

The Minutes of the **Official Meeting** of the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, County of Union, State of New Jersey on **August 10, 2021** at 8:19 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 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 Deputy Mayor Andrews, seconded by Commissioner Gareis and passed, the minutes of the Conference Meeting of July 13, 2021 and the Official Meeting of July 13, 2021 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

**PAYMENT OF BILLS**

On motion of Commissioner O’Connor, seconded by Commissioner Hannen and passed, the Bill List dated August 10, 2021, totaling \$13,083,683.38 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

**MAYORAL REMARKS**

Mayor Kathleen Miller Prunty stated that Township Attorney Ryan Cooper would give an update on the draft 750 Walnut Avenue Redevelopment Plan. She said the Township Committee is soliciting public input regarding the height of the building versus open space and said such survey would be open until August 20, 2021.

**PRESENTATION**

Township Attorney Ryan Cooper gave an overview on the draft 750 Walnut Avenue Redevelopment Plan.

**MAYORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Proclamations**

Girl Scout Gold Award Recipients  
Girl Scout Silver Award Recipients

**INFORMAL MEETING**

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

Don Smith, 21 Onieda Place – Mr. Smith asked about the Constituent Services Coordinator position and its duties. He inquired about the funding for the 375 Centennial Avenue renovations. Mr. Smith also inquired about why the Centennial Avenue Pool was not being prioritized.

Jim Carvalho, 9 Orange Avenue – Mr. Carvalho asked about the technical issues that were affecting the televisions in Council Chambers. He asked who authorized the July 13<sup>th</sup> presentation that was given by

Township Attorney Ryan Cooper and elaborated. Mr. Carvalho also asked about the Township Code as it related to the authority of the Township Committee Chair and the Township Attorney.

Rita LaBrutto, 104 Arlington Rd – Ms. LaBrutto asked if the berm would remain the same for both options of the 750 Walnut Avenue redevelopment project. She stated that members of the public were not aware that a first draft plan had been decided on and that the plan should have been advertised in the newspaper. Ms. LaBrutto asked how the area can be considered public space if it is owned by Hartz Mountain. She also asked about the height of the building and how far back from the street it would be located. Ms. LaBrutto stated it was announced in the Township Newsletter that Topology would serve as the Zoning Officer prior to the resolution adoption. A brief discussion ensued.

Christine Esposito, 11 Behnert Place – Ms. Esposito asked if the vegetation on the 750 Walnut Avenue property would stay intact. She stated the concept plans have major differences in regards to traffic flow and asked the Township Committee to go into some detail about it. Discussion ensued.

Loretta Smith, 21 Oneida Place – Ms. Smith asked about the cooperative pricing program for the 375 Centennial Avenue project. She talked about the potential to exceed the dollar amount that had already been allocated for the project. Ms. Smith also asked what the facility would contain and if residents would be able to use it free of charge. Further discussion ensued about the future of the Centennial Avenue Pool.

Jessica Orr, 7 Mitchel Place – Ms. Orr asked about traffic in the area of 750 Walnut Avenue and expressed her concerns for the draft proposal including a driveway to be placed across from Mitchell Place.

Dr. Frank Krause, 20 Pittsfield Street – Dr. Krause said discussions regarding Municipal Lot 1 and Municipal Lot 6.01 began when Township Committee meetings were still being held virtually. He stated that these discussions were not open to public input and asked if members of the public would have the opportunity to vote on the development of the lots.

Phyllis Kivett-Howard, 5 Burnside Avenue – Ms. Kivett-Howard asked when the final renderings for 750 Walnut Avenue would be made available and inquired about the open space plan. She stated that it would be difficult to take the two (2) question survey without key information. Ms. Kivett-Howard also asked about the community engagement forum.

Rita Mason, 16 Alan Okell Drive – Ms. Mason asked where the affordable housing units would be built. Ms. Mason talked about the large trucks that come through town and said the traffic has gotten worse over the years.

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

#### **ORDINANCE – Final Reading and Public Hearing**

##### **Ordinance No. 2021-13:**

The Township Clerk read by title only Ordinance No. 2021-13 entitled, “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD, CHAPTER 410, PARKING FEES FOR PUBLIC ROADS, STREETS, PARKING LOTS, AND MUNICIPAL GARAGES”

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

On motion of Commissioner Gareis, 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 Andrews, Commissioners Gareis, and O’Connor

Nay: Commissioner Hannen

Abstained: None

Absent: None

#### **RESOLUTIONS – By Consent Agenda**

On motion of Commissioner Hannen, seconded by Deputy Mayor Andrews and passed, the following resolutions were adopted by consent agenda:

##### **Resolution No. 2021-270:**

**WHEREAS**, due to the inability to submit for reimbursement, past receivables remain on the Township’s records that need to be canceled; and,

**WHEREAS**, Grant Receivable balances exist on the records of the Township of Cranford that will not be reimbursed by the County of Union and need to be canceled; and

**WHEREAS**, the balances are as follows:

Municipal Alliance:

2014-2016	\$381.37
2020-2021	\$2,386.13
<b>TOTAL GRANT RECEIVABLES TO CANCEL</b>	<b>\$2,767.50</b>

**WHEREAS**, Grant Appropriation Reserve balances exist on the records of the Township of Cranford that will not be expended and need to be canceled; and

**WHEREAS**, the balances are as follows:

Municipal Alliance:	
2014-2016	\$381.37
2020-2021	\$2,386.13
<b>TOTAL GRANT APPROPRIATIONS TO CANCEL</b>	<b>\$2,767.50</b>

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, in the County of Union and State of New Jersey, that the Chief Financial Officer be and the same is hereby authorized to cancel the balances from the records of the Township.

**Resolution No. 2021-271:**

**WHEREAS**, Gregory Federici, a Police Officer within the Cranford Police 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 care of his wife and child.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township of Committee of the Township of Cranford that Gregory Federici is approved for a FMLA/NJFLA/NJPFLA leave of absence beginning August 10, 2021, using accumulated time as available as employee so elects;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Gregory Federici shall comply with all provisions of law during the FMLA/NJFLA/NJPLA leave of absence, including providing all required medical proofs.

**Resolution No. 2021-272:**

**WHEREAS**, Ryan Gerrity, a Detective within the Cranford Police 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 care of his wife and child.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township of Committee of the Township of Cranford that Ryan Gerrity is approved for a FMLA/NJFLA/NJPFLA leave of absence beginning November 1, 2021, using accumulated time as available as employee so elects;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Ryan Gerrity shall comply with all provisions of law during the FMLA/NJFLA/NJPLA leave of absence, including providing all required medical proofs.

**Resolution No. 2021-273:**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Cranford advertised a Request for Proposals (RFP) 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 July 1, 2021 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 is awarded a contract to perform engineering services in connection with the aforementioned project at a fee not to exceed **\$49,750.00**; 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-04-21-010-000-S21.

**Resolution No. 2021-274:**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Cranford requires an expert to provide engineering services in connection with the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) FY2021 Various Road Improvements – Burnside Avenue; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Cranford advertised a Request for Proposals (RFP) 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 Inc., DBA Maser Consulting, is familiar with the procedures that are necessary for said improvements and shall perform the tasks as delineated in the July 1, 2021 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 Inc., DBA Maser Consulting, 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 **\$125,000.00**; and
2. The Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute a contract with Colliers Engineering and Design Inc., DBA Maser Consulting; 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-04-21-010-000-S21.

**Resolution No. 2021-275:**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2021, that the Mayor and Township Clerk be, and hereby are, authorized to renew a Shared Services Agreement with the Cranford Board of Education in connection with School Resource Officers for a term of one (1) year for the period of July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$75,000.

**Resolution No. 2021-276:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, at a meeting held August 10, 2021, hereby authorizes the submission of application to the Union County Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Fund for a grant in connection with the 2021 Kids Recreation Trust Grant; 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. 2021-277:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, at a meeting held August 10, 2021, hereby authorizes the submission of application to the Union County Open Space, Recreation & Historic Preservation Trust Fund for a grant in connection with the Greening Union County 2021 grant program; 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. 2021-278:**

**WHEREAS**, the Cranford Community Connection, has proposed a Tuff Paddle event which will end at the Cranford Canoe Club, and

**WHEREAS**, the Cranford Township Committee is in favor of allowing the event’s end to be held at the Cranford Canoe Club on Sunday, September 26, 2021 (with a rain date of Sunday, October 3;)

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the Cranford Township Committee approves the use of the Cranford Canoe Club by the Cranford Community Connection on Sunday, September 26, 2021, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; and

**BE IT FURTHER 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.

**Resolution No. 2021-279:**

**WHEREAS**, there exists a need for the Township of Cranford to engage an expert to provide part-time planning services in connection with receipt and processing of applications for permits, site plan approval, variances, etc. to the Township’s Office of Planning & Zoning; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Cranford advertised for a Request for Qualifications/Proposals (RFQ/P) for the provision of Various 2021 Professional Services through a fair and open process in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Resolution 2021-21, the Township of Cranford deemed that the background, experience, and qualifications of Topology NJ, LLC satisfied the criteria set forth in the RFQ/P, and designated Topology as a firm for providing the Township planning services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer and the Director of Finance has certified 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. Topology NJ, LLC, 60 Union Street, #IN, Newark, New Jersey, 07105, be and hereby is awarded a contract to provide planning services, at a cost not to exceed \$20,000, in connection with receipt and processing of applications for permits, site plan approval, variances, etc. to the Township's Office of Planning & Zoning; and
2. The Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute a contract with Topology NJ, LLC; and
3. This contract is awarded pursuant to the "fair and open" process, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that said contract amount shall be charged to Account No. 1-01- 20-100-100-216.

**Resolution No. 2021-280:**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY CONTRACT FOR DIESEL AND GASOLINE SERVICES**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Cranford was notified of the need to conduct immediate repairs to the municipal diesel and gasoline pumps on July 15, 2021, which would require the pumps to be out of service for a period of two weeks; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Administrator has determined it was an emergency affecting the public health, safety and welfare, as diesel and gasoline must be available to Police, Fire, and Public Works' vehicles at all hours; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township required a contract with an outside vendor to provide diesel at \$3.279/gallon and gasoline at \$3.059/gallon during the two-week period the Township's pumps were off-line for repairs; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Cranford Purchasing Agent has declared the need to enter into an emergency contract to provide diesel and gasoline for Township vehicles during the two-week period the Township's pumps were off-line for repairs; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6 allows a municipality to award a contract on an emergency basis without public advertising for bids and bidding; and

**WHEREAS**, Wex Inc., aka Wawa, has responded to the emergency and provided the diesel and gasoline needed during the repair of the Township's pumps.

and

**WHEREAS**, the Township has adequate funds appropriated for the contract.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, does here by recognize the declaration of local emergency as authorized by the Township Administrator and approves the emergency contract with Wex, Inc.

**Resolution No. 2021-281:**

**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 provision of **2022** Police/ Administrative vehicles for the Cranford Police Department and Cranford Police Cooperative Pricing System, Identification No. 47-CPCPS.

**Resolution No. 2021-282:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford and hereby authorizes the closure of the upper section of Municipal Lot One for the Hot Yoga Event as follows:

- Monday, August 23, 2021 – 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

**Resolution No. 2021-283:**

**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 on the following date:

- August 20, 2021 – Annual Rock Yoga

**Resolution No. 2021-284:**

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

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-87 provides that the Director of the 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 Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2021 in the sum of \$6,000.00 which is now available as a revenue from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's "Click It or Ticket" program, pursuant to the provision of the statute; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the like sum of \$6,000.00 is hereby appropriated under the caption “Click it or Ticket”; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the above is a result of a grant of \$6,000.00 from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration’s “Click It or Ticket” program.

**Resolution No. 2021-285:**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, at a meeting held on August 10, 2021, that Suzanne Welsh be, and hereby is, appointed as Constituent Services Coordinator, retroactive to July 19, 2021.

**Resolution No. 2021-286:**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Cranford wishes to purchase certain goods and services from an authorized vendor under the New Jersey State Approved Purchasing Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the purchase of goods and services by local contracting units is authorized by the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J. S. A. 40A:11-12; and

**WHEREAS, FieldTurf, USA, Inc., 175 N Industrial Blvd NE, Calhoun, Georgia, 30701** has been awarded Educational Services Commission of New Jersey (ESCNJ,) Contract No. AEPA IFB 020 for Athletic Surfaces; and

**WHEREAS**, FieldTurf, USA, Inc., will provide said goods and services to the Township of Cranford at a cost of \$290,156.00; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.5(b), the Chief Financial Officer has certified that sufficient funds are available and appropriated for this purchase.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford be and hereby approves an award of contract to FieldTurf USA, Inc. for the purchase of the Recreation Center gym floor at 375 Centennial Avenue at a cost not to exceed \$290,156.00 under Educational Services Commission of New Jersey (ESCNJ,) Contract No. AEPA IFB 020; and that said contract amount shall be charged to Account No. C-04-21-010-000-209.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Township Clerk be and hereby are authorized and directed to execute documents in connection with said award of contract.

**Resolution No. 2021-287:**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Cranford wishes to purchase certain goods and services from an authorized vendor under the New Jersey State Approved Purchasing Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the purchase of goods and services by local contracting units is authorized by the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J. S. A. 40A:11-12; and

**WHEREAS, JCT Solutions, 36 Commerce Street, Springfield, New Jersey, 07081** has been awarded Union County Cooperative Pricing System Contract No. 8-UCCP 24-2021 for Telephone/Associated Services Systems Equipment, Installation, Maintenance Services; and

**WHEREAS**, JCT Solutions will provide said goods and services to the Township of Cranford at a cost of \$35,185.85; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.5(b), the Chief Financial Officer has certified that sufficient funds are available and appropriated for this purchase.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford be and hereby approves an award of contract to JCT Solutions for the purchase of the Recreation Center Video Security System at 375 Centennial Avenue at a cost not to exceed \$35,185.85 under Union County Cooperative Pricing System Contract No. 8-UCCP 24-2021; and that said contract amount shall be charged to Account No. C-04-21-010-000-209.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Township Clerk be and hereby are authorized and directed to execute documents in connection with said award of contract.

**Resolution No. 2021-288:**

**RESOLUTION AWARDED A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR THE RENOVATION OF THE CRANFORD RECREATION CENTER – 375 CENTENNIAL AVENUE**

**WHEREAS**, on Friday, July 23, 2021 at 10:30 a.m., bids for the “Renovation of the Cranford Recreation Center – 375 Centennial Avenue” were opened in the presence of the Purchasing Agent and the Township Clerk; and

**WHEREAS**, there were seven (7) bids received with the low bidder for the project being Tri-Form Construction Inc., 119 Liberty Street, Metuchen, New Jersey, 08840, with a total base bid price of \$1,253,000.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Consulting Architect and other appropriate Township Officials have reviewed the bids and recommended an award of contract, for base bid only, for this project to Tri-Form Construction Inc.; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer reviewed the available funding for the improvements and has certified that sufficient funds are available for said purpose by way of Bond Ordinances and that such improvements will be charged to C-04-20-006-000-213, C-04-20-016-000-200, and C-04-21-010-000-209; and

**WHEREAS**, this Project is funded by way of capital improvements bond ordinances stated herein as provided by Township of Cranford; and

**WHEREAS**, this project is in the best interest of the health, safety and welfare of the general public in the Township of Cranford.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, Union County, New Jersey that the above referenced construction project is awarded to Tri-Form Construction Inc., 119 Liberty Street, Metuchen, New Jersey, 08840, with a total base bid price of \$1,253,000.00; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

**Resolution No. 2021-289:**

**REMOVE FROM AGENDA**

**Resolution No. 2021-290:**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Cranford wishes to purchase certain goods and services from an authorized vendor under the New Jersey State Approved Purchasing Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the purchase of goods and services by local contracting units is authorized by the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J. S. A. 40A: 11-12; and

**WHEREAS**, Bayhead Investments, Inc. (dba VCI Emergency Specialists), 43 Jefferson Avenue, Berlin, New Jersey, 08009, has been awarded the Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) Cooperative Purchasing Program Contract No. AM10-20 for Ambulances, EMS and Other Special Service Vehicles; and

**WHEREAS**, Bayhead Investments, Inc. (dba VCI Emergency Specialists), will provide said goods and services to the Township of Cranford at a cost of \$267,270.00; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.5(b), the Chief Financial Officer has certified that sufficient funds are available and appropriated for this purchase.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford be and hereby approves an award of contract to Bayhead Investments, Inc. (dba VCI Emergency Specialists), for the purchase of the Type I Ambulance at a cost not to exceed \$ 267,270.00 under H-GAC Cooperative Purchasing Program Contract No. AMI 0-20; and that said contract amount shall be charged to Account No. C-04-21-010-000-206 and Account No. 1-01-25-265-100-290.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Township Clerk be and hereby are authorized and directed to execute documents in connection with said award of contract.

**Resolution No. 2021-291:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford and hereby authorizes the closure of the lower section of Lot Seven (7) for the Scarecrow Stroll and Garlic Rose Vampire Ball as follows:

- From Saturday, October 16<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 p.m. (noon) to Sunday, October 17<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.

**Resolution No. 2021-292:**

**AUTHORIZING THE A LEASE OF PARKING SPOTS IN MUNICIPAL LOT 7 TO RND DISPOSAL**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Cranford (“Township”) currently leases two (2) parking spots in Municipal Lot 7 for the use of a solid waste receptacle (a “dumpster”) for the use of certain adjoining property owners and their tenants; and

**WHEREAS**, the current leasee is not fulfilling its obligations in connection with the lease of those parking spots; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 21, 2019, the Township advised the current leasee, Grand Sanitation, of its breaches of the lease, and such breaches have not abated; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township wishes to terminate the current lease and enter into a new lease with RND Disposal, P.O. Box 209, Garwood, New Jersey, 07027, for a period of one-year.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, that the Township Attorney is directed to inform Grand Sanitation of the Township’s termination of the lease and the Township Administrator is authorized to execute a new lease in substantially the form as attached hereto.

**Resolution No. 2021-293:**

**WHEREAS**, there exists a need to engage experts to provide architectural services for the Township of Cranford; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Cranford advertised a Request for Proposals and Qualifications (RFP/Q) for architectural services in connection with renovations to 375 Centennial Avenue Indoor Recreation Facility 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 November 10, 2020, the Township Committee adopted Resolution No. 2020-361, authorizing an award of contract to DMR Architects for the aforementioned service at a fee not to exceed \$138,750.00; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to amend said contract for an additional amount not to exceed \$13,275.00; 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 **DMR Architects, 777 Terrace Avenue, Suite 607, Hasbrouck Heights, New Jersey, 07604** for architectural services via issuance of purchase orders in an amount not to exceed \$13,275.00.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that said contract amount shall be charged to Account No. C-04-20-006-000-S21 and Account No. C-04-21-010-000-209.

**Resolution No. 2021-294:**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE ORIGINAL SITE LICENSE AGREEMENT (TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD) AND ORIGINAL POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENT EXECUTED IN CONNECTION WITH THE UNION COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY'S 2011 RENEWABLE ENERGY PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, the Union County Improvement Authority (the "Authority") developed a program (the "Renewable Energy Program") for the procurement, financing, design, permitting, acquisition, construction, installation, operation and maintenance of renewable energy projects, including solar panels, and any related electrical modifications or other work required in connection therewith for and on behalf of the several local units including the participating local unit adopting this resolution (the "Participant") at the Participant's facilities (the "Renewable Energy Project");

**WHEREAS**, in connection therewith: (i) Tioga Solar Union County 1, LLC (including any successors and assigns thereof, the "Company"), the Authority, and the Participant entered into that Site License Agreement (Township of Cranford), dated May 1, 2011 (the "Original Site License Agreement"); and (ii) the Company, the Authority, the Participant, and the additional local government units referenced therein, entered into that certain Power Purchase Agreement, dated May 1, 2011 (the "Original Power Purchase Agreement" and together with the Original Site License Agreement, the "Original Participant Program Documents"); and

**WHEREAS**, at present, the Company is the holder of certain interests in the Renewable Energy Project and, among other things, delivers to the Participant the solar energy generated by the Renewable Energy Project pursuant to the Original Power Purchase Agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, the Authority and the Participant desire to amend the Original Participant Program Documents to effect the acquisition by the Authority of the Company's interests in the Renewable Energy Project as more fully set forth in that certain "Amendment No. 1 to Site License Agreement (Township of Cranford) and Power Purchase Agreement" to be executed ("*Amendment No. 1*"), in substantially the form attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, by and among the Authority and the Participant;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the governing body of the Participant as follows:

**Section 1.** The [Mayor] and [Township Administrator] of the Participant (including their designees, each an "*Authorized Officer*") are each hereby severally authorized and directed to execute and deliver Amendment No. 1, in substantially the form attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, with such changes as any such Authorized Officer, in his or her sole discretion shall determine to be necessary, desirable or convenient to promote the best interests of the Participant, and any such Authorized Officer's execution and delivery of Amendment No. 1 shall be full and complete evidence of the authorization by the Participant of any such additions or changes to the Original Participant Program Documents. The Authorized Officer is hereby further authorized to take all such further actions in connection therewith in accordance with all applicable law, including without limitation the execution of such other certificates, instruments or documents, as any such Authorized Officer, in consultation with counsel, shall deem necessary, convenient or desirable by any such Authorized Officer to implement Amendment No. 1.

**Section 2.** The [Clerk] / [Secretary] of the Participant and any designee are hereby authorized and directed, where required, to affix the corporate seal of the Participant and to attest to the signature of the Authorized Officer on Amendment No. 1, if necessary, and such other certificates, instruments or documents contemplated herein. Thereafter the Authorized Officer is hereby authorized and directed to deliver any such fully authorized, executed, delivered, and if applicable, attested and sealed certificates, instruments and documents to any interested party.

**Section 3.** All actions taken to date in connection with Amendment No. 1 by the Participant and its advisors are hereby ratified, confirmed and approved.

**Section 4.** A certified copy of this resolution and five (5) executed originals of Amendment No. 1 shall be forwarded to Stephen B. Pearlman, Esq. of Pearlman & Miranda, LLC, to the attention of David Wainger, Paralegal at Pearlman & Miranda, LLC, 110 Edison Place, Suite 301, Newark, New Jersey 07102.

**Section 5.** This resolution shall take effect immediately in accordance with all applicable law.

**AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO SITE LICENSE AGREEMENT AND POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENT**

**THIS AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO SITE LICENSE AGREEMENT AND POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENT (THE "AMENDMENT NO. 1")**, DATED AS OF AUGUST 10, 2021, BY AND AMONG THE UNION COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY, WITH OFFICES AT 10 CHERRY STREET, ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY 07202 ("AUTHORITY"), AND THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD, A LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY (THE "LOCAL UNIT"). EACH OF THE AUTHORITY AND THE



LOCAL UNIT MAY HEREINAFTER BE REFERRED TO AS A “PARTY,” AND COLLECTIVELY, THE “PARTIES.”

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, THE AUTHORITY DEVELOPED A PROGRAM (THE “RENEWABLE ENERGY PROGRAM”) FOR THE PROCUREMENT, FINANCING, DESIGN, PERMITTING, ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, INSTALLATION, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECTS, INCLUDING SOLAR PANELS, AND ANY RELATED ELECTRICAL MODIFICATIONS OR OTHER WORK REQUIRED IN CONNECTION THEREWITH FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE LOCAL UNIT AT THE LOCAL UNIT’S FACILITIES (THE “RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECT”);

WHEREAS, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH: (I) TIOGA SOLAR UNION COUNTY 1, LLC (INCLUDING ANY SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS THEREOF, THE “COMPANY”), THE AUTHORITY, AND THE LOCAL UNIT ENTERED INTO THAT SITE LICENSE AGREEMENT, DATED MAY 1, 2011 (THE “ORIGINAL SITE LICENSE AGREEMENT”); AND (II) THE COMPANY, THE AUTHORITY, THE LOCAL UNIT, AND THE ADDITIONAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS REFERENCED THEREIN, ENTERED INTO THAT CERTAIN POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENT, DATED MAY 1, 2011 (THE “ORIGINAL POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENT”); AND

WHEREAS, AT PRESENT, THE COMPANY IS THE HOLDER OF CERTAIN INTERESTS IN THE RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECT AND, AMONG OTHER THINGS, DELIVERS TO THE LOCAL UNIT THE SOLAR ENERGY GENERATED BY THE RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECT PURSUANT TO THE ORIGINAL POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENT; AND

WHEREAS, THE AUTHORITY DESIRES TO ACQUIRE ALL OF THE COMPANY’S INTERESTS IN THE RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECT FROM THE COMPANY; AND

WHEREAS, SUCH ACQUISITION BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE COMPANY’S INTERESTS IN THE RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECT REQUIRES CERTAIN AMENDMENTS TO THE ORIGINAL SITE LICENSE AGREEMENT AND THE ORIGINAL POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENT, WHICH THE PARTIES INTEND TO EFFECTUATE THROUGH THE EXECUTION OF THIS AMENDMENT NO. 1.

NOW, THEREFORE, IN CONSIDERATION OF THE FOREGOING AND THE MUTUAL COVENANTS AND AGREEMENTS CONTAINED IN THIS AMENDMENT NO. 1, AND FOR OTHER GOOD AND VALUABLE CONSIDERATION THE RECEIPT AND ADEQUACY OF WHICH IS HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGED, THE PARTIES AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

1.1. Authority Assumption of Company Rights and Obligations. The Parties hereby agree and acknowledge that, automatically upon the Authority’s acquisition of the Company’s interests in the Renewable Energy Project, the Authority shall assume all rights and obligations of the Company under the Original Power Purchase Agreement and the Original Site License Agreement, as the case may be, *vis a vis* the Local Unit and with respect to the Renewable Energy Project. The Local Unit hereby consents to the Authority’s assumption of such rights and obligations thereunder, upon the Authority’s acquisition of the Company’s interests in the Renewable Energy Project.

1.2. No Other Terms Affected. Except as set forth herein, all remaining terms and conditions of the Original Site License Agreement and the Original Power Purchase Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

1.3 Counterparts. This Amendment No. 1 may be executed in several counterparts, and when at least one counterpart has been fully executed by each Party hereto, this Amendment No. 1 shall become binding on all Parties hereto. All or any of the counterparts shall be regarded for all purposes as one original and shall constitute and be but one and the same instrument.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused this Amendment No. 1 to be executed and delivered by their duly authorized officers or agents, all as of the day and year first above written.

**Resolution No. 2021-295:**

**AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF STATE FUNDING (SFY21) FOR BODY-WORN CAMERA PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety, Office of the Attorney General, is responsible for administering the SFY21 Body-worn Camera Grant Program on behalf of the State of New Jersey; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford is aware that the use of Body-worn Cameras amongst law enforcement agencies provides for transparency; and

**WHEREAS**, The NJOAG (New Jersey Office of the Attorney General) in accordance with the provisions of P.L. 2020 c. 142, N.J.S.A. 40A:14-118.3-5, the Attorney General Directive No. 2015-1, has awarded (21-BWC-110) funding in the amount of \$32,608.00 to the Township of Cranford; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Cranford wishes to participate in the Body-worn Camera Grant Program by utilizing funds between the award period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2025; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, in the County of Union, New Jersey, that the Township Administrator and the Township Clerk are hereby authorized to accept the award (Award Number: 21-BWC-110) in the amount of \$32,608.00 from state account BFY21-100-066-1020-495 for the purchase of Body-Worn Cameras to be used by members of the Cranford Police Department.

**Resolution No. 2021-296:**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford hereby ratifies, approves and affirms the resignation of Amelia McHugh as a member of the Cranford Housing Board, Inc., effective July 24, 2021.

**Resolution No. 2021-297:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2021, that the Mayor and Township Clerk be, and hereby are, authorized to execute a Memorandum of Understanding and an Indemnification Agreement with the County of Union, Public Works Division, for participation in leaf disposal at the Union County Conservation Center.

**Resolution No. 2021-298:**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 54:5-19.1 authorizes electronic tax sales pursuant to rules and regulations promulgated by the Director of the Division of Government Services, and

**WHEREAS**, an electronic tax sale is innovative and provides a greater pool of potential lien buyers, thus creating the environment for a more complete tax sale process, and

**WHEREAS**, the municipality of Township of Cranford wishes to participate in an electronic tax sale;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, County of Union, State of New Jersey, that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to participate in an electronic tax sale and submit same to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services if necessary.

**Resolution No. 2021-299:**

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

**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 2021 in the sum of \$32,608.00 which is now available as a revenue from the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety for Body-Worn Camera Grant Program, pursuant to the provision of the statute; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the like sum of \$32,608.00 is hereby appropriated under the caption "Body-Worn Camera Grant Program"; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the above is a result of a grant of \$32,608.00 from the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety "Body-Worn Camera Grant" program.

**Resolution No. 2021-300:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, that the Chamber of Commerce be, and hereby is, authorized to hold its Fall Street Festival on Sunday, October 10, 2021; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this event will be held on the aforementioned date, rain or shine; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Fall Street Festival will require the closing of various streets from 7:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. as follows:

- North Union Avenue from Springfield Avenue to North Avenue;

- Alden Street from North Avenue to Parking Lot No. 11;
- Municipal Parking Lot No. 1.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Cranford Chamber of Commerce is permitted to post approximately fifteen (15) signs on municipal property in connection with the Fall Street Festival, and that said signs shall be posted not more than ten (10) days prior to such event, and shall be removed the day following such event.

**Resolution No. 2021-301:**  
**REMOVED FROM AGENDA**

**Resolution No. 2021-302:**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, at a meeting held on August 10, 2021, that Ashley Osieja be, and hereby, is appointed to the position of Administrative Assistant to the Township Administrator, effective August 23, 2021.

**Resolution No. 2021-303:**

**APPROVING CONSTRUCTION OF A FENCE ON BLOCK 130, LOT 19 (30 CORNELL ROAD) OWNED BY THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD**

**WHEREAS**, on or about July 2, 2018, James and Nancy Kutzer purchased 30 Cornell Road, also known as Block 130, Lot 20 of the Tax Map of the Township of Cranford; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Cranford owns Block 130, Lot 19, an approximate 20 foot (') by 80 foot (') landlocked parcel immediately behind Lot 20, being the remainder of a previous Township owned right-of-way between Colby Lane and Gallow Hills Road, all of which the Township had previously transferred to the properties fronting on Cornell Road and Colby Lane;

**WHEREAS**, the Kutzers interested in acquiring title to Block 130, Lot 19 from the Township, and prior to doing so desire to erect a fence around the perimeter of the rear yard of Lots 19 and 20; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township is amendable to granting the Kutzers a individual and non-transferrable license to erect such a fence pending the potential sale and transfer of title to Lot 19.

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

1. The Township authorizes the preparation and execution of a non-transferable one (1) year license to the Kutzer permitting the erection of a fence, consist with all applicable zoning ordinances, on Block 130, Lot 19, in a form acceptable to the Township Administrator and Township Attorney; and
2. The Zoning Officer is directed to issue a permit for the construction of such a fence provided the Kutzers submit (or have submitted) an application that conforms with all other applicable Ordinances excepting the Kutzer's present ownership of that portion to be constructed on Block 130, Lot 19.

**Resolution No. 2021-304:**

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford wishes to support the Cranford Historical Society in their efforts to upgrade Hanson House; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford supports the Cranford Historical Society in their pursuit of a grant with the Union County Preservation Open Space Grant Program pertaining to central air unit and heating unit installation and upgrades at the Hanson House.

**Recorded vote:**

Aye: Mayor Miller Prunty, Deputy Mayor Andrews, Commissioners Gareis, Hannen 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.

Don Smith, 21 Onieda Place – Mr. Smith stated that he has not received an answer to his question about the number of Affordable Housing units that are needed to meet the Township's current Round three (3) goals. He asked for a bottom-line number that is needed to meet the obligation. Discussion ensued.

Jim Carvalho, 9 Orange Avenue – Mr. Carvalho discussed his dissatisfaction with the fair and open bidding process and stated that he believes it is a way to get around having to go out to bid.

Rita LaBrutto, 104 Arlington Road – Ms. LaBrutto asked if there was a way to use some of the COVID-19 relief funds for the Centennial Avenue pool. She discussed the issues that the Township ran into with Birchwood apartments and the reason for the various lawsuits surrounding the project. Ms. LaBrutto also

provided a breakdown of the number of Affordable Housing units that are needed in order to fulfil the Third-round obligations.

Phyllis Kivett Howard, 5 Burnside Avenue – Ms. Kivett Howard stated that she and many other residents feel that there is too much redevelopment happening within the Township. She thanked the Township Committee for putting Resolution No. 2021-274 on the agenda.

Rita Mason, 16 Alan Okell Drive – Ms. Mason asked about the handyman program and how she can get assistance with maintenance-related issues around her home. She also asked about the number of Affordable Housing units that are needed. Ms. Mason said the taxes in town are high and it makes it difficult for elderly residents to stay in their homes. She also stated that she would like to know what the curriculum is in the School District and said that she has called the Board of Education several times and has not received a call back.

Jim Carvalho, 9 Orange Avenue – Mr. Carvalho asked why the meeting procedures have changed since last month with regards to how many times a resident can get up to speak.

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

## **PROFESSIONAL COMMENTS**

### **Township Clerk Patricia Donahue**

- Congratulated Suzanne Welsh on her new position as Constituent Services Coordinator.

### **Township Administrator Jamie Cryan**

- Spoke about the promotion of Suzanne Welsh and congratulated her on her new position.
- Welcomed new hire Ashley Osieja.
- Spoke about Cathy Scotti and thanked her for her hard work in the Office of the Administrator.
- Spoke about Topology and the work they will be doing for the Township.
- Wished Township Clerk Patricia Donahue a happy birthday.

## **COMMISSIONER REPORTS/COMMENTS**

### **Commissioner Mary O'Connor**

- Spoke about Centennial Avenue Pool and the financial reason for its closure.
- Encouraged members of the public to take advantage of the 750 Walnut Avenue survey.
- Spoke about the COVID-19 Delta variant and asked that everyone continue to follow CDC guidelines.
- Spoke about Cranford's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations and said there will be an informal meeting held at the Canoe Club the following evening for the River Carnival.
- Spoke about Restaurant Week and supporting local establishments.
- Congratulated the Girl Scouts on their Gold and Silver Awards.
- Wished all the college students' luck on the upcoming school year.
- Spoke about her time on the Planning Board and the Affordable Housing projects she worked on prior to 2017.

### **Commissioner Thomas H. Hannen, Jr.**

- Spoke about Commissioners O' Connor's statement regarding Affordable Housing prior to 2017.
- Spoke about meeting procedures and how many times a resident is allowed to address the Township Committee.
- Stated that he found out about Township Attorney Ryan Cooper's July 13<sup>th</sup> presentation on the afternoon of the Meeting when he received the updated agenda.
- Spoke about the berm at 750 Walnut Avenue.
- Spoke about Topology and the North Avenue Gateway Redevelopment Area.
- Congratulated Coach McCaffery and the Cranford Baseball and Softball leagues.
- Thanked Amy McHugh for her service on the Cranford Housing Board.
- Spoke about the passing of Cranford School Teacher Nathalie Monahan and extended his thoughts to her family.

### **Commissioner Jason Gareis**

- Spoke about the Cranford Police Department and the great job they did during the incident that occurred on July 29<sup>th</sup>.
- Spoke about the dangers Police Officers face on a daily basis and mentioned an incident that happened in Chicago over the weekend in which two (2) police officers were shot during a traffic stop.
- Spoke about Cranford's Restaurant Week.

- Spoke about the importance of resident involvement in local government.
- Spoke about the survey for the 750 Walnut Avenue project as well as the Topology's engagement efforts.
- Encouraged members of the public to utilize the Redevelopment tab on the Township website and to stay informed and up-to-date on Redevelopment plans.
- Asked that people who are traveling stay safe and said COVID-19 is still affecting families.

**Deputy Mayor Brian Andrews**

- Echoed Commissioner Gareis' comments about the Cranford Police Department and the July 29<sup>th</sup> incident.
- Spoke about the survey for 750 Walnut Avenue.
- Spoke about the bipartisan infrastructure agreement that was passed in the Senate.
- Expressed his disappointment regarding the re-opening of Eastman Street.
- Spoke about Restaurant Week and encouraged members of the public to visit the DMC website.

**Mayor Kathleen Miller Prunty**

- Mayor Miller Prunty thanked Amy McHugh for her years of service on the Cranford Housing Board.
- Welcomed Ashley Osieja to the Office of the Administrator.
- Congratulated Suzanne Welsh on her promotion.
- Congratulated Captain Van Bergen on his retirement.
- Thanked Cathy Scotti for her work in the Office of the Administrator.
- Spoke about the Raritan Valley Line Mayor's Alliance meeting and the opportunity she had to meet with Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg and Congressman Tom Malinowski.
- Spoke about the "One-Seat Ride" and her work with the Raritan Valley Mayor's Alliance.
- Spoke about the North Avenue Gateway Redevelopment Area and the numerous opportunities the community would have to participate in this matter.
- Thank the Cranford Police Department for their service.
- Wished everyone a good summer.

On motion of Commissioner O' Connor, seconded by Deputy Mayor Andrews and passed, the Township Committee adjourned at 10:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Patricia Donahue, RMC  
Township Clerk

Date: August 10, 2021