$56,400.00
 - b. an option for two (2) one (1)-year extensions for 2025 at the yearly cost of \$58,140.00 and 2026 at the yearly cost of \$60,468.00.
 - c. Emergency Veterinary Services in the amount not to exceed \$4,000.00
2. This contract amount for the year 2023 shall be charged to Account No. 3-01-27-340-100-214, upon adoption of the 2023 budget; and for the year 2024 shall be charged to Account No. 4-01-27-340-100-214, upon adoption of the 2024; and

The Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute a contract with **Animal Control Solutions, LLC**; and this contract is awarded pursuant to the “fair and open” process (N.J.S.A.19:44A-20.5 et seq.).

Resolution No. 2022-415:

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1) (dd), the Township may, by resolution and without advertising for bids, purchase goods or services for the support, maintenance, and acquisition of proprietary computer hardware and software; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Cranford is in need of acquiring software and hardware from Spatial Data Logic LLC for Municipal Management Software; and

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Agent has determined and certified in writing that the value of the aggregate purchase may exceed \$44,000; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 Et Seq., Spatial Data Logic LLC has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that Spatial Data Logic LLC has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Township of Cranford in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit Spatial Data Logic LLC from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, authorizes the Purchasing Agent to enter into a non-fair and open contract with Spatial Data Logic LLC, 285 Davidson Avenue, Suite 302, Somerset, New Jersey, 08873, as described herein; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Business Disclosure Entity Certification will be placed on file

with this resolution.

Resolution No. 2022-416:

RESOLUTION AWARDING PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES (ENGINEERING, DESIGN, BIDDING AND CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION SERVICES) FOR THE FIREHOUSE ROOF REPLACEMENT PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Township of Cranford requires an expert to provide engineering services (Engineering, Design, Bidding and Construction Administration Services) in connection with the Firehouse Roof Replacement Project; and

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

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

WHEREAS, Colliers Engineering & Design DBA Maser Consulting is familiar with the procedures that are necessary for said improvements and shall perform the tasks as delineated in the November 29, 2022 correspondence; and

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

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

1. **Colliers Engineering & Design DBA Maser Consulting**, 400 Valley Road, Suite 304, Mount Arlington, New Jersey, 07856, be and hereby are awarded a contract to perform engineering services in connection with the aforementioned project at a fee not to exceed \$22,500.00; and
2. The Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute a contract with Colliers Engineering & Design; and
3. This contract is awarded pursuant to the “fair and open” process (N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5 et seq.).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said contract amount shall be charged to Account No. C-04-22-012-000-S20.

Resolution No. 2022-417:

RESOLUTION AWARDING PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES (ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION SERVICES) FOR THE 2022 VARIOUS DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Township of Cranford requires an expert to provide Engineering Services (Engineering and Construction Administration services) in connection with the 2022 Various Drainage Improvements Project; and

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

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

WHEREAS, Colliers Engineering & Design DBA Maser Consulting is familiar with the procedures that are necessary for said improvements and shall perform the tasks as delineated in the December 8, 2022 correspondence; and

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

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

1. **Colliers Engineering & Design DBA Maser Consulting**, 400 Valley Road, Suite 304, Mount Arlington, New Jersey 07856 be and hereby are awarded a contract to perform engineering services in connection with the aforementioned project at a fee not to exceed \$79,500.00; and
2. The Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute a contract with Colliers Engineering & Design DBA Maser Consulting; 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-S22.

Resolution No. 2022-418:

RESOLUTION AWARDING PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES (SURVEY AND DESIGN SERVICES) FOR THE NJDOT (NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION) FY2022 SPRUCE STREET IMPROVEMENTS AND CRANFORD TERRACE PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Township of Cranford requires an expert to provide engineering services (Survey and Design Services) in connection with the NJDOT (New Jersey Department of Transportation) FY2022 Spruce Street Improvements and Cranford Terrace Project; and

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

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

WHEREAS, Colliers Engineering & Design DBA Maser Consulting Inc. is familiar with the procedures that are necessary for said improvements and shall perform the tasks as delineated in the November 28, 2022 correspondence; and

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

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

1. **Colliers Engineering & Design DBA Maser Consulting Inc.**, 400 Valley Road, Suite 304, Mount Arlington, New Jersey 07856 be and hereby are awarded a contract to perform engineering services in connection with the aforementioned project at a fee not to exceed \$118,250.00; and
2. The Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute a contract with Colliers Engineering & Design; and
3. This contract is awarded pursuant to the “fair and open” process (N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5 et seq.).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said contract amount shall be charged to Account No C-04-22-012-000-S20.

Resolution No. 2022-419:

RESOLUTION AWARDING PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES (CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION) FOR THE KENSINGTON AVENUE AND EDGAR AVENUE DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT AND THE REHABILITATION OF DIKE – RIVERSIDE DRIVE PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Township of Cranford requires an expert to provide Engineering Services (Construction Administration Services) in connection with the Kensington Avenue and Edgar Avenue Drainage Improvements Project and the Rehabilitation of Dike - Riverside Drive Project; and

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

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

WHEREAS, Mott MacDonald is familiar with the procedures that are necessary for said improvements and shall perform the tasks as delineated in the October 25, 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 \$ 58,000.00; and
2. The Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute a contract with Mott MacDonald; 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 Numbers C-04-20-006-000-205 and C-04-21-010-000-204

Resolution No. 2022-420:

RESOLUTION AWARDING CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR THE 2022 VARIOUS DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

WHEREAS, on Wednesday, November 30, 2022, at 11:00 a.m., bids were opened in the presence of the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) and the Township Clerk; and

WHEREAS, there were thirteen (13) bids received with the lowest bidder for the project being Dumor Contracting, Inc., 1630 Vauxhall Road, Union, New Jersey, 07083 with a Base Bid Amount of \$646,342.50, an Alternate Bid 'A' Amount of \$50,460.00 and a Total Bid Amount of \$696,802.50; and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer and other appropriate Township Officials have reviewed the bids and recommend an award of contract for the Base Bid plus Alternate Bid "A" for this project to Dumor Contracting, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer reviewed the available funding for the improvements and has certified that sufficient funds are available within the current and/or previously adopted budget for said purpose by way of Account No.'s C-04-19-005-000-202 and C-04-22-012-000-203.

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

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, Union County, New Jersey that the above referenced construction project is awarded to Dumor Contracting, Inc., 1630 Vauxhall Road, Union, New Jersey, 07083 for a total Bid amount of \$696,802.50; 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 foregoing 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 December 13, 2022.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Township of Cranford in the County of Union and State of New Jersey this 13th day of December 2022.

Resolution No. 2022-421:

RESOLUTION AWARDING CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR THE KENSINGTON AVENUE AND EDGAR AVENUE DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

WHEREAS, Tuesday, October 25, 2022, at 12:00 pm, bids were opened in the presence of the Purchasing Agent and the Township Clerk; and

WHEREAS, there were ten (10) bids received with the lowest bidder for the project being Messercola Excavating Co. Inc., 549 East Third Street, Plainfield, New Jersey, 07060 with a Base Bid Amount of \$453,905.00; and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer and other appropriate Township Officials have reviewed the bids and recommend award of contract for base bid only for this project to Messercola Excavating Co. Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer reviewed the available funding for the improvements and has certified that sufficient funds are available within the current and/or previously adopted budget for said purpose by way of Account No. C-04-21-010-000-203; and

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

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, Union County, New Jersey that the above referenced construction project is awarded to Messercola Excavating Co. Inc. for a total Bid amount of \$453,905.00; 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 foregoing 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 December 13, 2022.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Township of Cranford in the County of Union and State of New Jersey this 13th day of December 2022.

Resolution No. 2022-422:

RESOLUTION AWARDING CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR THE REHABILITATION OF DIKE - RIVERSIDE DRIVE PROJECT

WHEREAS, on Tuesday, October 25, 2022, at 12:00 pm, bids were opened in the presence of the Purchasing Agent and the Township Clerk; and

WHEREAS, there were seven (7) bids received with the lowest bidder for the project being T. R. Weniger, Inc., 1900 New Brunswick Avenue, Piscataway, New Jersey, 08854 with a Base Bid Amount of \$79,200.00; and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer and other appropriate Township Officials have reviewed the bids and recommend award of contract for base bid only for this project to T. R. Weniger, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer reviewed the available funding for the improvements and has certified that sufficient funds are available within the current and/or previously adopted budget for said purpose by way of Account No. C-04-20-006-000-205; and

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

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, Union County, New Jersey that the above referenced construction project is awarded to T. R. Weniger, Inc. for a total Bid amount of \$79,200.00; 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 foregoing 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 December 13, 2022.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Township of Cranford in the County of Union and State of New Jersey this 13th day of December 2022.

Resolution No. 2022-423:

REMOVED FROM AGENDA

Resolution No. 2022-424:

WHEREAS, the Township of Cranford's Department of Engineering is in receipt of an application package from Elizabethtown Gas Company which is proposing to install an upgraded gas service connection at 312 Manor Avenue; and

WHEREAS, Elizabethtown Gas has acknowledged the need to restore the roadway for the sections under moratorium and agrees to the assessment charges outlined in Township of Cranford Municipal Code §367-44(E)2.; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford recognizes that Manor Avenue was recently paved as part of the 2019 Municipal Paving Program- Phase 3 which was completed in 2020;

WHEREAS, this section of roadway is currently under moratorium until the end August 2025;

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 acknowledges the need to upgrade the Elizabethtown Gas infrastructure; 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 these sections 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 \$765.60 as outlined in the Engineer's letter dated November 22, 2022.

Resolution No. 2022-425:

WHEREAS, the Township of Cranford's Department of Engineering is in receipt of an application package from Elizabethtown Gas Company which is proposing to install an upgraded gas service connection at 318 South Union Avenue; and

WHEREAS, Elizabethtown Gas has acknowledged the need to restore the roadway for the sections under moratorium and agrees to the assessment charges outlined in Township of Cranford Municipal Code §367-44(E)2.; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford recognizes that South Union Avenue was recently paved as part of the NJDOT FY2017 & 2018 South Union Avenue Improvements Project which was completed in 2020;

WHEREAS, this section of roadway is currently under moratorium until the end October 2025;

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 acknowledges the need to upgrade the Elizabethtown Gas infrastructure; 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 these sections 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 \$756.00 as outlined in the Engineer’s letter dated November 22, 2022.

Resolution No. 2022-426:
REMOVED FROM AGENDA

Resolution No. 2022-427:

WHEREAS, the Township of Cranford desires to apply for and obtain a grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (Department) for approximately \$1,875,000 to carry out a project to provide flood mitigation and drainage improvements to a fifty (50) acre area that includes South Avenue, Chestnut Avenue, High Street, South Union Avenue, Retford Avenue and Walnut Avenue in Cranford, New Jersey.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

- 1) that the Township of Cranford does hereby authorize the application for such a grant; and,
- 2) recognizes and accepts that the Department may offer a lesser or greater amount and therefore, upon receipt of the grant agreement from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, does further authorize the execution of any such grant agreement; and also, upon receipt of the fully executed agreement from the Department, does further authorize the expenditure of funds pursuant to the terms of the agreement between the Township of Cranford and the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the persons whose names, titles, and signatures appear below are authorized to sign the application, and that they or their successors in said titles are authorized to sign the agreement, and any other documents necessary in connection therewith:

(signature)	(signature)
(type or print name)	(type or print name)
(Township Administrator)	(Mayor)

Resolution No. 2022-428:

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION
– N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-87
(PERTAINING TO AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FIREFIGHTER GRANT)**

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 \$31,000.00 which is now available from the American Rescue Plan Firefighter Grant, from the American Rescue Plan State Fiscal Recovery Funds that the State of New Jersey received, pursuant to the provision of the statute; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the like sum of \$31,000.00 is hereby appropriated under the caption “American Rescue Plan Firefighter Grant”; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the above is a result of funds from the “American Rescue Plan Firefighter Grant” in the amount of \$31,000.00.

Resolution No. 2022-429:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford on the 13th day of December 2022 that the Tax Collector be and hereby is authorized to expunge the following 2022 real estate taxes for the reason noted:

100% Disabled Veteran-As of September 19, 2022

Block 445 Lot 27
James King
16 Connecticut Street
Cranford, N.J. 07016

Expunged: \$3,720.83

Resolution No. 2022-430:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford on the 13th day of December, 2022 that the Tax Collector has been authorized to refund tax and sewer overpayments for the reason noted:

Tax Duplicate Payment

Block 403 Lot 18
Lauren & Thomas Zamparelli
60 Burnside Ave
Cranford, N.J. 07016

Refund \$3,762.22
(2-01-55-000-010-025)

Sewer Overpayment

Block 317 Lot 6, Sewer #3810-0
Frank & Maria Muscaritolo
304 North Avenue East
Cranford, N.J. 07016

Refund \$44.32
(2-01-55-000-010-026)

Tax Overpayment- Exempt Vet

Block 445 Lot 27
James King
16 Connecticut Street
Cranford, N.J. 07016

Refund \$3,720.83
(2-01-55-000-010-025)

Refund Added/Omitted Appeal

Block 212 Lot 21
Edward & Rita Slattery
19 Herning Avenue
Cranford, N.J. 07016

Refund \$356.26
(2-01-55-000-010-025)

Resolution No. 2022-431:

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE 2022 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) a year; and

Whereas, twenty-one per cent (21 %) of motor vehicle fatalities nationwide in 2018 (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 *2022 Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Year End Holiday Crackdown*; and

Whereas, the project will involve increased impaired driving enforcement from December 2, 2022 through January 1, 2023; and

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

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Cranford declares its support for the *2022 Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Year End Holiday Crackdown* from December 2, 2022 through January 1, 2023 and pledges to increase awareness of the dangers of drinking and driving.

Resolution No. 2022-432:

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2023 TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following is the schedule of Township Committee Meetings for the Year 2023; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that formal action may be taken at Workshop or Official Meetings; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Workshop Meeting and Conference Meetings will be held in Room 108 and Official Meetings will be held in Room 107/Council Chambers; and

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

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that during Combined Workshop and Official Meeting dates, the Workshop Meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. and the Official Meeting will be held at 8:00 p.m.:

Reorganization Meeting	Thursday, January 5th	6:00 p.m.
Combined Workshop and Official	Tuesday, January 17th	7:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m.
Workshop Meeting Conference and Official	Monday, January 23rd Tuesday, January 24th	7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.
Workshop Meeting Conference and Official	Monday, February 6th Tuesday, February 7th	7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.
Budget Meeting	Saturday, February 11th	8:00 a.m.
Combined Workshop and Official	Tuesday, February 21st	7:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m.
Capital Budget Meeting	Thursday, February 23rd	7:00 p.m.
Workshop Meeting Conference and Official	Monday, March 6th Tuesday, March 7th	7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.
Workshop Meeting Conference and Official	Monday, March 20th Tuesday, March 21st	7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.
Workshop Meeting Conference and Official	Monday, April 3rd Tuesday, April 4th	7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.
Workshop Meeting Conference and Official	Monday, April 17th Tuesday, April 18th	7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.
Workshop Meeting Conference and Official	Monday, May 1st Tuesday, May 2nd	7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.
Workshop Meeting Conference and Official	Monday, May 15th Tuesday, May 16th	7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.
Combined Workshop And Official	Tuesday, May 30th	7:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m.
Combined Workshop and Official	Tuesday, June 20th	7:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m.
Workshop Meeting Conference and Official	Monday, July 10th Tuesday, July 11th	7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.
Workshop Meeting Conference and Official	Monday, August 7th Tuesday, August 8th	7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.
Combined Workshop and Official	Tuesday, September 5th	7:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m.
Workshop Meeting Conference and Official	Monday, September 18th Tuesday, September 19th	7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.
Combined Workshop and Official	Tuesday, October 10th	7:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m.

Workshop Meeting Conference and Official	Monday, October 23rd Tuesday, October 24th	7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.
Combined Workshop and Official	Monday, November 13th	7:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m.
Workshop Meeting Conference and Official	Monday, November 20th Tuesday, November 21st	7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.
Workshop Meeting Conference and Official	Monday, December 11th Tuesday, December 12th	7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.
Special Meeting	Monday, December 18th	7:00 p.m.

Resolution No. 2022-433:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford on this 13th day of December 2022, that the maximum carryover of five (5) 2022 vacation days for various Township employees be, and hereby are, authorized; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all 2022 vacation carry-over days must be used prior to June 1, 2023; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Administrator be and hereby is authorized to approve the extension of unused 2022 vacation days beyond the June 1st deadline for those employees unable to exhaust this leave due to extraordinary circumstances.

Resolution No. 2022-434:

WHEREAS, an application has been filed for a place-to-place transfer (reduction of premises) of Alcoholic Beverage Plenary Retail Consumption License No. 2003-33-004-009, issued to IOP Cranford Spirits LLC t/a Vine & Oak Tavern, for premises heretofore located at 100 and 104 South Avenue East, Cranford, New Jersey, 07016; and

WHEREAS, the submitted application form is complete in all respects, the transfer fees have been paid and the license has been properly renewed for the current license term.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford does hereby approve, effective December 13, 2022, the Place to Place Transfer (reduction of premises) the aforesaid Plenary Retail Consumption Licensed premises from its former location at 100 and 104 South Avenue East to its new location at 100 South Avenue East, Cranford, New Jersey, and does hereby direct the Township Clerk to endorse the license certificate as follows: This license, subject to all of its terms and conditions, is hereby transferred to premises located at 100 South Avenue East, Cranford, New Jersey; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the New Jersey Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control.

Resolution No. 2022-435:

REMOVED FROM AGENDA

Resolution No. 2022-436:

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 2022 budget appropriations in accordance with the following schedule of transfers:

Account	From	To
Administration O/E		
2-01-20-100-100-200	25,000.00	
Finance: O/E		
2-01-20-130-100-200	20,000.00	
DPW: S+W		
2-01-26-290-100-100	25,000.00	
Social Security: O/E		
2-01-36-472-100-200	15,000.00	
Employee Group Insurance		
2-01-23-220-000-200		5,000.00
Police: S+W		
2-01-25-240-100-100		40,000.00
Fire: S+W		
2-01-25-265-100-100		40,000.00
	85,000.00	85,000.00

Resolution No. 2022-437:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford that Ryan Greco, Chief of Police in the Township of Cranford, be and hereby is appointed as Interim Township Administrator for the Township of Cranford, effective December 13, 2022; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Township Clerk be and hereby are authorized to execute an Employment Agreement between the Township of Cranford and Chief Ryan Greco pertaining to the terms and conditions of this appointment.

Resolution No. 2022-438:

**RESOLUTION SUPERSEDING RESOLUTION NO. 2022-218
AUTHORIZING THE CLOSURE OF A PORTION OF MUNICIPAL LOT NO. 7 FOR
THE DOWNTOWN MANAGEMENT CORPORATION (DMC) HORSE AND
CARRIAGE RIDES EVENTS ON DECEMBER 9TH AND DECEMBER 16, 2022**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford be, and hereby authorizes the closure of a portion of Municipal Lot No.7, specifically the 1) the nine (9)-hour permit parking spaces located in the northwest section of the Lot and 2) the lower portion of Municipal Lot No. 7, on December 9th and December 16, 2022 from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. (rain date on December 23, 2022) in conjunction with the following Downtown Management Corporation (DMC) special events and rain date as described below:

- December 9, 2022 – Horse and Carriage rides
- December 16, 2022 – Horse and Carriage rides
- December 23, 2022 – Horse and Carriage rides (rain date)

Resolution No 2022-439:

**AUTHORIZING A ONE-TIME EXTENSION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE SERVICE HOURS
ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2022**

WHEREAS, Chapter 143, Section 8 of the Township Code of the Township Cranford prohibits service of alcoholic beverages in any licensed premises before 12 p.m. on Sundays; and

WHEREAS, due to a seven (7) hour time difference, the 2022 FIFA World Cup Final will be played in the morning hours of Sunday, December 18, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Cranford recognizes the significance of this event for sports fans and wishes to accommodate same by permitting licensed on-premise retailers to open early for the sale, service and consumption of alcoholic beverages during the event;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford that New Jersey Alcoholic Beverage Control consumption licensees are hereby permitted to open for service to the public at 10 a.m. on Sunday, December 18, 2022.

Recorded vote:

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

Nay: None

Abstained: None

Absent: Commissioner Black

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

Don Smith, 21 Oneida Place – Mr. Smith inquired about Resolution No. 2023-437 pertaining to the appointment of Interim Township Administrator Ryan Greco. He also thanked Commissioner O'Connor for her years of service to the Township both in her role as a Commissioner and as a resident.

Jim Carvalho, 9 Orange Avenue – Mr. Carvalho spoke about the Township's lawless actions such as pool and conservation fee increases, filing of financial disclosure statements and the publication of public documents. He also spoke about his disappointment with the reappointment of Township Attorney Ryan Cooper. Mr. Carvalho spoke further about what he perceived as corrupt and coverup actions.

Superintendent of Public Works Erik Hastrup, 364 North Avenue East – Mr. Hastrup provided an update on leaf pickup and informed members of the public the Department had begun its final leaf pickup. He extended congratulations to Commissioner O'Connor.

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

PROFESSIONAL COMMENTS

Township Clerk Patricia Donahue

- Spoke about her appreciation to Commissioner O'Connor and wished her luck in the future.

Township Attorney Ryan Cooper

- Congratulated the Township and Township Committee on a very successful year;
- Extended "good luck" comments to Commissioner O'Connor;
- Wished a merry Christmas to his family and extended happy holiday sentiments to everyone's families.

Interim Township Administrator Ryan Greco

- Thanked Commissioner O'Connor for her dedication and service to the Township and wished her luck;
- Extended happy and healthy holiday wishes to employees, residents and visitors.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS/COMMENTS

Commissioner Mary O'Connor

- Stated that it had been an honor to serve Cranford for the past nine (9) years;
- Spoke about good governance;
- Thanked specific Department Heads and the Township employees for their contributions and assistance;
- Discussed her experience working with a number of different Township Committee members over the years; thanked Township Committee members for their camaraderie and service to the Township;
- Said that she was proud of the work that she had accomplished; spoke about her work building community and spoke about specific accomplishments and work including accomplishments with the Municipal Alliance, the Cranford Community Connection, police safety at key intersections and the "Light up the Night" events; noted that there were many ways to serve;
- Spoke about her belief in "Community First";
- Thanked the voters of Cranford; stated that she had been elected three (3) times to serve Cranford; spoke about the November 8th election results, including the strong showing for her candidacy on Election Day at in-person voting including winning twenty-six (26) of the thirty (30) voting districts;
- Wished everyone a happy Hannukah and merry Christmas; encouraged residents to help neighbors in need.

Commissioner Brian Andrews

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- Recognized and thanked Commissioner O'Connor for her service to the Township and elaborated;
- Spoke about the grant work of the Downtown Management Corporation and thanked Governor Phil Murphy who had recently announced that Cranford had been awarded a Transit Village Program Grant;
- Provided an update on various flood projects;
- Encouraged members of the public to "shop local";
- Wished everyone a merry Christmas and happy holiday season.

Deputy Mayor Jason Gareis

- Congratulated and thanked Commissioner O'Connor for her years of service to the Township; stated that he appreciated all of the help he received from Commissioner O'Connor during his first year on the Township Committee; said that he was happy that Commissioner O'Connor would continue serving on the Cannabis Legislative Working Group;
- Wished everyone a happy Hannukah and a merry Christmas.

Mayor Kathleen Miller Prunty

- Acknowledged the Township employees for their hard work and dedication;
- Recognized the work of Township volunteers;
- Wished everyone a happy holiday season.

On motion of Commissioner O'Connor, seconded by Commissioner Andrews and passed, the Township Committee adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: December 13, 2022

Patricia Donahue, RMC
Township Clerk