

The Minutes of the **Official Meeting** of the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, County of Union, State of New Jersey on **March 29, 2022** at 7:42 p.m. in Council Chambers.

This meeting is in compliance with the “Open Public Meetings Act” as Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided by e-mailing the annual schedule of meetings to THE WESTFIELD LEADER, THE UNION COUNTY LOCAL SOURCE, THE STAR LEDGER, AND TAP INTO CRANFORD, by posting such annual meeting schedule on a bulletin board in the Town Hall reserved for such announcements and the filing of said notice with the Township Clerk of Cranford. Formal Action will be taken at this meeting.

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

ABSENT: None

INVOCATION AND FLAG SALUTE

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

MINUTE APPROVAL

On motion of Commissioner Black, seconded by Commissioner Andrews and passed, the minutes of the Official Meeting of January 11, 2022 were approved by indicated vote of the Township Committee:

Recorded vote:

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

Nay: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

PAYMENT OF BILLS

On motion of Commissioner O’Connor, seconded by Commissioner Andrews and passed, the Bill List dated March 29, 2022, totaling \$2,079,214.09 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, Black and O’Connor

Nay: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

MAYORAL REMARKS

Mayor Miller Prunty stated that the Rahway River Mayors Council had a meeting with the Army Corps of Engineers and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection. Mayor Miller Prunty extended her condolences to the family of Cranford resident, Dottie Baniewicz, who recently passed away.

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 asked whether the Ordinances for adoption and public hearing would receive their own public comments section. Mr. Carvalho also discussed the process of roll call votes as well as “pay to play”, eminent domain and Township Attorney Ryan Cooper. Mr. Carvalho welcomed Commissioner Gina Black to the Township Committee.

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

ORDINANCE – Adoption and Public Hearing

Ordinance No. 2022-06:

The Township Clerk read by title only Ordinance No. 2022-06 entitled, “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD, CHAPTER 306, ARTICLE II, SECTION 4, TO UPDATE THE FEES FOR USE OF THE COMMUNITY CENTER”

Said ordinance having been advertised and posted in accordance with law, Commissioner Black opened the public hearing. Hearing no comments, Commissioner Black closed the public hearing.

On motion of Commissioner Black, 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, Black and O'Connor
Nay: None
Abstained: None
Absent: None

Ordinance No. 2022-07:

The Township Clerk read by title only Ordinance No. 2022-07 entitled, "CAPITAL ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE REPLACEMENT OF THE SYNTHETIC TURF FIELD AND RESURFACING OF THE TRACK AT MEMORIAL FIELD IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP, APPROPRIATING THEREFOR THE SUM OF \$813,855 AND PROVIDING THAT SUCH SUM SO APPROPRIATED SHALL BE RAISED FROM PAYMENTS BY THE CRANFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION" Said ordinance having been advertised and posted in accordance with law, Commissioner O' Connor opened the public hearing.

Don Smith, 21 Oneida Place – Mr. Smith inquired about the cost difference between grass and artificial turf. A brief discussion ensued.

Hearing no further 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, Black and O'Connor
Nay: None
Abstained: None
Absent: None

Ordinance No. 2022-08:

The Township Clerk read by title only Ordinance No. 2022-08 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD, CHAPTER 183, SECTION 4 TO UPDATE THE FEE SCHEDULE FOR THE ISSURANCE OF PERMIT STICKERS FOR THE CRANFORD CONSERVATION CENTER" Said ordinance having been advertised and posted in accordance with law, Commissioner Andrews opened the public hearing.

Jim Carvalho, 9 Orange Avenue – Mr. Carvalho inquired why residents were paying a higher new rate for the Conservation Center use prior to the ordinance adoption. A brief 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 and Commissioner Andrews
Nay: Commissioners Black and O' Connor
Abstained: None
Absent: None

Ordinance No. 2022-09:

The Township Clerk read by title only Ordinance No. 2022-09 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD, CHAPTER 306, ARTICLE III, COMMUNITY POOLS, SECTIONS 8 THROUGH 11 AS TO POOL MEMBERSHIP, HOURS OF OPERATION, POOL MEMBERSHIP FEES, AND ADDITIONAL POOL FEES" Said ordinance having been advertised and posted in accordance with law, Commissioner Black opened the public hearing.

Jim Carvalho, 9 Orange Avenue – Mr. Carvalho stated that he recently renewed his pool membership. He inquired why he was billed at a new rate prior to the ordinance adoption. A brief discussion ensued.

Hearing no further comments, Commissioner Black closed the public hearing. On motion of Commissioner Black, seconded by Commissioner O' Connor and passed, said ordinance was adopted by indicated vote of the Township Committee:

Recorded vote:

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

Nay: None
Abstained: None
Absent: None

ORDINANCE – Introduction

Ordinance No. 2022-10:

The Township Clerk read by title only Ordinance No. 2022-10 entitled, “CALENDAR YEAR 2022 ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)”

Said ordinance was introduced and approved on first reading on motion of Commissioner O’Connor, seconded by Deputy Mayor Gareis, and passed by the indicated vote of the Township Committee:

Recorded vote:

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

Final Reading and Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 2022-10 to be held April 26, 2022 and the publication will take place in the Westfield Leader on April 7, 2022.

RESOLUTIONS – By Roll Call Vote

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

Resolution No. 2022-164:

BE IT RESOLVED, that anticipated Township 2022 revenues, which amount to \$43,289,291.39, as indicated on sheet 11 on the Introduced Township Budget;

BE IT RESOLVED, that anticipated Township 2022 appropriations, which amount to \$43,289,291.39, as indicated on sheet 30 on the Introduced Township Budget;

BE IT RESOLVED, that anticipated Township Dedicated Swim Pool Utility 2022 revenues, which amount to \$2,803,991.42 as indicated on sheet 31 on the Introduced Township Budget;

BE IT RESOLVED, that anticipated Township Dedicated Swim Pool Utility 2022 appropriations, which amount to \$2,803,991.42 as indicated on sheet 33 on the Introduced Township Budget;

BE IT RESOLVED, that these indicated statements of revenues and appropriations shall constitute the municipal budget for year 2022;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the governing body of the Township of Cranford does hereby approve the attached Township Budget for the year 2022;

Notice is hereby given that the Cranford Municipal Budget was approved by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, County of Union, on March 29, 2022. A hearing on said Budget will be held at the Cranford Municipal Building on April 26, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. at which time and place objections to said Budget for the year 2022 may be presented by Township of Cranford taxpayers or other interested persons.

It is hereby certified that the foregoing Budget is a true copy of the Budget approved by resolution of the governing body on this 29th day of March 2022 and that the public advertisement will be made in accordance with the provision of N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-6 and N.J.A.C. 5:30-4.4(d).

Recorded vote:

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

RESOLUTIONS – By Roll Call Vote

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

Resolution No. 2022-165:

Downtown District Management Corporation

BUDGET NOTICE

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following statements of revenues and appropriations shall constitute the Downtown District Management Corporation Budget for the year 2022:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said Budget be published in the Westfield Leader in the issue of April 7, 2022.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the governing body of the Township of Cranford does hereby approve the following as the Downtown District Management Corporation Budget for the year 2022:

APPROPRIATIONS

Appropriated		
<u>General Appropriations</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Operating		
Salaries & Wages	85,758.00	82,435.00
Other Expenses	<u>92,766.99</u>	<u>96,419.00</u>
Total General Appropriations	178,524.99	178,854.00

ANTICIPATED REVENUES

Anticipated		
<u>General Revenue</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Surplus		
Miscellaneous Revenue		
Sub-total General Revenue		
Amount to be Raised by Special		
Improvement District Tax	<u>178,524.99</u>	<u>178,854.00</u>
TOTAL GENERAL REVENUES	178,524.99	178,854.00

Notice is hereby given that the Downtown District Management Corporation Budget was approved by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, County of Union, on March 29, 2022. A hearing on said Budget will be held at the Cranford Municipal Building on April 26, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. at which time and place objections to said Budget for the year 2022 may be presented by Downtown Special Improvement District taxpayers or other interested persons.

It is hereby certified that the foregoing Budget is a true copy of the Budget approved by resolution of the governing body on this 29th day of March 2022 and that the public advertisement will be made in accordance with the provision of N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-6 and N.J.A.C. 5:30-4.4(d).

Recorded vote:

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

Nay: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

RESOLUTIONS – By Consent Agenda

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

Resolution No. 2022-166:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, at a meeting held on March 29, 2022, that Jiam Diaz, be, and hereby is appointed to the position of Laborer/Driver within the Department of Public Works, effective March 23, 2022.

Resolution No. 2022-167:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, at a meeting held on March 29, 2022, that William Alvarez, be, and hereby is appointed to the position of Laborer/Driver within the Department of Public Works, effective March 21, 2022.

Resolution No. 2022-168:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, at a meeting held March 29, 2022, that Walter Berg be, and hereby is, appointed as a Special Law Enforcement Officer II within the Cranford Police Department, effective April 1, 2022.

Resolution No. 2022-169:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, at a meeting held on March 29, 2022, that the Township Committee hereby accepts, with regrets, the resignation of William McClave, the Assistant Superintendent within the Public Works Department, effective March 25, 2022.

Resolution No. 2022-170:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, at a meeting held March 29, 2022, that the Township Committee hereby accepts, with regrets, the retirement of Joan Holler, Registrar/Administrative Assistant within the Health Department, effective March 25, 2022.

Resolution No. 2022-171:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, at a meeting held March 29, 2022, that the Township Committee hereby accepts, with regrets, the resignation of Anthony Giannico, a Probationary Patrolman within the Cranford Police Department, effective April 7, 2022.

Resolution No. 2022-172:

WHEREAS, Aaryn Backiel, the Program Specialist within the Recreation Department, is qualified for a leave of absence pursuant to the Federal Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA), New Jersey Family Leave Act (NJFLA) and the New Jersey Paid Family Leave Act (NJPFLA) for the expected birth of her child. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township of Committee of the Township of Cranford that Aaryn Backiel is approved for a FMLA/NJFLA/NJPFLA leave of absence beginning Monday, April 11, 2022, using accumulated time as available as employee so elects; **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Aaryn Backiel shall comply with all provisions of the law during the FMLA/NJFLA/NJPLA leave of absence, including providing all required medical proofs.

Resolution No. 2022-173:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford that Lavona Patterson, Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Cranford, be and hereby is appointed as Interim Township Administrator for the Township of Cranford, effective as of the commencement of Township Administrator James M. Cryan's Federal Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA)/ New Jersey Family Leave Act (NJFLA)/ New Jersey Paid Family Leave Act (NJPFLA) leave of absence, expected to occur on or about April 6, 2022.

Resolution No. 2022-174:

WHEREAS, there exists a need for the Township of Cranford to engage an expert to provide Planning Services for the Township of Cranford; and **WHEREAS**, the Township of Cranford advertised a Request for Proposals (RFP's) for the Provision of Various 2022 Professional Services through a fair and open process in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.; and **WHEREAS**, at a meeting held on January 2, 2022, the Township Committee adopted Resolution No. 2022-21, authorizing an award of contract to Topology NJ, LLC for the aforementioned service at a fee not to exceed \$30,000.00; and **WHEREAS**, it is necessary to amend said contract for an additional amount not to exceed \$45,000.00; and **WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer has certified to the availability of funds which is on file in the office of the Township Clerk. **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, be and hereby amends the contract awarded to, **Topology NJ, LLC, 60 Union Street, 1N, Newark, New Jersey, 07105**, for Planning Services via issuance of purchase orders in an amount not to exceed \$75,000.00. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that said contract amount shall be charged to Account No. 2-01-21-190-000-214 and Account No. 2-01-20-100-100-216.

Resolution No. 2022-175:

WHEREAS, distracted driving is a serious, life-threatening practice that is preventable; and **WHEREAS**, distracted driving can result in injuries and deaths to all road users (motorists, pedestrians and bicyclists); and **WHEREAS** distracted driving occurs when drivers divert their attention away from the task of driving to focus on another activity instead; and **WHEREAS**, in 2017 alone, distracted driving-related crashes resulted in 3,166 deaths and driver inattention was listed as a contributing circumstance in fifty-one (51) percent of the State's crashes; and **WHEREAS** in New Jersey, distracted driving was listed as a contributing circumstance in more than 800,000 crashes between the years of 2012 and 2016; and **WHEREAS**, the State of New Jersey will participate in the nationwide *2022 Distracted Driving Crackdown* from April 1st through April 21, 2022 in an effort to raise awareness and decrease driver distraction through a combination of enforcement and education; and **WHEREAS**, the national slogan for the campaign is *U**Drive**. U**Text**. U**Pay***; and **WHEREAS**, a reduction in distracted driving in New Jersey will save lives on our roadways; **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township of Cranford declares its support for the *2022 Distracted Driving Crackdown* both locally and nationally from April 1st through April 21, 2022 and pledges to increase awareness of the dangers of distracted driving.

Resolution No. 2022-176:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford and hereby authorizes the closure of Eastman Street from North Avenue West to Miln Street, and the closure of Miln Street from North Avenue West to Eastman Street from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. for this event and rain date as described below:

- Friday, August 5, 2022 – Annual Rock Yoga
- Friday, August 12, 2022 – Annual Rock Yoga (rain date)

Resolution No. 2022-177:

WHEREAS, the Cranford Woman’s Club, has proposed a “Sip & Shop” event which will take place on Friday, May 6, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Cranford Township Committee is in favor of allowing the event to be held on Alden Street, between North Union Avenue and Miln Street; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee hereby approves the consumption of alcohol by the public, consistent with all applicable State laws and regulations, during said event.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford be and hereby authorizes the closure of Alden Street, between North Union Avenue and Miln Street from 3 p.m.to 11 p.m. on Friday, May 6, 2022 for the Woman’s Club “Sip & Shop” event.

Resolution No. 2022-178:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford and hereby authorizes the closure of Eastman Street from North Avenue West to Miln Street from 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. for this event and rain date as described below:

- Saturday, April 30, 2022 – Arts Day
- Sunday, May 1, 2022 – Arts Day (rain date, to be held at Hanson Park)

Resolution No. 2022-179:

MOVED TO ROLL CALL VOTE (SEE BELOW)

Resolution No. 2022-180:

WHEREAS, an application has been filed by Joseph Kalamaras, 1 Retford Avenue, Cranford, New Jersey, for the renewal of a limousine/livery service vehicle license for JK Car Services LLC; 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, retroactive to January 1, 2022, the issuance of a limousine/livery service vehicle license to Joseph Kalamaras (JK Car Services LLC) for a license term ending December 31, 2022.

Resolution No. 2022-181:

**RESOLUTION OFFERING A PAYMENT PLAN FOR
2021 DELINQUENT SEWER BILLS TO RESIDENTIAL RATEPAYERS**

WHEREAS, the Township of Cranford has issued the 2021 annual sewer bills with the due date of May 1, 2021 and an associated grace period through May 30, 2021; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey Governor Murphy Executive Order 246 and New Jersey Public Law (P.L.) 2021, c. 317 requires municipalities to offer a residential ratepayer the opportunity to enter into an installment plan, with a minimum twelve (12)-month duration, for satisfying the unpaid balance,

WHEREAS, delinquent sewer charges that were sold at tax sale by January 1, 2022 are not affected;

WHEREAS, interest accruing between March 15, 2022 and the first day of the month beginning the payment plan needs to be included in the calculation of the payment plan;

WHEREAS, installment plans are subject to N.J.S.A. 54:5-19, unless P.L. 2021, c. 317 states otherwise;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to offer residential ratepayers a twelve (12)-month payment plan for 2021 unpaid sewer bills.

Resolution No. 2022-182:

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford is authorized to escheat premium payments according to N.J.S.A.54:5-33 for tax sale certificates that have not been redeemed within five (5) years of the original date of sale; and

WHEREAS, said premium payments shall be turned over to the Treasurer of the Township of Cranford and become a part of the funds of the Township.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, on the 29th day of March 2022 that the Tax Collector escheat the following premium:

Certificate#:	Premium Amount:
15-00002	\$64,600.00

Recorded vote:

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

Nay: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

Resolution No. 2022-179:

REMOVED FROM AGENDA

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 the fees associated with the Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority and asked how sewer bills were calculated by the Township. Discussion ensued. Mr. Smith also asked about measures that could be taken to protect Hyatt Hills Golf Course from development. Discussion ensued.

Chrissa Stulpin, 356 Retford Avenue – Ms. Stulpin inquired why Township would not be offering “Kidz Klub” at the pools for the upcoming season. She stated that there was a need for affordable child care options in Cranford.

Jim Carvalho, 9 Orange Avenue – Mr. Carvalho stated that he believes eminent domain and “pay to play” practices in the Township are corrupt and described them as theft of public land and public trust respectively. Mr. Carvalho also spoke about his dissatisfaction with Township Attorney Ryan Cooper, specifically referencing Mr. Cooper’s failure to file a Financial Disclosure Statement in 2018 in a timely manner. Mr. Carvalho then spoke about 1) a 2019 Township Committee resolution vote regarding the Township Administrator and 2) a Township zoning overlay. Mr. Carvalho spoke about the corruption he witnessed with specific members of the Township Committee.

Tom Hannen, 94 Belmont Avenue – Mr. Hannen spoke about the RACER Trust associated with the Hyatt Hills Golf Course. Referencing the Cranford Turf Athletic Fund, Mr. Hannen spoke about turf and grass installation. Mr. Hannen requested an update on the home elevation project Discussion ensued. He then requested an update on the Kensington Avenue and Edgar Place project. Discussion ensued. Mr. Hannen inquired about the cost of the playground upgrade in Johnson Park. Commissioner Black provided information on the cost of the project.

Rita LaBrutto, 104 Arlington Road – Ms. LaBrutto spoke about the “Kidz Klub” budget. Discussion ensued.

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

PROFESSIONAL COMMENTS

Township Clerk Patricia Donahue

- Expressed her sympathy for the passing of Dorothy “Dottie” Baniewicz and extended her condolences to the family;
- Wished a farewell and happy retirement to Joan Holler.

Township Administrator Jamie Cryan

- Thanked Chief Financial Officer (CFO) Lavona Patterson and all Township Department Heads for their hard work on the Township budget;
- Thanked William McClave and Joan Holler for their years of service and dedication to the Township;
- Announced new hires John Diaz and William Alvarez within the Department of Public Works as well as a Special Law Enforcement Officer Walter Berg;
- Spoke about his confidence in CFO Lavona Patterson’s ability to fill the role of Interim Administrator in his absence;
- Thanked the Township Committee for their support for his upcoming leave.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS/COMMENTS

Commissioner Gina Black

- Expressed well wishes to Joan Holler and William McClave;
- Extended her sympathies to the family of Dorothy “Dottie” Baniewicz;

- Commended Director of Recreation and Parks, Steve Robertazzi, for welcoming the students of Lincoln Avenue School to the Community Center after a water pipe leak occurred at the Lincoln Avenue School;
- Spoke about the 2022 Municipal Budget process and thanked everyone who worked hard to get it over the “finish line”;
- Encouraged members of the public to join the pools;
- Discussed the draft North Avenue Redevelopment Plan;
- Spoke about the upcoming Centennial Village Group Bunny Hop on Centennial Avenue;
- Extended well wishes to Township Administrator Jamie Cryan for his upcoming leave.

Commissioner Mary O’Connor

- Announced that the Health Department had been receiving complaints about the placement of garbage cans and reminded members of the public that garbage cans must be stored in the rear yard or driveway;
- Commended CFO Lavona Patterson and the Finance Office staff for the effort that went in to putting together the 2022 Municipal Budget;
- Spoke about a recent meeting she attended with Commissioner Black and residents about the Hartz Mountain Traffic Study and thanked participating residents;
- Urged members of the public to stay engaged and attend meetings;
- Extended condolences to the family of Dorothy “Dottie” Baniewicz;
- Thanked Joan Holler and William McClave for their years of service;
- Welcomed new hires John Diaz and William Alvarez;
- Wished Township Administrator Jamie Cryan the best of luck on the expected arrival of his new child.

Commissioner Brian Andrews

- Congratulated the Cranford Community Connection for a successful Truck Parade; thanked the following groups and individuals for their assistance with the Truck Parade: Dr. Chris Lenza, Cranford Police Department, Cranford Fire Department, Department of Public Works, Recreation and Parks Department as well as TV 35; Union County Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski, local businesses, resident Don Smith and Kevin Kaminski.
- Announced that the Downtown Management Corporation (DMC) would be hosting a “PEEPS-tacular” event;
- Mentioned that the Downtown Management Corporation (DMC) would also be hosting “Pass it on, Pass it Over” on April 10th from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.
- Stated that the “Sweet Escape” would be held on April 14th from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- Asked resident to reach out to the Township if they see anything of concern regarding the state of roads, curbs and crosswalks;
- Expressed condolences to the family of Dorothy “Dottie” Baniewicz.

Deputy Mayor Jason Gareis

- Thanked the Cranford Police Department and Cranford Fire Department for their continued help with the Truck Parade;
- Asked that everyone keep the people of Ukraine in their thoughts and prayers.

Mayor Kathleen Miller Prunty

- Thanked CFO Lavona Paterson, her staff and all other Department Heads and Township Administrator Jamie Cryan for their hard work on the 2022 Municipal Budget;
- Congratulated Cranford Community Connection on the success of the Truck Parade event;
- Thanked Sergeant Russell Luedecker for his help with the Truck Parade.

On motion of Commissioner O’Connor, seconded by Deputy Mayor Gareis and passed, the Township Committee moved to the Workshop Meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

3/29/2022

Date: March 29, 2022

Patricia Donahue, RMC
Township Clerk