

The Minutes of the **Conference Meeting** of the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, County of Union, State of New Jersey on **August 9, 2022** at **7:05 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 Gina Black
Commissioner Mary O’Connor

Absent: Commissioner Brian Andrews

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

Township Clerk Patricia Donahue stated that the proposed Salary Ordinance (Ordinance No. 2022-21) had been removed from the Official Meeting Agenda. She provided an update on resolutions for consideration at the Official Meeting including 1) the removal of proposed Resolution No. 2022-316 pertaining to a Bulk Waste award and Resolution No. 2022-318 pertaining to an elevation project award and 2) the resolutions that had been more recently received, specifically Resolution No. 2022-317 pertaining to a Flood Mitigation Assistance Program award, Resolution No. 2022-319 pertaining to authorizing the Township Clerk to advertise for Home Elevation Project services and Resolution No. 2022-320 pertaining to a *Sweethearts* movie release.

2022 Bulk Waste Collection Program – No Bids Received

Township Administrator Jamie Cryan stated that no bids had been received that morning at the Township’s Bulk Waste bid opening. Mr. Cryan spoke about his work in reaching out to vendors. Mr. Cryan stated that neighboring municipalities were facing the same “no Bulk Waste vendor” situation such as Kenilworth, Scotch Plains and Westfield.

He stated that the Township could move forward by 1) going out to bid again for Bulk Waste services; 2) set up a car drop-off situation at the Conservation Center in Cranford or 3) set up a drop-off arrangement with the Conservation Center in Westfield. Mr. Cryan noted that during the last five (5) years, the greatest number of Bulk Waste permits purchased per year was over 400 permits a year.

Township Committee consensus was reached to move forward with residents arranging for their own Bulk Waste pickup. Mayor Miller Prunty asked Mr. Cryan to work with the Westfield Administrator on arrangements to utilize the Westfield Conservation Center. Mr. Cryan stated that he would draft options for residents.

Commissioner O’Connor stated that there was a metal collection box at the Conservation Center and inquired if residents knew about this service. Mr. Cryan spoke about a “do” and “don’t” list that another municipality utilized for Conservation Center use. Commissioner O’Connor stated that the Township could remind residents that the Conservation Center could be used for certain drop-offs without a paid sticker. Commissioner Black suggested that the Township website could provide such information.

Township Release to Sweethearts LLC pertaining to *Sweethearts* (the movie production)

Township Attorney Ryan Cooper inquired if members of the Township Committee had any feedback or questions about the proposed resolution (Resolution No. 2022-320) and release pertaining to use of the Cranford name and sign in the movie production *Sweethearts*.

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On motion of Commissioner O'Connor, seconded by Commissioner Black and passed, the Township Committee moved to conduct the Official Meeting at 7:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Donahue
Township Clerk

Dated: August 9, 2022