

The Minutes of the **Official Meeting** of the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, County of Union, State of New Jersey on **February 20, 2024** at 8:10 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 Brian Andrews
Deputy Mayor Terrence Curran
Commissioner Paul A. Gallo
Commissioner Kathleen Miller Prunty
Commissioner Gina Black

ABSENT: None

INVOCATION AND FLAG SALUTE

The invocation was led by Deputy Mayor Curran, followed by the flag salute.

MAYORAL REMARKS

Mayor Andrews thanked members of the public for their continued input. He elaborated about how the feedback received had led 1) to plans to amend Ordinance No. 2024-05 (pertaining to the rezoning of 102-104 & 106 South Avenue West), 2) to the evening’s adoption consideration of Ordinance No. 2024-01 (pertaining to the exclusion of trucks on Lexington Avenue) and Ordinance No. 2024-02 (pertaining to the prohibition of certain parking on Pacific Avenue near Roosevelt Park). Mayor Andrews thanked the many friends and supporters of Guy Borges, including Mr. Sands, for their interest in raising awareness about Mr. Borges. Mayor Andrews then discussed proposed Resolution No. 2024-134 regarding the adoption of revised Township Committee Bylaws.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Deputy Mayor Curran – Public Affairs

- Spoke about feedback received at the previous Official Meeting pertaining to a suggested recurring update about 750 Walnut Avenue and noted that he would try to provide a regular 750 Walnut Avenue update; provided an update on the dust problem at 750 Walnut Avenue; spoke about the berm at 750 Walnut Avenue and the removal of 151 (one hundred fifty-one) trees on the property that were not on the Plans (stated that he was very disappointed about this and elaborated); stated that work was still in progress regarding one (1) way traffic on Behnert Place;
- Spoke about the opening of the Cranford YMCA (formally the Cranford Indoor Pool & Fitness Center) and provided information about the Cranford YMCA’s facility and hours;
- Stated that the 375 Centennial Avenue Recreation Center (Center) would be launching a new website during the following week; noted that the Center was available to rent;
- Spoke about additional basketball courts available for use;
- Provided Memorial Park Committee, the Shade Tree Commission and the Environmental Commission updates.

Commissioner Miller Prunty – Engineering & Public Works

- Spoke about the previous week’s Flood Prevention and Mitigation Advisory Committee Meeting; thanked the Committee members for their service;
- Provided information about resolutions pertaining to pedestrian and bicycle safety, specifically proposed Resolution No. 2024-128 (pertaining to an award for engineering services for pedestrian improvements), proposed Resolution No. 2024-129 (pertaining to the Birch Street and Orange Avenue Pedestrian Improvements Project) and proposed Resolution No. 2024-136 (regarding the submission of a grant application to the Complete Streets Technical Assistance Program).

Commissioner Gallo – Public Safety

- Provided a reminder to download the Cranford Police Department Smartphone Application “App”;
- Stated that the Cranford Police Department was working with the Motor Vehicle Commission to bring a mobile unit to the Community Center parking lot and elaborated;
- Spoke about a recent stolen car incident; noted that the use of the Automatic License Plate Reader technology assisted the Police Department in arrests associated with this incident;
- Stated that the Cranford Fire Department would like to remind residents to make sure their Carbon Monoxide Detectors were functioning properly and briefly elaborated;

- Provided information about proposed Ordinance No. 2024-01 pertaining to truck traffic on Lexington Avenue and proposed Ordinance No. 2024-02 pertaining to parking on Pacific Avenue.

Commissioner Black – Finance

- Spoke about the 2024 Township Budget; referenced the recent day-long Township Committee Meeting which reviewed Departmental operating budgets and capital budget requests;
- Noted that the Township Budget was expected to be introduced and adopted at the Township Committee’s March 19th and April 23rd Official Meetings respectively.

PROFESSIONAL COMMENTS

Township Clerk Patricia Donahue

- Wished Battalion Chief Arthur Anderson a very good retirement;
- Noted that Martha Banks (Technical Assistant Supervisor) was fantastic to work with; wished her a “very good next chapter”.

Business Administrator/CFO Lavona Patterson

- Congratulated Battalion Chief Arthur Anderson on his retirement;
- Wished Martha Banks (Technical Assistant Supervisor) much success in her new journey.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

Greg Wofsy, 92 Belmont Avenue – stated that he was the owner of MWT Builders; thanked the Township Committee and Township professionals for their time and briefly elaborated. Mr. Wofsy stated that the Township Committee had the opportunity to do the right thing for the Town; spoke about the resignation of Martha Banks (Resolution No 2024-132) noting that this resignation would be a huge detriment to the community and elaborated; spoke about his concern that permits would not be issued; stated that the way the Building Department operated was second to none; implored the Township Committee to do the “right thing”; inquired if there was a plan in place.

William Thilly, Bloomingdale Avenue – spoke about his desire to make everyone’s dreams come true in Cranford; elaborated about 1) eliminating stress and worry, 2) making everyone happy and 3) regarding other Cranford residents as family.

Craig Sands, 6 Woodshole Road – thanked the Township Committee for the consideration to have him present at the Workshop Meeting; spoke about former Township resident Guy Borges’ (who had passed away in December 2023) legacy, personality, effect he had on others’ lives, professional achievements and contributions to the Township, including his tenure working at the Orange Avenue Pool Manager for approximately thirty (30) years; suggested a proposal pertaining to honoring Mr. Borges.

Vinny Klebaour, 440 Orchard Street – spoke about refereeing games with Guy Borges; stated that Mr. Borges was one of the best referees he ever worked with; stated that he was a wonderful man and a great friend.

John Dryer, 18 Doering Way – discussed attending Boys’ Camp with Guy Borges; spoke about his happy personality; stated that he was a good friend; spoke about the influence Mr. Borges had on him as well as his prowess on the basketball court.

Craig Sands, 6 Woodshole Road (continued) – read aloud a quote from national basketball commentator and analyst, Hubie Brown, regarding Guy Borges. Mr. Sands requested that the Township (Committee) recognize and honor Guy Borges by renaming the Orange Avenue Pool or the road leading to the pool with the Guy Borges name (through the adoption of a resolution).

Christine Esposito, 11 Behnert Place – expressed her appreciation to the Township Committee for their work; stated that she appreciated that 750 Walnut Avenue updates would now be a recurring matter at Township Committee Meetings. Ms. Esposito provided comments pertaining to Ordinance No 2024-01 (pertaining to the prohibition of trucks on Lexington Avenue); requested that similar ordinances be adopted for other streets in the 750 Walnut area such as (Mitchell, Mohawk, Colin Kelly and Behnert); spoke about the “unbearable” dust around the area of 750 Walnut Avenue and encouraged calls to the Soil Conservation Center regarding this matter; stated that she appreciated the Township’s proactive traffic improvements and elaborated (i.e., spoke about traffic mitigation on Behnert Place and suggested that the Township be more proactive not reactive as it pertained to high traffic areas).

Eileen Martines, 304 West End Place – identified herself as an avid gardener and “plant person”; spoke about the removal of trees (one hundred fifty-one (151) trees) at 750 Walnut Avenue and elaborated.

Pat Vogler, 710 Willow Street – elaborated about the destruction of trees at 750 Walnut Avenue; spoke about what the Township could do to avoid similar situations in the future.

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

Mayor Andrews and Commissioner Miller Prunty provided responses to the public comments.

MINUTE APPROVAL

On motion of Deputy Mayor Curran, seconded by Commissioner Gallo and passed, the minutes of the Workshop Meeting of February 5, 2024 and the Official Meeting of January 16, 2024 were approved by indicated vote of the Township Committee:

Recorded vote:

Aye: Mayor Andrews, Deputy Mayor Curran, Commissioners Gallo, Miller Prunty and Black

Nay: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

On motion of Deputy Mayor Curran, seconded by Commissioner Gallo and passed, the minutes of the Conference Meeting of February 6, 2024 were approved by indicated vote of the Township Committee:

Recorded vote:

Aye: Deputy Mayor Curran, Commissioners Gallo, Miller Prunty and Black

Nay: None

Abstained: Mayor Andrews

Absent: None

PAYMENT OF BILLS

On motion of Commissioner Black, seconded by Commissioner Miller Prunty and passed, the Bill List dated February 20, 2024, totaling \$318,881.45, 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 Andrews, Deputy Mayor Curran, Commissioners Gallo, Miller Prunty and Black

Nay: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

FIRE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

RESOLUTION – By Roll Call Vote

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

Resolution No. 2024-124

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford at a meeting held on February 20, 2024, that Douglas Kurt Petschow be, and hereby is, promoted to the rank of Battalion Chief within the Cranford Fire Department, effective March 1, 2024.

Recorded vote:

Aye: Mayor Andrews, Deputy Mayor Curran, Commissioners Gallo, Miller Prunty and Black

Nay: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

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

Resolution No. 2024-125

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford at a meeting held on February 20, 2024, that Wesley Ditzel III be, and hereby is, promoted to the rank of Lieutenant within the Cranford Fire Department, effective March 1, 2024.

Recorded vote:

Aye: Mayor Andrews, Deputy Mayor Curran, Commissioners Gallo, Miller Prunty and Black

Nay: None

Abstained: None
Absent: None

On motion of Commissioner Gallo, seconded by Commissioner Miller Prunty and passed, the following resolution was adopted by **roll call vote**:

Resolution No. 2024-126

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford at a meeting held on February 20, 2024, that Travis Literate be, and hereby is, appointed as a Probationary Firefighter within the Cranford Fire Department, effective March 1, 2024.

Recorded vote:

Aye: Mayor Andrews, Deputy Mayor Curran, Commissioners Gallo, Miller Prunty and Black
Nay: None
Abstained: None
Absent: None

ORDINANCES – Final Reading and Public Hearing

Ordinance No. 2024-01:

The Township Clerk read by title only Ordinance No. 2024-01 entitled “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD, CHAPTER 410, SECTION 65, SCHEDULE XII: TRUCKS OVER CERTAIN WEIGHTS EXCLUDED FOR THE ENTIRE LENGTH OF LEXINGTON AVENUE”

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

Recorded vote:

Aye: Mayor Andrews, Deputy Mayor Curran, Commissioners Gallo, Miller Prunty and Black
Nay: None
Abstained: None
Absent: None

Ordinance No. 2024-02:

The Township Clerk read by title only Ordinance No. 2024-02 entitled “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD, CHAPTER 410, SECTION 66, SCHEDULE XIII: PARKING PROHIBITED AT ALL TIMES”

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

Recorded vote:

Aye: Mayor Andrews, Deputy Mayor Curran, Commissioners Gallo, Miller Prunty and Black
Nay: None
Abstained: None
Absent: None

RESOLUTIONS – By Consent Agenda

On motion of Deputy Mayor Curran, seconded by Commissioner Gallo and passed, the following resolutions were adopted by **consent agenda**:

Resolution No. 2024-127:

APPROVE RELEASE OF CONTRACT RETAINAGE AND PERFORMANCE BOND FOR THE NJDOT (NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION) FY2022 (FISCAL YEAR 2022) SPRUCE STREET IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Contractor, DLS Contracting, Inc., 36 Montesano Road, Fairfield, New Jersey, 07004, has submitted Maintenance Bond No. 2342314MB, in the amount of \$313,381.82, to the Township in connection with the NJDOT (New Jersey Department of Transportation) FY2022 (Fiscal Year 2022) Spruce Street Improvements Project; and

WHEREAS, the Township’s Consulting Engineering Department has indicated that DLS Contracting, Inc. has completed the project and has met all requirements for final payment and is recommending the return of the Performance Bond No. 2467314 in the amount of \$422,701.04 currently on file with the Township Clerk of the Township of Cranford; and

WHEREAS, the Township’s Consulting Engineering Department recommends the release of contract retainage and final payment in the amount of \$8,368.56 to DLS Contracting, Inc. for the NJDOT (New Jersey Department of Transportation) FY2022 (Fiscal Year 2022) Spruce Street 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 DLS Contracting, Inc., in connection with the NJDOT (New Jersey Department of Transportation) FY2022 (Fiscal Year 2022) Spruce Street Improvements Project

Resolution No. 2024-128:

RESOLUTION AWARDING ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE VARIOUS PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Township of Cranford requires an expert to provide engineering services (traffic study design) in connection with the Various Pedestrian Improvements Project; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Cranford advertised for a Request for Proposals (RFP’s) for the provision of Various 2024 Professional 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 has deemed that the background, experience and qualifications of the respondent herein satisfy the criteria set forth in the RFP; and

WHEREAS, Colliers Engineering & Design, Inc. is familiar with the procedures that are necessary for said improvements and shall perform the tasks as delineated in the February 7, 2024 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, 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 **\$4,500.00**; and
2. The Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute a contract with Colliers Engineering & Design, Inc; 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-04-23-006-000-202.

Resolution No. 2024-129:

RESOLUTION AWARDING PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE BIRCH STREET AND ORANGE AVENUE PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Township of Cranford requires an expert to provide engineering services (survey and design) in connection with the Birch Street and Orange Avenue Pedestrian Improvements Project; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Cranford advertised for a Request for Proposals (RFP’s) for the provision of Various 2024 Professional 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, Inc. is familiar with the procedures that are necessary for said improvements and shall perform the tasks as delineated in the February 7, 2024 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 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 \$47,000.00; and
2. The Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute a contract with Colliers Engineering & Design Inc.; 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-04-23-006-000-202.

Resolution No. 2024-130:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford on the 20th day of February 2024 that the Tax Collector be, and hereby is authorized to refund sewer and tax overpayments for the reason noted:

Sewer Overpayment
Sewer Acct No.1297-0

Refund \$ 100.00
(4-01-55-000-010-050)

Kathryn La Grace
22 West End Place
Cranford, NJ 07016

Tax Overpayment

Block 484 Lot 2: 245 Walnut Avenue
Cranford Family Care
41 Myrtle Street
Cranford, NJ 07016

Refund \$ 50.00
(4-01-55-000-010-025)

100% Disabled Veteran-Resident Tax Overpayment

Block 317 Lot 17
Mr. William Hinkle
334 North Avenue East
Cranford, N.J. 07016

Refund \$1,971.77
(4-01-55-000-010-025)

Resolution No. 2024-131:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, at a meeting held on February 20, 2024, that the Township Committee hereby accepts, with regrets, the retirement of Arthur Anderson, a Battalion Chief within the Cranford Fire Department, effective March 1, 2024.

Resolution No. 2024-132:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, at a meeting held on February 20, 2024, that the resignation of Martha Banks, a Technical Assistant Supervisor within the Building Department, be and hereby is accepted, with regrets, effective February 23, 2024.

Resolution No. 2024-133:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, be and hereby, authorizes the closure of Eastman Street from North Avenue West to Miln Street on Sunday, March 17, 2024 from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. for this event:

- Chase the Rainbow (Irish Dancing)

Resolution No. 2024-134:

WHEREAS, at a meeting held on January 1, 2015, the Township Committee adopted Resolution No. 2015-07, promulgating municipal rules of procedure entitled “Bylaws of the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford”; and

WHEREAS, from time to time the Township Committee has discussed amending the Bylaws, particularly the Commissioner Reports (Article II, Section 2.3, Order of Business, Letter A), the change in Commissioner assignment from Commissioner of Public Affairs to Commissioner of Recreation and Parks (Article IV, Section 4.1, General Procedures, Commissioner Responsibilities, Letter B), the addition of a candidate endorsement section (Article IV, Section 4.1, General Procedures, Commissioner Responsibilities, Letter F) and typographical errors (Article I, Section 1.4, Adopted Rules, Letter B; Article II, Procedures, Section 2.3, Letters A. and B); and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that said Bylaws of the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford be, and hereby are amended, as set forth in the attached, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford effective this 20th day of February 2024.

Resolution No. 2024-135:

Removed from Agenda

Resolution No. 2024-136:

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE COMPLETE STREETS TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

WHEREAS, safe, convenient, accessible, equitable, healthy, and environmentally and economically beneficial transportation for all users is a priority of the Township of Cranford; and

WHEREAS, Complete Streets is a means to provide a comprehensive, integrated, connected multi-modal network of transportation options through planning, design, construction, maintenance, and operation of new and retrofit transportation facilities along the entire right-of-way for all roadway users of all ages and abilities; and

WHEREAS, Complete Streets can provide many benefits, including:

- Improved safety for pedestrians, bicyclists, children, older citizens, non-drivers and the mobility challenged as well as those that cannot afford a car or choose to live car free,
- Improved access to employment, education, residential, recreation, retail centers and public facilities,
- Local economic vitality,
- Access to the health benefits of physical activity,
- Improved stormwater management, and

- Reductions in greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, when streets are not complete, the negative impacts on public health, safety, equity, the economy and the environment are disproportionately borne by low-income and minority communities.

WHEREAS, through the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority's FY2024 *Complete Streets Technical Assistance Program*, Sustainable Jersey will coordinate and the Voorhees Transportation Center at Rutgers University will provide planning-level technical assistance services to municipalities for a specific project related to advancing a Complete Streets initiative in their communities; and

WHEREAS, although no direct funding is provided, selected municipalities will receive free direct technical assistance services to complete a specific task related to advancing a Complete Streets initiative in their communities.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Cranford authorizes the Township's Consulting Township Planner, Graham Petto, to submit an application to the *Complete Streets Technical Assistance Program* to receive free direct technical assistance services to complete a specific task related to advancing Complete Streets, and also commits pertinent municipal staff to coordinate and collaborate with Sustainable Jersey, Voorhees Transportation Center and the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority to support the successful and timely delivery of technical assistance services.

Recorded vote:

Aye: Mayor Andrews, Deputy Mayor Curran, Commissioners Gallo, Miller Prunty and Black

Nay: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Gina Black

- Spoke about matters on the evening's Official Meeting Agenda which were difficult to carry out and elaborated; wished (Technical Assistant Supervisor) Martha Banks much luck and success in her new opportunities;
- Extended well wishes to retiring Battalion Chief Arthur Anderson;
- Congratulated Douglas Petschow on his promotion to (Fire) Battalion Chief;
- Congratulated Wesley Ditzel on his promotion to (Fire) Lieutenant;
- Welcomed Travis Literate to the Cranford Fire Department;
- Noted that it was rewarding to hear members of the community honor Guy Borges; stated that she hoped the Township Committee would be able to honor Mr. Borges appropriately.

Commissioner Paul Gallo

- Spoke about recently-released redacted footage pertaining to the shooting incident involving Cranford Police Officer Ryan McSharry and Police Officer Christopher Folinusz which occurred in late December; noted the footage was difficult to watch; stated that he was proud and impressed with how the Police Officers handled themselves;
- Congratulated Douglas Petschow on his promotion to (Fire) Battalion Chief;
- Congratulated Wesley Ditzel on his promotion to (Fire) Lieutenant;
- Welcomed Travis Literate to the Fire Department;
- Extended well wishes to retiring Battalion Chief Arthur Anderson;
- Thanked residents who attended the evening's Township Committee meeting to speak about Guy Borges.

Commissioner Kathleen Miller Prunty

- Extended well wishes to (Technical Assistant Supervisor) Martha Banks in her new position;
- Recognized the importance of an efficient Building Department;
- Congratulated Battalion Chief Arthur Anderson on his retirement; thanked him for his service to the Township;
- Congratulated Douglas Petschow, Wesley Ditzel and Travis Literate on their advancements within the Cranford Fire Department;
- Thanked the Cranford High School Girls Basketball Team for the example they show to young girls; congratulated the Team on a great season.

Deputy Mayor Terrence Curran

- Thanked residents who attended the evening's Township Committee meeting to speak about Guy Borges; stated he looked forward to honoring Mr. Borges;
- Congratulated Douglas Petschow, Wesley Ditzel and Travis Literate of the Cranford Fire Department;
- Wished "good luck" to Martha Banks (Technical Assistant Supervisor); spoke about strengthening the Building Department;

- Announced that February was American Heart Month and elaborated about heart disease and its prevention.

Mayor Brian Andrews

- Spoke about recent and upcoming retirements within the Township;
- Recognized Battalion Chief Arthur Anderson and wished him well in his retirement; thanked Battalion Chief Arthur Anderson for his service;
- Thanked Martha Banks (Technical Assistant Supervisor) for her work in the Building Department;
- Congratulated Douglas Petschow, Wesley Ditzel and Travis Literate of the Cranford Fire Department;
- Spoke about the upcoming Cranford Fund for Education Excellence's (CFEE) Trivia Night and the work of CFEE.

On motion of Commissioner Miller Prunty, seconded by Commissioner Gallo and passed, the Township Committee adjourned and returned to the Workshop Meeting at 9:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Donahue
Township Clerk

Dated: February 20, 2024