

The Minutes of the **Official Meeting** of the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, County of Union, State of New Jersey on **August 15, 2017** at 8:00 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 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 MAY BE TAKEN AT THIS MEETING.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Thomas H. Hannen, Jr.  
Deputy Mayor Patrick F. Giblin  
Commissioner Ann Dooley  
Commissioner Andis Kalnins  
Commissioner Mary O'Connor

**ABSENT:** None

#### **INVOCATION AND FLAG SALUTE**

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

#### **PAYMENT OF BILLS**

On motion of Commissioner Kalnins, seconded by Commissioner Dooley and passed, the Bill Lists dated August 15, 2017 totaling \$11,851,227.76, 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 Hannen, Deputy Mayor Giblin, Commissioners Dooley, Kalnins and O'Connor

Nay: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

#### **MAYORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Appointment of Township Engineer, William Masol, as a member of the Emergency Management Council

#### **FIRE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS**

On motion of Deputy Mayor Giblin, seconded by Commissioner O'Connor and passed, the following resolution was adopted:

#### **POLICE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS**

##### **Citizens Police Academy Awards Ceremony**

##### **Resolution No. 2017-287A:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford at a meeting held August 15, 2017 that Thomas Polito be, and hereby is, appointed as a Firefighter within the Cranford Fire Department, effective August 16, 2017.

Recorded vote:

Aye: Deputy Mayor Giblin, Commissioners Dooley, Kalnins and O'Connor

Nay: None

Abstained: Mayor Hannen

Absent: None

*(Oath of Office administered by Township Clerk Tara Rowley)*

On motion of Deputy Mayor Giblin, seconded by Commissioner O'Connor and passed, the following resolution was adopted:

##### **Resolution No. 2017-287B:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford at a meeting held August 15, 2017 that Brad Bisset be, and hereby is, appointed as a Firefighter within the Cranford Fire Department, effective August 16, 2017.

Recorded vote:

Aye: Deputy Mayor Giblin, Commissioners Dooley, Kalnins and O'Connor

Nay: None

Abstained: Mayor Hannen

Absent: None

*(Oath of Office administered by Township Clerk Tara Rowley)*

**RESOLUTIONS – By Consent Agenda**

On motion of Commissioner Dooley, seconded by Commissioner Kalnins and passed, the following resolutions were adopted by consent agenda:

**Resolution No. 2017-288:**

**WHEREAS**, the Division of Local Government Services has promulgated a regulation that each municipality shall prepare and submit a Corrective Action Plan that “shall cover all findings and recommendations in the audit report, including state, federal, and general findings, as well as the status of all prior year findings and recommendations” and that the governing body shall approve said Corrective Action Plan.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, on this 15<sup>th</sup> day of August 2017, hereby approves the Corrective Action Plan as submitted by the Chief Financial Officer as follows:

**TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD****CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN FOR THE 2016 AUDIT REPORT****Recommendation:**

That the practice of issuing confirming purchase orders be discontinued.

**Corrective Action Plan:**

The practice of Confirming purchase orders has been addressed with all Department Heads and purchases are continually assessed for compliance.

The Township Committee has previously adopted a Purchasing manual to provide a resource and accountability reserve for departments to access and continues the practice of blanket purchase orders for standard monthly payments to avoid the practice of confirming purchase orders.

**Resolution No. 2017-289:**

**WHEREAS**, Grant Receivable balance exists in the records of the Township of Cranford; and

**WHEREAS**, the balance is as follows:

Municipal Alliance (2016-2017 year)	\$94.59
-------------------------------------	---------

<b>TOTAL GRANT RECEIVABLES TO CANCEL</b>	<b>\$94.59</b>
--	----------------

**WHEREAS**, Grant Appropriation Reserve balance exists in the records of the Township of Cranford; and

**WHEREAS**, the balance is as follows:

Municipal Alliance (2016-2017 year)	<u>\$94.59</u>
-------------------------------------	----------------

<b>TOTAL GRANT APPROPRIATIONS TO CANCEL</b>	<b>\$94.59</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. 2017-290:****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 2017 in the sum of \$5,158.06, which is now available as a revenue from the State of New Jersey, pursuant to the provision of the statute; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the like sum of \$5,158.06 is hereby appropriated under the caption “State Body Armor”; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the above is a result of a State grant of \$5,158.06 from the State of New Jersey State Body Armor Replacement Fund (BARF).

**Resolution No. 2017-291:**

**WHEREAS**, the Director of Finance has certified to the availability of funds which is on file in the office of the Township Clerk; and

**WHEREAS**, on August 1, 2017 one (1) bid was received for the Winterizing and Start-up of Centennial Avenue and Orange Avenue Outdoor Pools for the 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 seasons; and

**WHEREAS, Aquatic Services, Inc. 170 Burlington Avenue, Spotswood, New Jersey 08884** is the low qualifying bidder for this contract at a low bid price of \$ 11,094.30 for 2017, and \$62,597.30 for 2018.

**WHEREAS**, funds for award of this contract will be made available from the current budget and subsequent budget years.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, on this 15<sup>th</sup> day of August 2017, that **Aquatic Services, Inc.** be, and hereby is, awarded the contract for the **Winterizing and Start-up of Centennial Avenue and Orange Avenue Outdoor Pools**; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that said contract amount shall be charged to Account No. 7-26-00-200-105-214.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to sign

a contract with **Aquatic Services, Inc.**

**Resolution No. 2017-292:**

**WHEREAS**, the Director of Finance has certified to the availability of funds which is on file in the office of the Township Clerk; and

**WHEREAS**, on August 15, 2017 three (3) bids were received for Renovations to Indoor Pool at the Centennial Avenue Pool Complex; and

**WHEREAS, Hull-Vicci Construction Corporation, 107 Walnut Avenue, Cranford, New Jersey** is the low qualifying bidder for this contract at a low bid price of \$438,150; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, on this 15<sup>th</sup> day of August 2017, that **Hull-Vicci Construction Corporation**, be, and hereby is, awarded a contract for the **Renovations to Indoor Pool at the Centennial Avenue Pool Complex**; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that said contract amount shall be charged to Account No. C27-15-026-100-280; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to sign a contract with **Hull-Vicci Construction Corporation**.

**Resolution No. 2017-293:**

**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**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford that Sanitation Truck Repair be and hereby is awarded a contract for the purchase of new Dump Truck Body for Department of Public Works at a quoted price of \$25,849. under state contract # T2108 & T2085.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that said contract amount shall be charged to Account No. C-04-17-005-000-203.

**Resolution No. 2017-294:**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Cranford required an expert to provide redevelopment legal services to the Township of Cranford; 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**, at a meeting held January 3, 2017, the Township Committee adopted Resolution No. 2017-23, authorizing an award of contract to Wanda Chin Monahan, Esq. for the aforementioned service at a fee not to exceed \$15,000.00; and

**WHEREAS**, at a meeting held on March 13, 2017 the Township Committee adopted by Resolution No. 2017-153 to amend said contract for an additional amount not to exceed \$85,000.00; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to amend said contract for an additional amount not to exceed \$20,000.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer has certified to the availability of funds which is on file in the office of the Township Clerk.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, be and hereby amends the contract awarded to **Wanda Chin Monahan, Esq., 50 Cardinal Drive, Suite 102, Westfield, NJ 07090** for redevelopment legal services via issuance of purchase orders in an amount not to exceed \$120,000.00.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that said contract amount shall be charged to Account No. C-04-16-028-000-S20.

**Resolution No. 2017-295:**

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary for the Township to retain an expert responsible for the administration of affordable housing units; and

**WHEREAS, Community Grants, Planning & Housing (CGP&H)** has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that **CGP&H** 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 **CGP&H** from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract; and

**WHEREAS, CGP&H** has submitted a Business Entity Contribution Certification which certifies that **CGP&H** has not made any reportable contribution during the past twelve (12) month period, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-1 et seq.; and

**WHEREAS**, at a meeting held May 9, 2017, the Township Committee adopted Resolution No. 2017-198, authorizing an award of contract to Community Grants, Planning and Housing (CGP&H) for the aforementioned service at a fee not to exceed \$5,625.00; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to amend said contract for an additional amount not to exceed \$14,375.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer and Finance Director have certified as 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 **Community Grants, Planning & Housing (CGP&H)** for the aforementioned service via issuance of purchase orders in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that said contract amount shall be charged to Account No. T-23-00-000-101-000.

**Resolution No. 2017-296:**

**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 a sewer camera truck for the Cranford Department of Public Works.

**Resolution No. 2017-297:**

**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 animal control services.

**Resolution No. 2017-298:**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford at a meeting held August 15, 2017 that the following persons be appointed as Police Chaplain within the Cranford Police Department:

Cameron Overbey  
Kenneth Marks, Jr.  
Wilfred Lewis  
Thomas Quinn  
Thomas Rice  
Clive Sang  
Frank Lanzkron-Tamarazo

**Resolution No. 2017-299:**

**WHEREAS**, a typographical error was noted on Resolution 2017-285 outlining the principal and interest amounts that has been refunded due to a tax state appeal on Block 636 Lot 3 AKA 10-12 Commerce Drive, and;

**WHEREAS**, the refund check was correct in the amount of \$173,499.91 and;

**WHEREAS**, the interest amounts were incorrectly noted, the correct amounts are as follows:

**Interest for 2009: \$11,825.18**  
**Interest for 2010: \$ 7,986.40**  
**Interest for 2011: \$ 7,542.16**  
**Interest for 2012: \$ 6,527.84**  
**Interest for 2013: \$ 6,388.12**  
**Total: \$40,269.70**  
(7-01-55-000-010-028)

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the amount of the interest noted should have totaled \$40,269.70 and;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this part of the original Resolution 2017-285 be amended and authorized by this resolution.

**Resolution No. 2017-300:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford on the 15<sup>TH</sup> day of August 2017 that the Tax Collector has been authorized to refund tax and/or sewer overpayments:

**SEWER OVERPAYMENT**

Block 294 Lot 8 - Acct# 3403-0 – 520 Cranford Ave.  
Crecca, Cecelia  
124 Elm Street  
Cranford, NJ 07016-2203

**Refund: \$3.00**  
(7-01-55-000-010-026)

Block 524 Lot 7 – Acct# 6707-0 – 12 Edgebrook Pl.  
Carbine: James E. III & Andrea J.  
12 Edgebrook Pl.  
Cranford, NJ 07016-2811

**Refund: \$476.50**  
(7-01-55-000-010-026)

**TAX OVERPAYMENT**

Block 500 Lot 4 – 12 Pine St.  
Gimenez, Pamela  
12 Pine Street  
Cranford, NJ 07016-2203

**Refund: \$766.60**  
(7-01-55-000-010-025)

**Resolution No. 2017-301:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford hereby authorizes the closure of Thomas Street from Cummings Street to Lincoln Avenue on Saturday, September 16, 2017 from 12:00 PM to 10:00 PM for the Centennial Village Music Fest.

**Resolution No. 2017-301A:**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SHARED SERVICES CONTRACT WITH THE TOWN OF WESTFIELD FOR THE PAVING OF A PORTION OF ROGER AVENUE**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford that the Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to enter into a shared services agreement with the Town of Westfield for the paving of a portion of Roger Avenue.

**Resolution No. 2017-301B:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford be and hereby accepts the

resignation of Madeline Colandro, Office Assistant within the Health Department and Planning and Zoning Board Scribe, effective August 4, 2017 with regrets.

**Resolution No. 2017-301C:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford at a meeting held August 15, 2017 that Ruth Nicholas be and hereby is appointed as full-time Office Assistant within the Office of Planning and Zoning effective August 15, 2017 at an annual salary of \$38,000.

Recorded vote:

Aye: Mayor Hannen, Deputy Mayor Giblin, Commissioners Dooley, Kalnins and O'Connor

Nay: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

**INFORMAL MEETING**

Mayor Hannen opened the informal meeting and asked if there were any questions or comments. Hearing no comments, Mayor Hannen closed the informal meeting.

**RESOLUTIONS – By Roll Call Vote**

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

**Resolution No. 2017—301D:**

**WHEREAS**, James Wozniak, Chief of Police, has informed the Township of Cranford of his intent to retire; and **WHEREAS**, the Township Committee thanks James Wozniak for his twenty-five years of service to the Township of Cranford as a member of the Cranford Police Department; and

**WHEREAS**, the Employment Agreement between James Wozniak and the Township of Cranford provides for the payment of certain benefits upon retirement;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford that the retirement of James Wozniak, Chief of Police, be and hereby is accepted; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Township Attorney is authorized to prepare and execute a separation agreement between James Wozniak and the Township of Cranford.

Recorded vote:

Aye: Mayor Hannen, Deputy Mayor Giblin, Commissioners Kalnins and O'Connor

Nay: Commissioner Dooley

Abstained: None

Absent: None

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

**Resolution No. 2017—301E:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford at a meeting held August 15, 2017 that Captain Joseph Van Bergen be, and hereby is, appointed as Acting Police Chief effective September 1, 2017.

Recorded vote:

Aye: Mayor Hannen, Deputy Mayor Giblin, Commissioners Dooley, Kalnins and O'Connor

Nay: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

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

**Resolution No. 2017-302:**

**WHEREAS**, the Union County fire coordinator in consultation with the Fire Chiefs of the units of the fire service within each county, appoint the Deputy County Fire Coordinator or coordinators as outlined in N.J.A.C 5:75A Subchapter 2 Local/County Emergency Deployment and;

**WHEREAS**, Battalion Chief Jon Wojcik has met the requirements outlined in N.J.A.C 5:75A Subchapter 2 Local/County Emergency Deployment to serve as a Deputy County Fire Coordinator;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Township of Cranford recognizes the appointment of Battalion Chief Jon Wojcik as a Union County Deputy Fire Coordinator.

Recorded vote:

Aye: Deputy Mayor Giblin, Commissioners Dooley, Kalnins and O'Connor

Nay: None

Abstained: Mayor Hannen

Absent: None

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

**Resolution No. 2017-303:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford that the following individual be and hereby is appointed as per diem Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) within the Cranford Fire Department:

Paul Richardson

Recorded vote:

Aye: Mayor Hannen, Deputy Mayor Giblin, Commissioners Dooley, Kalnins and O'Connor

Nay: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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

John Pritchard, 42-44 West Holly Street, spoke in support of the newly appointed firefighters. Also spoke in support of the military. Feels residents should always remember those who served our country and those who were lost during war. Sang a song in support of the military. Urged the Township Committee to request that legislators reactivate Muhlenberg Hospital and other hospitals in the area due to their proximity to Ground Zero.

Mayor Hannen announced that the next workshop meeting is scheduled for September 11, 2017 and informed residents that the Township Committee might need to begin the meeting late due to the Annual September 11, 2017 Remembrance Ceremony.

Nancy Kellner, 38 Georgia Street, discussed her opposition to the application to develop the 750 Walnut Avenue property. Feels there are several negative aspects to the project, including its size and the developer's refusal to consider fewer units. Also feels renters would not have the same stake in the Township as property owners. In addition, feels the increase in traffic would make the major streets and side streets vulnerable, and the increase in noise is another concern. Feels the area would be heavily populated and would also impact parking at local supermarkets and downtown businesses. Feels this project is of concern to all residents and would impact all neighborhoods.

Kevin Kirkpatrick, 9 Roger Norton Place, congratulated the newly appointed firefighters.

Mr. Kirkpatrick also discussed the project proposed at 750 Walnut Avenue and referenced the presentation and discussion that was held at the July 18, 2017 Township Committee meeting. Discussed the projected number of school children estimated by Hartz Mountain during the presentation and the possibility that these estimates might be incorrect. Asked if the Township Committee has received updated information in this regard.

Township Attorney Cooper explained that the Township Committee has a number of questions concerning the proposed development and would be contacting Hartz Mountain to request that it supply additional information.

Mr. Kirkpatrick discussed the acquisition of various properties by the Township and asked if the Township Committee is considering purchasing 750 Walnut Avenue.

Township Attorney Cooper explained that the Township Committee is only considering Hartz Mountain's request to designate the property at 750 Walnut Avenue as an area in need of redevelopment at this time. If and when additional opportunities become available, the Township Committee would consider all options.

Jessica Orr, 7 Mitchell Place, requested clarification as to the process and timeline regarding the application to develop 750 Walnut Avenue.

Township Attorney Cooper discussed the process and explained how it relates to the Planning Board versus the Township Committee. Also explained the process for retaining experts if the Planning Board decides to move the application forward.

Commissioner Kalnins also explained that the Township has retained experts for advice as necessary.

Commissioner Dooley explained that the experts utilized by the Township Committee is consultative and not for public testimony.

Thomas Roettker, 347 South Union Avenue, requested information as to funds budgeted for experts in connection with 750 Walnut Avenue.

Township Attorney Cooper discussed the funds for legal services and other professional services that are included in the budget each year.

Mayor Hannen assured residents that there is a budget for professional services. Also explained that budget transfers could be made to cover costs, if necessary.

Township Attorney Cooper explained that while certain issues might not be known at the time of the budget process, legal events are anticipated every year and funds are appropriated to address matters that might be encountered

Marcy Duarte, 37 Iroquois Road, asked if the information to be provided by Hartz Mountain would be a public record.

Township Attorney Cooper explained that additional information is being compiled and depending on its context, a determination would be made as to whether it is considered a public record.

Tammy Elgin, 13 Pershing Avenue, asked if Hartz Mountain would provide evidence as to its efforts to lease the current commercial space. Also requested clarification as to Hartz Mountain's rezoning application versus its request for a redevelopment designation.

Township Attorney Cooper stated that Hartz Mountain spoke to its leasing efforts during the presentation on July 18, 2017, and some members of the Township Committee raised questions concerning those efforts, but he cannot speak to the sufficiency of Hartz Mountain's presentation.

Township Attorney Cooper also explained that Hartz Mountain submitted an application to the Planning Board requesting that the Planning Board rezone the property as residential. Parallel to that application to the Planning Board, Hartz Mountain requested that the Township Committee consider designating the 750 Walnut Avenue property as an area in need of redevelopment. Explained that the processes are different, but he cannot speak to the benefits of one process versus the other, only that one involves an application, and the other involves a request.

Christine Esposito, 11 Behnert Place, asked if the Township Committee would make a decision concerning the request to designate the property as an area in need of redevelopment prior to the Planning Board hearing the application to rezone the property.

Township Attorney Cooper explained that Hartz Mountain has submitted an application to the Planning Board, and the hearing has been adjourned at the request of Hartz Mountain. As to the request to designate the property as an area in need of redevelopment, the Township Committee is still gathering information and would make a decision once all information is received. Stated that he cannot predict the timing of those events.

James Rhatican, Esq., Hartz Mountain, referenced the comment made earlier this evening regarding the projection of school children in connection with the development of 750 Walnut Avenue. Stated that the Board of Education has been contacted for updated information but Hartz Mountain has not yet received a response.

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

## **PROFESSIONAL COMMENTS**

### **Township Attorney Ryan Cooper**

- Discussed the designation of the Birchwood Avenue property as an area in need of redevelopment, and the motion filed by the Township to amend the Judgment of Repose in connection with its affordable housing obligation. Announced that Hartz Mountain has filed a motion to intervene with the Township's motion to amend the Judgment of Repose.

## **COMMISSIONER REPORTS/COMMENTS**

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

- Congratulated graduates of the Citizen's Police Academy. Mentioned that she attended the program which provided her with great insight on the expertise of police officers and encouraged residents to participate in the program;
- Congratulated Fire Battalion Chief Wojcik on his appointment as Union County Deputy Fire Coordinator;
- Congratulated the newly appointed firefighters;
- Announced that the Chamber of Commerce would be hosting its street fair on August 20, 2017 and discussed events to be held;
- Discussed the Nixle alert system and encouraged residents to register for alerts;
- Discussed the school route plan that is posted on the Cranford Police Department's webpage;
- Extended best wishes to Chief Wozniak on his retirement and stated that she is sorry to see him go. Also stated that she enjoyed working with him as Commissioner of Public Safety;
- Thanked those in attendance and wished everyone a happy and safe Labor Day;
- Wished her mother a Happy Birthday;
- Extended best wishes to Township Administrator Wall for a speedy recovery.

**Commissioner Andis Kalnins**

- Congratulated the newly appointed firefighters and welcomed them to the Fire Department;
- Congratulated the graduates of the Police Department Citizen's Academy and mentioned that he also attended the program. Thanked those involved with the program;
- Discussed the resolution authorizing the appointment of Police Department Chaplains and thanked them for volunteering their service to the program;
- Discussed the 2016 Municipal Audit and the fact that there was only one comment/recommendation. Commended Chief Financial Officer Patterson and her staff for their efforts. Also discussed the interest rate in connection with the reissuance of Bond Anticipation Notes, which can be attributed to the Township's financial rating;
- Extended best wishes to new college students and reminded everyone to drive carefully as school is still out of session;
- Thanked Police Chief Wozniak for his service to Cranford. Feels he did a great job with the department and wished him well with his future endeavors.

**Commissioner Ann Dooley**

- Thanked Police Chief Wozniak for his devotion and service to Cranford and wished him well in his future endeavors;
- Discussed Union County's paving schedule for Walnut Avenue and announced that paving would be done during evening hours and would involve the full closure of certain roads. Stated that a link would be posted to the Township's website with details;
- Discussed the paving schedule by the Township and the inclusion of a portion of Roger Avenue through a cost sharing agreement with the Town of Westfield;
- Discussed the upcoming "Pooch Plunge" at Cranford Orange Avenue Pool scheduled for September and stated that she is hopeful it will become an annual program. Also informed residents that a free rabies clinic would be held during the event. Also discussed the introduction of a three-year dog licensing program.

**Deputy Mayor Patrick Giblin**

- Discussed various events being hosted by the Friends of the Public Library and provided contact information for those interested in participating;
- Announced that the Jaycees would be hosting its 5<sup>th</sup> Annual October Fest at Union County College and provided information for those interested in attending;
- Wished his wife a Happy 14<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary and thanked his family for the sacrifices they have made because of his involvement with the Township Committee.

**Mayor Thomas H. Hannen, Jr.**

- Congratulated Commissioner Kalnins' daughter on starting college and wished her well on her future endeavors;
- Wished Commissioner O'Connor's mother a Happy Birthday;
- Wished Deputy Mayor Giblin and his wife a Happy Anniversary;
- Wished Police Chief Wozniak good luck in his future endeavors;
- Thanked veterans for their sacrifices and discussed events that occurred over the weekend in South Carolina.

On motion of Deputy Mayor Giblin, seconded by Commissioner O'Connor and passed, the Township Committee adjourned at 9:27 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

---

Tara Rowley, RMC  
Township Clerk

Date: August 15, 2017