

The Minutes of the **Conference Meeting** of the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, County of Union, State of New Jersey on **May 10, 2022** at 7:02 p.m. in Room 108.

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 MAY 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

\*Deputy Mayor Gareis arrived to the Conference Meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Township Attorney Ryan Cooper, Administrator Jamie Cryan and Township Clerk Patricia Donahue were present.

### **Public Comments**

Mayor Miller Prunty opened the public comments portion of the meeting and asked if there were any questions or comments. Hearing no comments, Mayor Miller Prunty closed the public comments portion of the meeting.

### **Review Official Meeting Agenda**

Commissioner Andrews inquired about proposed Resolution No. 2022-221 pertaining to the Cranford Public Library's (Library) purchase of library and educational goods or services from Baker & Taylor, LLC. Administrator Cryan responded that such resolution would allow the Library to buy books.

### **Late Starter - Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority (RVSA) Update**

Mayor Miller Prunty stated that she spoke to Township Consulting Engineer Jacqueline Dirmann regarding the previous evening's Workshop Meeting discussion pertaining to the Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority (RVSA) Update. Commissioner Andrews suggested that the Township review the sump pump ordinance. He inquired if there were ways to get intelligence from RVSA, specifically usage and leakage information. Mr. Cryan stated that the Township would ask RVSA for specific flow problems. Commissioner Andrews further elaborated about meeting with the Township's RVSA Commissioner Chris Kolibas earlier in the day, the cost savings which could be realized if the RVSA biofuel initiative was successful and other sewerage authorities. Deputy Mayor Gareis stated that the Township should scope different areas of streets. A brief discussion ensued including discussion regarding RVSA data, federal funding for Inflow and Infiltration and working to make RVSA more responsive and more accountable.

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Mr. William Thilly of 22 Bloomingdale Avenue – spoke about his distrust of the RVSA. He suggested that the Township shop around for a different provider.

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

On motion of Commissioner Andrews, seconded by Commissioner Black and passed, the Township Committee moved to conduct the Official Meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: May 10, 2022

Patricia Donahue  
Township Clerk