

The Minutes of the **Official Meeting** of the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, County of Union, State of New Jersey on **June 28, 2022** at 7:53 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 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 Conference Meeting of February 8, 2022, Conference Meeting of June 14, 2022 and Official Meeting of March 8, 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 June 28, 2022, totaling \$491,946.16 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 ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Miller Prunty announced that the Centennial Avenue Pool would be opening on the following day. She also spoke about funding obtained for a major flood improvements project on the South side of Cranford and noted that funding would come from both Iron Ore Properties and the State of New Jersey’s Fiscal Year 2023 budget appropriation.

#### **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 spoke about his dissatisfaction with the slow pace of Township Committee Meeting Minutes approval. He stated that historically there had been a two (2) week turn-around time for Minutes approval that had recently become a three (3) to four (4) months turn-around time. Mr. Carvalho then spoke about Informal Meeting protocol and State laws regarding public documents.

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

#### **FIRE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS**

##### **RESOLUTION – By Roll Call Vote**

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

**Resolution No. 2022-269**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford at a meeting held June 28, 2022, that Matthew Lubin be, and hereby is, promoted to the rank of Battalion Chief within the Cranford Fire Department, effective June 29, 2022.

Recorded vote:

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

Nay: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

**ORDINANCE – Adoption and Public Hearing**

**ORDINANCE No. 2022-15:**

Removed from Agenda

**ORDINANCE – Introduction**

**ORDINANCE No. 2022-17:**

Removed from Agenda

**RESOLUTIONS – By Consent Agenda**

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

**Resolution No. 2022-270:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, at a meeting held June 28, 2022, that Derek M. Farbanec be, and hereby is, appointed as a Special Law Enforcement Officer II within the Cranford Police Department, effective June 29, 2022.

**Resolution No. 2022-271:**

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY, COVENANTING TO COMPLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986, AS AMENDED, APPLICABLE TO THE EXCLUSION FROM GROSS INCOME FOR FEDERAL INCOME TAX PURPOSES OF INTEREST ON OBLIGATIONS ISSUED BY THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, TOWNSHIP CLERK, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER AND OTHER TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS TO TAKE SUCH ACTION AS THEY MAY DEEM NECESSARY OR ADVISABLE TO EFFECT SUCH COMPLIANCE AND DESIGNATING \$9,700,000 OF NOTES, CONSISTING OF \$8,553,452 GENERAL BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES AND \$1,146,548 SWIM POOL UTILITY BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES, BOTH ISSUES DATED JUNE 24, 2022 AND PAYABLE JUNE 23, 2023, AS "QUALIFIED TAX-EXEMPT OBLIGATIONS" PURSUANT TO SECTION 265(b)(3) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986, AS AMENDED.**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Cranford, in the County of Union, New Jersey (the "Township") from time-to-time issues bonds, notes and other obligations the interest on which is excluded from gross income for Federal income tax purposes and desires to take such action as may be necessary or advisable to establish and maintain such exclusion; and

**WHEREAS**, the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), contains provisions with respect to the exclusion from gross income for Federal income tax purposes of interest on obligations, including provisions, among others, which require issuers of tax-exempt obligations, such as the Township to account for and rebate certain arbitrage earnings to the United States Treasury and to take other action to establish and maintain such Federal tax exclusion; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township intends to issue \$9,700,000 of Notes, consisting of \$8,553,452 General Bond Anticipation Notes and \$1,146,548 Swim Pool Utility Bond Anticipation Notes, both issues dated June 24, 2022, payable June 23, 2023 (the "Notes"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Township desires to designate the Notes as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" pursuant to Section 265(b)(3) of the Code;

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

**SECTION 1.** The Township Committee hereby covenants on behalf of the Township, to the extent permitted by the Constitution and the laws of the State of New Jersey, to do and perform all acts and things permitted by law and necessary to assure that interest paid on bonds, notes or other obligations of the Township (including the Notes) be and remain excluded from gross income of the owners thereof for Federal income tax purposes pursuant to Section 103 of the Code.

SECTION 2. The Mayor, Township Clerk, Chief Financial Officer and other officials of the Township are hereby authorized and directed to take such action, make such representations and give such assurances as they may deem necessary or advisable to effect compliance with the Code.

SECTION 3. The Notes are hereby designated as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" for the purpose of Section 265(b)(3) of the Code.

SECTION 4. It is hereby determined and stated that (1) the Notes are not "private activity bonds" as defined in the Code and (2) the Township and its subordinate entities, if any, do not reasonably anticipate issuing in excess of \$10 million of new money tax-exempt obligations (other than private activity bonds) during the calendar year 2022.

SECTION 5. It is further determined and stated that the Township has not, as of the date hereof, issued any tax-exempt obligations (other than the Notes) during the calendar year 2022.

SECTION 6. The Township will, to the best of its ability, attempt to comply with respect to the limitations on issuance of tax-exempt obligations pursuant to Section 265(b)(3) of the Code; however, said Township does not covenant to do so, and hereby expressly states that a covenant is not made hereby.

SECTION 7. The issuing officers of the Township are hereby authorized to deliver a certified copy of this resolution to the original purchaser of the Notes and to further provide such original purchaser with a certificate of obligations issued during the calendar year 2022 dated as of the date of delivery of the Notes.

SECTION 8. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Mayor Miller Prunty, Deputy Mayor Gareis, Commissioner Andrews, Commissioner Black  
And Commissioner O'Connor

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

**Resolution No. 2022-272:**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Cranford required the replacement of the Outdoor Pool Pump and Equipment at the Centennial Avenue Pool Complex in the Township of Cranford; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Cranford requested quotes for the Outdoor Pool Pump and Equipment 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**, Academy Electrical Contractors, Inc. has submitted a proposal dated June 13, 2022, indicating they will provide the Outdoor Pool Pump and Equipment for an amount not to exceed \$33,890; and

**WHEREAS**, Academy Electrical Contractors, Inc. has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certified that Academy Electrical Contractors, Inc. 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 Academy Electrical Contractors, Inc. from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer has certified 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 that the Purchasing Agent is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with Academy Electrical Contractors, Inc., 17-A Palisade Avenue, Emerson, New Jersey, 07630, as described herein; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that said contract amount shall be charged to Account No. C-27-16-017-100-280.

**Resolution No. 2022-273:**

**RESOLUTION AWARDDING PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE CRANFORD AVENUE DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Cranford requires an expert to provide engineering design and bidding services in connection with the Cranford Avenue Drainage Improvements; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Cranford advertised a Request for Proposals (RFP's) 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 June 17, 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 \$114,000.00; 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-04-19-005-000-202

**Resolution No. 2022-274:**

**RESOLUTION AWARDING PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE 2022 VARIOUS DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Cranford requires an expert to provide engineering design and bidding services in connection with the 2022 Various Drainage Improvements; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Cranford advertised a Request for Proposals (RFP's) 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 June 17, 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 \$93,000.00; 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-04-19-005-000-202.

**Resolution No. 2022-275:**

**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; and

**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**, **FieldTurf USA, Inc.** has been awarded an Educational Services Commission of New Jersey Cooperative (ESCNJ) Contract, Bid No. 18/19-55.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. C-04-22-007-000-200.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford that **Fieldturf USA, Inc., 175 N Industrial Blvd. NE, Calhoun, Georgia, 30701**, be, and hereby is, awarded a contract for the purchase of the Memorial Field Turf Replacement and Track Resurfacing Project for the Cranford Board of Education at a quoted price of \$813,855.00, under the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey Cooperative, Bid # 18/19-55.

**Resolution No. 2022-276:**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTION OF A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (NJDOT) FOR THE BEECH STREET ROADWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford formally approves the grant application to the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) for the Beech Street Roadway Improvement Project; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Township Engineer and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as MA-2023-Beech Street-Cranford-00376 to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of the Township of Cranford; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the Township of Cranford and that their signatures constitute acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

Certified as a true copy of the Resolution adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford on this 28<sup>th</sup> day of June 2022.

My signature and the Township Clerk's seal serve to acknowledge the above resolution and constitute acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approve the execution of the grant agreement as authorized by the resolution above.

**Resolution No. 2022-277:**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford that the Township Clerk be, and hereby is, authorized to advertise for bids for the replacement of Downtown-area holiday wreaths and décor.

**Resolution No. 2022-278:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford that the Township Clerk be, and hereby is authorized to advertise for Request for Proposals (RFP's) for the:  
"Capital Improvement Plan – Streetscape Assessment"

**Resolution No. 2022-279:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford that the Township Clerk be, and hereby is authorized to advertise for Request for Proposals (RFP's) for the:  
"Parking Study for the Township of Cranford's  
Special Improvement District"

**Resolution No. 2022-280:**

**FORM 1B**

**WHEREAS**, the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse established the Municipal Alliances for the Prevention of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse in 1989 to educate and engage residents, local government and law enforcement officials, schools, nonprofit organizations, the faith community, parents, youth and other allies in efforts to prevent alcoholism and drug abuse in communities throughout New Jersey.

**WHEREAS**, The Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, County of Union, State of New Jersey recognizes that the abuse of alcohol and drugs is a serious problem in our society amongst persons of all ages; and therefore, has an established the Municipal Alliance Committee (now known as the Cranford Prevention and Wellness Alliance); and,

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee further recognizes that it is incumbent upon not only public officials but upon the entire community to take action to prevent such abuses in our community; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee has applied for additional funding to the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse through the County of Union;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township of Cranford, County of Union, and State of New Jersey hereby recognizes the following:

1. The Township Committee does hereby authorize submission of a strategic plan for the Cranford Municipal Alliance additional grant for fiscal year 2023, July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023, in the amount of:

DEDR	\$ 1,884.00
Cash Match	\$ 471.00
In-Kind	\$ 1,413.00

2. The Township Committee acknowledges the terms and conditions for administering the Municipal Alliance grant, including the administrative compliance and audit requirements.

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Kathleen Miller Prunty  
 Mayor

**CERTIFICATION**

I, Patricia Donahue, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Cranford, County of Union, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and exact copy of a resolution duly authorized by the Township Committee on this 28<sup>th</sup> day of June 2022.

**Resolution No. 2022-281:**

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION – N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-87**

(Division on Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) “Youth Leadership 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 \$3,646.00 which is now available from the New Jersey Department of Human Services, Division on Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS), through the Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse (GCADA) Municipal Alliance Program, through the County of Union, for the “Youth Leadership Grant” Program, pursuant to the provision of the statute; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the like sum of \$3,646.00 is hereby appropriated under the caption “DMHAS Youth Leadership Grant”; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the above is a result of a grant of \$3,646.00 from the DMHAS “Youth Leadership Grant” Program, through the County of Union.

**Resolution No. 2022-282:**

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION – N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-87**

(Bureau of Justice Assistance - Federal Bulletproof Vest 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 \$6,059.88 which is now available from the Bureau of Justice Assistance, the 2021 Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant, pursuant to the provision of the statute; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the like sum of \$6,059.88 is hereby appropriated under the caption “Federal Bulletproof Vest Grant;” and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the above is a result of a Federal grant of \$6,059.88 from the Bureau of Justice Assistance.

**Resolution No. 2022-283:**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2022 that the Tax Collector has been authorized to refund sewer overpayments for the reason noted:

**Resident Overpayment**

Block 124 Lot 3, Sewer #293-0  
 Block 505.02 Lot 1 C0503, sewer #6360-0  
 Manginelli: J & Fox-Manginelli: D  
 21 Yale Terrace

**Refund \$ 335.12**  
**Refund \$160.00**  
 (2-01-55-000-010-026)

Cranford, NJ 07016

Block 151 Lot 5, Sewer #835-0  
Sondeno, Lee & Valiree  
8 Harvard Road  
Cranford, NJ 07016

**Refund \$ 159.50**  
(2-01-55-000-010-026)

Block 220 Lot 3, Sewer #2105-0  
Varady, Gaetano & Kimberly  
27 Elmora Avenue  
Cranford, NJ 07016

**Refund \$ 180.50**  
(2-01-55-000-010-026)

Block 241 Lot 16, Sewer # 2487-0  
Harris, George c & Tracy  
173 Locust Drive  
Cranford, NJ 07016

**Refund \$ 50.00**  
(2-01-55-000-010-026)

Block 421 Lot 25, Sewer 4801-0  
Downey, Timothy & Eggleston, Nicole  
77 Benjamin Street  
Cranford, NJ 07016

**Refund \$ 19.52**  
(2-01-55-000-010-026)

Block 473 Lot 48, Sewer 5761-0  
Faruk, Omar & Hossain, Sohad  
20 Lincoln Avenue West  
Cranford, NJ 07016

**Refund \$ 16.56**  
(2-01-55-000-010-026)

Block 611 Lot 12, Sewer 7856-0  
Toto Properties North Ave East LLC  
30 Greaves Place  
Cranford, NJ 07016

**Refund \$ 50.00**  
(2-01-55-000-010-026)

**Resolution No. 2022-284:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, at a meeting held June 28, 2022, that the Cranford Police Department be and hereby is authorized to hold “National Night Out 2022”, an annual event held nationwide to promote awareness of crime prevention, in Municipal Lot No.1 on Tuesday, August 2, 2022.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Township Committee hereby authorizes the closure of Municipal Lot No.1 on Tuesday, August 2, 2022 from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in connection with “National Night Out 2022”.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Cranford Police Department is permitted to post signs on municipal property to promote the aforementioned event, and that said signs shall be posted not more than ten (10) days prior to the event, and shall be removed the day following the event.

**Resolution No. 2022-285:**

**WHEREAS**, the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) provides proceeds to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) to invest in carbon sequestration projects to reduce greenhouse gases; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Cranford Stormwater Infrastructure Subcommittee (“Stormwater Infrastructure Subcommittee”) advises the Township to submit an application for NJDEP’s Natural Climate Solutions Grant program to receive funding for blue and green carbon projects to enhance salt marches, seagrass beds, forests, urban parks and woodland, and street trees, which are natural resources that sequester carbon; and

**WHEREAS**, New Jersey’s coastal ecosystems (blue carbon storage) and forests (green carbon storage) lessen the impacts of climate change by creating buffers to reduce flooding as well as acting to significantly reduce greenhouse gases; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford supports the Stormwater Infrastructure Subcommittee in its efforts and authorizes submission of the Township’s application for funding from the NJDEP’s Natural Climate Solutions Grant program for environmental projects to benefit the Cranford community.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford authorizes submission of the Township’s application for the NJDEP’s Natural Climate Solutions Grant program for blue and green carbon projects in Cranford, for the public purpose of lessening the impact of climate change.

**Resolution No. 2022-286:**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND MUNICIPAL CLERK OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF CRANFORD TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF UNION TO MODIFY THE COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT DATED JUNE 17, 2014, AS AMENDED JULY 17, 2017**

**WHEREAS**, certain Federal funds are potentially available to the County of Union under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Block Grant Act of 1974, as amended, commonly known as the Community Development Block Grant program; and

**WHEREAS**, certain Federal funds are potentially available to the County of Union under Title II of the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, commonly known as the HOME Investment Partnerships program; and

**WHEREAS**, substantial Federal funds provided through subtitle B of Title IV of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act commonly known as the Emergency Solutions Grants program (ESG) are allocated to prevent homelessness and to enable homeless individuals and families to move toward independent living; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to amend an existing Cooperative Agreement for the County of Union and its people to benefit from this program; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interest of the Township of Cranford and the County of Union in cooperation with each other to enter into a modification of the existing Cooperative Agreement pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Cranford that the agreement entitled **“COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF UNION AND CERTAIN MUNICIPALITIES FOR CONDUCTING CERTAIN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES,”** dated June 17, 2014, as amended July 17, 2017, for the Purpose of Inserting a Description of Activities for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 of the Union County Community Development Block Grant program, the HOME Investment Partnerships program, and the Emergency Solutions Grants program (ESG), a copy of which is attached hereto; be executed by the Mayor and Municipal Clerk in accordance with the provisions of law.

Recorded vote:

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

Nay: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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

William Thilly, 22 Bloomingdale Avenue – Mr. Thilly announced that he would be running for Township Committee as an independent candidate in the upcoming general election. He then expressed his satisfaction with the Summer Playground Camp, mentioned a recent celebrity sighting in the Township and talked about William Tilly, the first Mayor of Northampton, England. Mr. Thilly also spoke about overdevelopment within in the Township.

Jim Carvalho, 9 Orange Avenue – Mr. Carvalho spoke about his travels through Europe and the use and meaning of the word “ghetto” in Europe. He spoke about the North Avenue Gateway Redevelopment, elites, protected and unprotected groups, and specific businesses and properties in the area such as Carmen’s Foreign Car Repair, Chapman Bros. Plumbing, Heating and Air Conditioning, Swan Cleaners and the former MDTV building.

Kevin McCormack, 109 Taylortown Road, Boonton – Mr. McCormack expressed concerns over minors using marijuana in a municipal parking garage. He spoke about an experience he had in the parking garage in which he had a conversation with the minors and was told that they liked “getting stoned” more than doing homework. He stated that he called the Police Department. Mr. McCormack further elaborated about broken cameras, another incident he witnessed with minors and working with Cranford minors during a previous period. Mayor Miller Prunty responded with follow-up action remarks.

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

**PROFESSIONAL COMMENTS**

**Township Clerk Patricia Donahue**

- Congratulated Matt Lubin on his advancement to Battalion Chief

**Township Administrator Jamie Cryan**

- Announced that the Centennial Avenue Pool would be opened June 29<sup>th</sup> and thanked residents for their patience;



- Stated that water quality tests had been completed on three (3) of the four (4) pools;
- Explained that the Splash Pad at the Orange Avenue Pool should be open by the upcoming weekend;
- Welcomed back retired Sergeant Derek Farbanec in his new role as Special Law Enforcement Officer;
- Congratulated Matt Lubin on his advancement to Battalion Chief and stated that he thrives both behind the scenes and out in “front”;
- Reminded members of the public that summer hours in the municipal offices would begin on Friday, July 1<sup>st</sup>;
- Noted that the Township of Cranford “livestreams” the Official Meetings on Facebook and uploads the Township Committee Meeting recordings to the Township website;
- Wished everyone a happy Independence Day and stated that the Municipal Building would be closed on Monday, July 4<sup>th</sup>.

## COMMISSIONER REPORTS/COMMENTS

### **Commissioner Gina Black**

- Stated that she was excited for summer and announced that the summer playground camps were underway;
- Notified members of the public that the Cranford Independence Day Celebration would take place on Saturday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> at Nomahegan Park;
- Announced that the Canoe Club would be open by July 4<sup>th</sup>;
- Congratulated Matt Lubin on his advancement to Battalion Chief;
- Wished everyone a Happy Independence Day.

### **Commissioner Mary O’Connor**

- Stated that the Friends of the Cranford Public Library would be holding a used book sale on July 21<sup>st</sup> to July 23<sup>rd</sup> and noted that registration could be done online;
- Directed members of the public to visit [www.cranfordlibrary.org](http://www.cranfordlibrary.org) for a list of summer reading events;
- Announced that the next step in the 750 Walnut Avenue Redevelopment Plan was for its review before the Planning Board; stated that she was advocating for the Plan’s review to occur during the Fall due to many people being away during the summer;
- Congratulated Battalion Chief Matt Lubin and stated that he had been a key resource for rebuilding Cranford following Hurricane Ida and throughout the pandemic;
- Wished everyone a safe Fourth of July.

### **Commissioner Brian Andrews**

- Congratulated Matt Lubin on his advancement and stated that he was a tremendous public servant;
- Spoke about the Cranford Avenue Drainage Improvements Project work and the 2022 Various Drainage Improvements Project work which had been authorized by the Township Committee that evening
- Discussed the curbing repair work which would be taking place in the near future, specifically work which had to be “redone”;
- Spoke about the New Jersey State Budget including how it pertained to the funding of Cranford’s flood mitigation efforts;
- Spoke about the Township pools and his excitement to see them open for the summer;
- Stated that he was pleased to see the adoption of both 1) Resolution No. 2022-279 pertaining to a parking study for the Special Improvement District and 2) Resolution No. 2022-278 pertaining to a Streetscape Assessment;
- Announced that Storytime with Cranford Police and Cranford Fire would take place at the Gazebo every Thursday at 10 a.m.;
- Stated that Cranford Summer Sounds would be held every week at Eastman Clock Plaza;
- Announced that Fire Me Up Studio would be hosting an upcoming patriotic craft event at the Gazebo.

### **Deputy Mayor Jason Gareis**

- Spoke about the decision to split Cranford’s Flood Committees into two (2) separate groups; Stated that the Chair of the Stormwater Infrastructure Planning Working Group (Group), Ann

Dooley, attended the previous evening's Workshop Meeting to provide a report to the Township Committee and briefly elaborated about the great work being done by the Group which was focused on local flood solutions;

- Invited residents to reach out directly to him to discuss flooding issues;
- Spoke about a public flood meeting which was held earlier in the year and could still be viewed;
- Stated that Township Attorney Ryan Cooper attended a recent Cannabis Legislation Working Group meeting and noted that a report would be presented to the Township Committee by the end of the year;
- Thanked Commissioner Andrews for organizing and inviting him to the ribbon cutting with the Girl Scouts (Juniors) for the crosswalk at Lincoln Avenue and Grove Street;
- Thanked Detective/Lieutenant John Swandrak, Detective Ryan Gerrity and Officer Daniel Donnerstag and the entire Cranford Police Department for inviting him to the shooting range;
- Urged members of the public to be safe during the upcoming holiday weekend;
- Stated that the Fire Cracker "Four (4) Miler" Run would be held on Monday July 4<sup>th</sup>;
- Congratulated Battalion Chief Matt Lubin.

**Mayor Kathleen Miller Prunty**

- Responded to a comment made regarding the 750 Walnut Avenue Planning Board meeting and invited members of the public to attend the meeting;
- Spoke about the various attributes of Battalion Chief Matt Lubin and congratulated him on his advancement;
- Announced that the "11 and up" Cranford Baseball & Softball League (CBSL) travel team won the Cal Ripken District Championship; read aloud the names of the team members and coaches;
- Stated that the "10 and under" team won their second consecutive district championship; Stated that the CBSL "8 and under" team would be moving onto the district semi-finals.
- Wished everyone a safe and happy July 4<sup>th</sup>.

On motion of Commissioner O'Connor, seconded by Commissioner Black and passed, the Township Committee moved to the Closed Session Meeting at 8:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Donahue, RMC  
Township Clerk

Date: June 28, 2022