The Minutes of the **Official Meeting** of the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, County of Union, State of New Jersey on **March 9, 2021** at 8:04 p.m. (via virtual teleconference.)

Due to the ongoing public health emergency, and the Governor's Executive Orders related to the same, the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford will conduct the March 9th Official Meeting remotely and by electronic means.

In accordance with N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 (the "Open Public Meetings Act") and consistent with the Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services guidelines, the Township Committee Meeting will be open to the public by electronic means. Residents can view the meetings on TV-35, YouTube CranfordTV35 and via livestream on TV-35's Facebook Page.

Members of the public who wish to participate in the virtual meeting for purposes of making a public comment or to participate in any scheduled public hearing can access the videoconference at https://meet.google.com/rkv-qdpj-nty, or by telephone at 213-634-2478, with the access code: 367524470#

Members of the public may submit written comments in advance of a meeting, which will be read during the public portion of the meeting. Written public comments submitted prior to the meeting must identify the name and address of the commenter. No anonymous comments will be accepted. Written comments may be submitted via e-mail with the subject line "Public Comment-Township of Cranford Township Committee- Meeting Date of March 9, 2021" to the Clerk of the Township Committee, Patricia Donahue at clerk@cranfordnj.org or by mail addressed to: Patricia Donahue, Municipal Clerk, Township of Cranford, 8 Springfield Avenue, Cranford, NJ 07016. E-mailed comments must be received at least eight (8) hours prior to the meeting. Mailed comments must be received by 12:00 p.m. the day before the meeting.

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

Deputy Mayor Brian Andrews Commissioner Jason Gareis

Commissioner Thomas H. Hannen, Jr. Commissioner Mary O'Connor

ABSENT: None

INVOCATION AND FLAG SALUTE

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

MINUTE APPROVAL

On motion of Commissioner Gareis, seconded by Commissioner Hannen and passed, the minutes of the Workshop and Official Meetings of February 23, 2021 which were approved by indicated vote of the Township Committee:

Recorded vote:

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

Nay: None Abstained: None Absent: None

MAYORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cranford-150th Anniversary Celebration

WHEREAS, the year 2021 marks the 150th anniversary of the incorporation of the Township of Cranford as a Township in Union County, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Cranford was incorporated as a Township by an act of the New Jersey Legislature on March 14, 1871; and

WHEREAS, this sesquicentennial anniversary offers an opportunity to commemorate and recognize Cranford as a vibrant and quaint community consisting of many areas reminiscent of the Victorian area; and

WHEREAS, residents have valued the Township's heritage through restoration and preservation of many historic sites and traditions, all keeping in character for current and future residents to enjoy; and

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WHEREAS, in the decades that followed its incorporation, Cranford has grown into a municipality with highly-regarded public safety agencies, a successful downtown area, numerous recreation opportunities for its residents, a strong sense of civic pride, various events and traditions, a municipal government which has fostered the measured development of its neighborhoods and business areas and dynamic education institutions which include public and private schools and the County's Community College;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, acknowledges and commemorates the 150th Anniversary of The Township of Cranford.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, in honor of the 150th Anniversary, a year of celebratory events will occur, beginning with the 1:30 p.m. kickoff ceremony on March 14th at the Municipal Building which will acknowledge and commemorate the 150th Anniversary of The Township of Cranford.

Patricia Pavlak, Chair of the 150th Anniversary Board, spoke about Cranford's 150th Anniversary Celebration.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

On motion of Commissioner O'Connor, seconded by Commissioner Gareis and passed, the Bill List dated March 9, 2021, totaling \$6,387,698.67 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 Andrews, Commissioners Gareis, *Hannen and O'Connor

Nay: None Abstained: None Absent: None

*Commissioner Hannen abstained from the approval of Invoice No. 20200216 for Fire Professional Development in the amount of \$750.00.

INFORMAL MEETING

Mayor Miller Prunty opened the informal meeting portion of the meeting and asked if there were any questions or comments. Mayor Miller Prunty asked Township Clerk Patricia Donahue if she had received public comments' correspondence. Township Clerk Patricia Donahue stated that no public comments' mail had arrived via the U.S. Post Service or via the Clerk's email box. Hearing no comments, Mayor Miller Prunty closed the informal meeting portion of the meeting.

RESOLUTIONS – By Consent Agenda

On motion of Commissioner Hannen, seconded by Commissioner O'Connor and passed, the following resolutions were adopted by <u>consent agenda</u>:

Resolution No. 2021-142:

RESOLUTION RENEWING THE AMENDMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD AND JDS ENTERTAINMENT LLC, DBA CRANFORD THEATER

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution 2020-218, the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford and JDS Entertainment LLC, dba Cranford Theater ("JDS Entertainment"), entered into a Use and Occupancy License Agreement for the use and occupancy of the municipal parking lot at the Orange Avenue Pool, 1025 Orange Avenue, Cranford, New Jersey as drive-in movie theater (the "Agreement"); WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution 2020-247, Resolution 2020-266, and Resolution 2020-362, the Township extended the Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Township and JDS Entertainment wish to renew the Agreement, as extended, to for the period April 26, 2021 through November 28, 2021;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford that JDS Entertainment LLC, dba Cranford Theater, be authorized to utilize the parking lot of Orange Avenue Pool, between Tuesday and Sunday each week, as a drive-in movie venue, beginning April 26, 2021 and to conclude no later than November 28, 2021, subject to JDS Entertainment's execution of a renewal agreement in a form acceptable to the Township Administrator and Township Attorney.

Resolution No. 2021-143:

AUTHORIZING THE TAX ASSESSOR AND THE TOWNSHIP'S TAX APPEAL ATTORNEY TO FILE APPEALS ON PROPERTIES DETERMINED TO FALL OUTSIDE OF THE COMMON LEVEL RANGE (NEW JERSEY CHAPTER 123, LAWS OF 1973)

WHEREAS, the Tax Assessor has reviewed the values of the following properties and is of the opinion that the following properties fall outside of the common level range (New Jersey Chapter 123, Laws of 1973), and thus that the assessed values of said properties should be addressed to ensure equity;

BLOCK-LOT PROPERTY

176-1	42-44 Holly St W

176-9	20 Holly St W
177-5.01	243 North Ave W
265-4	12-18 Riverside Dr
262-6	24 Springfield Ave

WHEREAS, a method exists in Tax Law for the Municipality to appeal the current assessment to seek an increase to its appropriate value;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the

Township of Cranford that the Tax Assessor, Bryan Flynn, and Township Tax Appeal Attorneys, Renaud DeAppolonio, LLC, 190 North Avenue East, Cranford, New Jersey 07016, are hereby authorized and directed to file such appeals and/or take such other actions as are appropriate to increase the assessed value of said properties to a value which the Tax Assessor deems reflective of the fair value of the properties until the matters are appropriately adjudicated.

Resolution No. 2021-144:

APPROVE RELEASE OF CONTRACT RETAINAGE AND PERFORMANCE BOND FOR THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (NJ DOT) FY 2017 AND FY 2018 SOUTH UNION AVENUE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Contractor, P & A Construction, Inc. of 650 Leesville Avenue, Rahway, New Jersey, 07065, has submitted a Maintenance Bond Number 2986696 in the amount of \$1,357,265.51 to the Township in connection with aforementioned project; and

WHEREAS, the Township's Engineering Department has indicated that P & A Construction, Inc. has completed the project and has met all requirements for final payment and is recommending the return of the Performance Bond No. 2986696 in the amount of \$1,132,955.17 currently on file with the Township Clerk of the Township of Cranford; and

WHEREAS, the Township's Engineering Department recommends the release of contract retainage in the amount of \$27,145.31 to P & A Construction, Inc., for the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJ DOT) FY 2017 and FY 2018 South Union Avenue Improvements Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford authorizes the release of the Performance Bond and release of contract retainage to P & A Construction, Inc, in connection with the NJ DOT FY2017 and 2018 South Union Avenue Improvements Project.

Resolution No. 2021-145:

WHEREAS, Iron Ore Properties, d/b/a DB Walnut Ave, LLC, received approval from the Zoning Board of Adjustment for preliminary and final site plan approval along with associated relief from the zoning ordinance as memorialized under resolution dated June 19, 2017 (ZBA-17-002). DB Walnut Ave, LLC, also received amended site plan approval to reconfigure the retail space on the first floor to include three (3) separate retail spaces from the same area where under the prior approval, one retail space was made part of the prior preliminary and final site plan approval, as memorialized under resolution dated June 23, 2019 (ZBA-19-006); and

WHEREAS, Ani Ramen House (Applicant), occupying one of the subdivided retail spaces created under approval number ZBA-19-006, submitted an application to the Building Department to mount a sign to the Board-approved overhang on the structure located at 109 Walnut Avenue which projects into the Township's Walnut Avenue Right-of-Way; and

WHEREAS, the Applicant resubmitted an application to the Zoning Officer for zoning approval related to the proposed signage for 'Ani Ramen House' which was "Approved with Conditions" by the Zoning Officer on February 16, 2021 (Zoning Permit No. Z-21-043); and

WHEREAS, the Applicant is proposing to mount signage consisting of 10 inches (") x 3 inches (") x 15 feet (') orange-painted box mounted to Board-approved overhang / soffit with 0.5-inch (") deep stud-mounted metal lettering reading 'Ani Ramen House', as well as 36 inches (") x 48 inches (") tall canvas-flag double side projecting / blade sign with black background and white imprint mounted by 2 inch (") square aluminum brackets installed to the building façade; and

WHEREAS, the Zoning Officer completed review of the application and granted a conditional approval as per §255-26 (Design Standards: Specific;) J (Signs;) (4) "Signs in all the D-C.....Zones; and (g) where it is stated that "all signs projecting to the right-of-way must receive approval from the Township Committee prior to installation;" and (i) Design Standards; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined by the Zoning Officer that the signage proposed by the Applicant is compliant with the Zoning Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Municipality to provide opportunities for small businesses to adequately promote their operations; and

WHEREAS, so long as the proposed sign which projects into the Walnut Avenue Right-of-Way is adequately mounted and maintained in compliance with the requirements and regulations of the Uniform Construction Code (UCC) and will not pose a danger to pedestrian or vehicular traffic.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford hereby grants approval to the Applicant and the Applicant's Contractor to install the proposed signage for 'Ani Ramen House' in accordance with the Zoning Ordinance and the Uniform Construction Code.

Resolution No. 2021-146:

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S (NJ DOT) BUREAU OF SAFETY, OFFICE OF BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN PROGRAMS CONDUCT A TRAFFIC STUDY FOR NORTH AVENUE BETWEEN CENTENNIAL AVENUE AND LINCOLN AVENUE (STATE HIGHWAY 28)

WHEREAS, it is a priority for the Township of Cranford to ensure that equitable access to safe, convenient, healthy, environmentally, and economically beneficial transportation options is available for all users. "All users" includes pedestrians, bicyclists, persons with disabilities, motorists, movers of commercial goods, and public transportation users; and

WHEREAS, Cranford is designated as a Transit Village through a Smart Growth partnership spearheaded by the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJ DOT) and NJ TRANSIT, recognizing Cranford's commitment to creating attractive, vibrant, pedestrian-friendly neighborhoods where people can live, shop, work and play without relying on automobiles; and

WHEREAS, Cranford was recognized as the Best Downtown in New Jersey for two consecutive years in 2018 and 2019 by nj.com, due in part to our vibrant, pedestrian-friendly downtown, commercial offerings, and numerous programs and events held in the downtown Special Improvement District; and WHEREAS, Cranford's downtown and business community have continued to exhibit dynamism, despite the impacts and challenges associated with COVID-19, with new business openings over the past twelve months and Township policies to open more outdoor spaces to pedestrians, commercial use, and recreation; and

WHEREAS, Cranford has made active transportation safety a priority, including conducting a downtown walk audit in 2016, receiving a North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority (NJTPA) grant to undertake a Complete Streets Technical Assistance Conceptualization Study for the Post Office Plaza in 2019, and completing a pedestrian and cyclist safety public survey in 2020; and

WHEREAS, North Avenue, also referred to as State Route 28 (NJ 28), is a major thoroughfare which, along with South Avenue and the NJ TRANSIT Raritan Valley Line, bisects Cranford's downtown, creating unique challenges related to safety, access, cross-town mobility, traffic flow, and walkability; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Cranford recognizes that improving safety for all users on and along North Avenue would support the goals of the Cranford Township Master Plan and supporting elements and the Downtown Cranford Strategic Plan; and

WHEREAS, properties along a portion of North Avenue have recently been designated as an Area in Need of Redevelopment which will create new residential units and bring new commercial offerings that may impact vehicular and pedestrian traffic; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey is federally designated as a Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Focus State due to high numbers of pedestrian/bicycle-involved fatalities, and New Jersey's pedestrian fatality rate continues to significantly exceed the national average.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford supports a study and concept design of North Avenue (NJ 28) between Lincoln Avenue (MP 21.67) and Centennial Avenue (MP 22.37). The study should evaluate pedestrian safety, compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), crossings, traffic calming, cyclist mobility and safety, signal operations, traffic flow and safety, and side street connections and operations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township of Cranford will seek support from the New Jersey Department of Transportation Bureau of Safety, Office of Bicycle and Pedestrian Programs, recognizing that NJ DOT has implemented a number of policies and programs over the years to make state routes safer for pedestrians and cyclists across the state of New Jersey.

Resolution No. 2021-147:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford on the 9th day of March, 2021 that the Tax Collector has been authorized to refund tax overpayments for the reason noted:

Duplicate Tax Payment

Block 578 Lot 21, 18 Colin Kelly Street Union County Savings Bank 320 North Broad Street Elizabeth, NJ 07207 Refund \$ 2,544.42 (1-01-55-000-010-025)

Resolution No. 2021-148:

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 following vendors have been awarded state contracts and/or authorized cooperative purchasing program agreements and the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford hereby authorizes the purchase of goods and/or services through the following vendors listed herewith, that in the aggregate may exceed the bid threshold for the calendar year 2021;

State Contracts		
Vendor	State Contract Numbers	
Motorola Solutions, Inc.		
c/o Wireless C & E	83909	
153 Cooper Road		
West Berlin, NJ 08091		
Storr Tractor Company, Inc.		
3191 Route 22	43038	
Branchburg, NJ 0886		

Cooperative Purchasing				
Vendor	Cooperative Purchasing Program	Contract #		
Jesco, Inc.				
1260 Centennial Avenue				
Piscataway, NJ 08854	ESCNJ	ESCNJ 18/19-25		
Storr Tractor Company, Inc.				
3191 Route 22				
Branchburg, NJ 0886	ESCNJ	ESCNJ 18/19-25		

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford authorizes purchases from the aforementioned vendors that in the aggregate may exceed the bid threshold for the calendar year 2021.

Resolution No. 2021-149:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford hereby authorizes application to the County of Union in connection with the Union County Infrastructure and Municipal Aid grant program for 2021; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to sign any and all documents necessary in connection with said applications.

Resolution No. 2021-150:

WHEREAS, an application has been filed by Milen Roussenov, 73 Winans Avenue, Cranford, New Jersey, for renewal of limousine/livery service vehicle licenses for Milen Roussenov; and

WHEREAS, the submitted vehicle license application form is complete in all respects, the fees have been paid, and a favorable recommendation has been provided by the Chief of Police; and

WHEREAS, the applicant has complied with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 48:16-13 et seq. with respect to proof of insurance.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford does hereby approve, effective January 1, 2021, the issuance of limousine/livery service vehicle licenses to Milen Roussenov for a license term ending December 31, 2021.

Resolution No. 2021-151:

RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE TOWNSHIP'S ROUND THREE (3) HOUSING ELEMENT AND FAIR SHARE PLAN

WHEREAS, on March 3, 2021, the Planning Board of the Township of Cranford, County of Union, State of New Jersey, adopted an amended Housing Element and Fair Share Plan ("Fair Share Plan"); and

WHEREAS, the amended Fair Share Plan addresses the Township's <u>Mount Laurel</u> obligations as delineated in the court-approved Amended Settlement Agreement between the Township and Fair Share Housing Center, executed on or around February 24, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Cranford remains committed to comply with its constitutional <u>Mount Laurel</u> obligations by voluntarily providing its "fair share" of affordable housing.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, County of Union, State of New Jersey, hereby endorses the Fair Share Plan as adopted by the Cranford Township Planning Board on March 3, 2021; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 52:27D-301 et. seq., hereby authorizes and directs its professionals to immediately file the adopted and endorsed Fair Share Plan and all other relevant documents with the Court; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford hereby authorizes and directs its professionals to take any and all actions reasonable and necessary to secure approval of the Township's Fair Share Plan, to maintain the Township's immunity from any Mount Laurel lawsuits, and to secure a Final Round Three (3) Judgment of Compliance and Repose; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, upon seeking approval of its Fair Share Plan, all known interested parties shall receive notice of the Township's actions and requests; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that notice of the Township's application for approval of its Fair Share Plan shall be published in a newspaper of regional circulation and the Township shall otherwise provide all the notice which the Court deems appropriate as it determines whether the Fair Share Plan satisfies the Township's Affordable Housing responsibilities under applicable laws and consistent with the Settlement Agreement between the Township and Fair Share Housing Center. Said notice shall give the public sufficient time to review the Township's Fair Share Plan and offer any comments that the individual or entity may deem appropriate.

Resolution No. 2021-152:

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A CANNABIS LEGISLATION WORKING GROUP

WHEREAS, on February 22, 2021, Governor Murphy signed into law P.L. 2021, c. 16, known as the "New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory, Enforcement Assistance, and Marketplace Modernization Act" (the "Act"), which legalizes the recreational use of marijuana by adults 21 years of age or older, and establishes a comprehensive regulatory and licensing scheme for commercial recreational (adult use) cannabis operations, use and possession; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee desires to create a Cannabis Legislation Working Group to study and report back to the Township Committee the Working Group consensus guidance on whether and how cannabis operations should be regulated in the Township of Cranford.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee hereby establishes the Cannabis Legislation Working Group as a 14-member committee comprised of a variety of community stakeholders: and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Cannabis Legislation Working Group shall consist of the following members:

- 1. Dr. Scott Rubin Superintendent of Schools
- Kurt Petschow President of the Board of Education
 Lt. Matthew Nazarro Cranford Police Department
 Jason Bottcher Zoning Officer

- 5. Sarah Oliver Zoning Board
- 6. Kate Rappa Planning Board
- 7. Dennis Concha DMC Member
- 8. Norman Albert, Esq. Municipal Prosecutor
- 9. Paula O'Hara Cranford Municipal Alliance
- 10. Charles Kellett, Esq. resident
- 11. Dr. Terry Curran resident
- 12. Rosanna Byrum resident
- 13. Jason Gareis Commissioner (Working Group Chair)
- 14. Mary O'Connor Commissioner

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Cannabis Legislation Working Group to study and report back to the Township Committee the Working Group's consensus guidance on whether and how cannabis operations should be regulated in the Township of Cranford.

Resolution No. 2021-153:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford that Campbell Freightliner, LLC be and hereby is awarded a contract for the purchase of a new Freightliner Rolloff Truck for the Department of Public Works at a contract price of \$117,262.12 as per Educational Services Commission of New Jersey Contract Number 17/18-30; and that Omaha Standard LLC (a.k.a. Palfinger American Rolloff) be and hereby is awarded a contract for the outfitting of the new Freightliner Rolloff truck for the Department of Public Works at a contract price of \$43,222.21 as per the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey Contract Number 17/18-30;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Chief Financial Officer reviewed the available funding for the purchase and the outfitting of the Rolloff Truck and has certified that sufficient funds are available by way of Bond Ordinances C-04-20-006-000-209 which is on file in the Office of the Township Clerk.

Resolution No. 2021-154:

WHEREAS, 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

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

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WHEREAS, the following vendors have been awarded state contracts and/or authorized cooperative purchasing program agreements and the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford hereby authorizes the purchase of goods and/or services through the following vendors listed herewith, that in the aggregate may exceed the bid threshold for the calendar year 2021;

Cooperative Purchasing			
Vendor	Cooperative Purchasing Program	Contract #	
Omaha Standard LLC			
572 Whitehead Road	ESCNJ	ESCNJ 17/18-30	
	Educational Services Commission of New		
Trenton, NJ 08619	Jersey		
Campbell Freightliner, LLC	ECSNJ		
1015 Cranbury South River Road	Educational Services Commission of New		
South Brunswick, NJ 08831	Jersey	ESCNJ 17/18-30	

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford authorizes purchases from the aforementioned vendors that in the aggregate may exceed the bid threshold for the calendar year 2021.

Recorded vote:

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

Nay: None Abstained: None Absent: None

RESOLUTION – By Roll Call Vote

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

Resolution No. 2021-155:

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

Samuel J. Scher Brian Burkhardt Daniel Gaul Francis J. Quigley

Recorded vote:

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

Nay: None

Abstained: Commissioner Hannen

Absent: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

Brian Lopez, 29 Wade Avenue, stated that he is still waiting for a call back from the Mayor in response to a phone call he had placed during the previous week. Questioned a remark Deputy Mayor Andrews made during the last Official Meeting regarding the nepotism ordinance. Mr. Lopez was warned for interrupting and talking over Mr. Andrews.

Township Attorney Cooper began to warn Mr. Lopez again to not talk over and interrupt. Mr. Lopez continued to interrupt and yell over Mr. Cooper. Township Attorney Cooper removed Mr. Lopez from the meeting for being disruptive and not following protocol for civil public comment.

Mayor Miller Prunty asked Township Clerk Patricia Donahue if she had received public comments' correspondence. Township Clerk Patricia Donahue stated that no public comments' mail had arrived via the U.S. Post Service or via the Clerk's email box. Hearing no further comments, Mayor Miller Prunty closed the public comment portion of the meeting.

PROFESSIONAL COMMENTS

Township Administrator Jamie Cryan

• Wished Cranford a Happy 150th Anniversary. Thanked everyone on the 150th Anniversary Celebration Committee;

• Announced that Governor Murphy signed legislation today dedicating March 9th as COVID-19 Heroes Day. Feels this is a nice tribute to all the first responders and essential workers.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS/COMMENTS

Commissioner Thomas H. Hannen, Jr.

- Wished Cranford a Happy 150th Birthday. Hopes to enjoy many celebrations as more people receive the COVID-19 vaccine;
- Wished everyone a Happy St. Patrick's month;
- Discussed the amendment to the new Cannabis law which will allow police officers to contact the parents of underaged children caught using cannabis or alcohol. Feels this is an important step in the right direction;
- Provided information for those encountering problems with scheduling a COVID-19 vaccine;
- Thanked everyone for tuning in tonight and wished everyone to be safe.

Commissioner Mary O'Connor

- Discussed the celebration for Cranford's 150th Anniversary that will be kicking off this Sunday. Stated that masks and social distancing will be required;
- Mentioned that a COVID-19 test site will be opening in Cranford for residents. Stated that the service will be free of charge. Provided information for residents;
- Read an Irish prayer;
- Wished everyone a Happy St. Patrick's Day.

Commissioner Jason Gareis

- Thanked Mayor Miller Prunty for appointing him as the chair to the Cannabis Legislation Working Group. Also thanked Commissioner O'Connor for serving on the board along with all the other members. Assured the residents that his goal is to make sure the committee reviews the marijuana legislation to find the best course for Cranford moving forward;
- Discussed a serious motor vehicle accident which occurred on the Garden State Parkway in February. Thanked all the Cranford Police Officers involved for their quick response which ultimately led to criminal charges.

Deputy Mayor Brian Andrews

- Discussed the COVID-19 lockdown and the effects it has had on the community;
- Announced various events the Cranford Community Connection will be hosting this month and provided information for those interested;
- Happy that the Drive-In Movie Theater agreement renewal was approved for this summer. Feels it is another example of how resilient Cranford's businesses have been;
- Discussed the Yoga in the Park event that will be taking place;
- Announced the St. Patrick's Day event and urged residents to participate;
- Mentioned the traffic study to take place on North Avenue.

Mayor Kathleen Miller Prunty

- Mentioned that the COVID-19 numbers are declining;
- Discussed the call center for COVID and the COVID testing center;
- Thanked all women for their contributions.

On motion of Commissioner Hannen, seconded by Commissioner Gareis and passed, the Township Committee adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

	Respectfully submitted,	
	Patricia Donahue, RMC	
Date: March 9, 2021	Township Clerk	