

The Minutes of the **Official Meeting** of the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, County of Union, State of New Jersey on **September 13, 2022** at 7:57 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 Monsignor Timothy J. Shugrue of St. Michaels Roman Catholic Church, followed by the flag salute.

#### **MINUTE APPROVAL**

On motion of Commissioner Andrews, seconded by Commissioner Black and passed, the minutes of the Workshop Meeting of March 29, 2022, and Workshop Meeting of August 8, 2022, and Official Meeting of April 26, 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 Black and passed, the Bill List dated September 13, 2022, totaling \$6,283,441.74 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 invited Monsignor Timothy J. Shugrue of St. Michaels Roman Catholic Church to the podium and then read the Mayor's Proclamation:

##### St. Michael Church's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

WHEREAS, in 1872 a small group of Catholics gathered in a home in the Township of Cranford to celebrate mass; and

WHEREAS, from this small seed of roughly 30 families would grow the current parish of St. Michaels, a parish that now serves over 3500 families; and

WHEREAS, in 1901, the first church building located at Orange Avenue was destroyed by fire. The new church was rebuilt at the intersection of Miln Street and Alden Street. In 1948 the original church was torn down and rebuilt on the same location to accommodate the growing congregation; and

WHEREAS, a parish school that would educate thousands of elementary and middle school children was opened in 1930; and

WHEREAS, over the years, St. Michaels would see its parishioners through immense changes in the town, the nation, the world and the Catholic Church; and

WHEREAS, the motto Forward in Faith and Service describes what St. Michaels has been and what it aspires to be; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, acknowledges and commemorates the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of St. Michaels Church.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, in honor of the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, a year of celebratory events had occurred and a closing mass on October 22, 2022 at 5:30pm will acknowledge and commemorate the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of St. Michaels.

Monsignor Timothy J. Shugrue spoke about the future of St Michael Church and thanked the Township

Committee and the residents of Cranford for their support.

**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 Ordinance No. 2022-22 and asked Mayor Miller Prunty why the Ordinance was removed from the agenda and when it would be introduced.

Ron Cunningham, 14 Kensington Avenue – Mr. Cunningham expressed his frustration with the home elevation program and inquired about the Township’s receipt of funding from a grant. He also inquired about the timeframe and plan for the current elevation project. Mr. Cunningham explained that he began this process in 2017 with former Township Administrator Terence Wall and was told that the elevation of his home would be one hundred (100) per cent (%) covered by the grant. He said that he recently received a letter stating that he would now be responsible for \$78,000 of the project and inquired about this development. Township Administrator Jamie Cryan provided information regarding the home elevation program. Discussion ensued.

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

**ORDINANCES – Final Reading and Public Hearing**

**Ordinance No. 2022-19:**

The Township Clerk read by title only Ordinance No. 2022-19 entitled “AN AMENDMENT TO THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, CHAPTER 223, ARTICLE I, SECTION 9 “PERMIT FEES”

Deputy Mayor Gareis

Deputy Mayor Gareis provided background on Ordinance No. 2022-19 which pertained to fire permit fees.

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

On motion of Deputy Mayor 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 Gareis, Commissioners Andrews, Black and O’Connor

Nay: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

**ORDINANCES – Introduction**

**Ordinance No. 2022-21: REMOVED FROM THE AGENDA**

**Ordinance No. 2022-22: REMOVED FROM THE AGENDA**

**RESOLUTIONS – By Consent Agenda**

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

**Resolution No. 2022-321:**

**RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR THE INFLOW AND INFILTRATION 2022 PROJECT**

**WHEREAS**, on Thursday, September 1, 2022, at 10:00 a.m., bids were opened in the presence of the Purchasing Agent and the Township Clerk; and

**WHEREAS**, there were four (4) bids received with the lowest bidder for the project being Messercola Excavating Co. Inc., 549 East Third Street, Plainfield, New Jersey, 07060 with a Base Bid Amount of \$444,952.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Engineer and other appropriate Township Officials have reviewed the bids and recommend an award of contract for base bid only for this project to Messercola Excavating Co. Inc.; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer reviewed the available funding for the improvements and has certified that sufficient funds are available within the current and/or previously adopted budget for said

purpose by way of Bond Ordinance No. 2022-12 and that said contract amount shall be charged to Account No. C-04-22-012-000-204; and

**WHEREAS**, this Project is funded by way of a capital improvements bond ordinance 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 Messercola Excavating Co. Inc. for a total bid amount of \$444,952.00; and

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

I, Patricia Donahue, Township Clerk of the Township of Cranford, in the County of Union, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify that the forgoing is true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, County of Union, State of New Jersey at a regular meeting of said Committee held on September 13, 2022.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Township of Cranford in the County of Union and State of New Jersey this 13<sup>th</sup> day of September 2022.

**Resolution No. 2022-322:**

**RESOLUTION AWARDDING PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE INFLOW AND INFILTRATION 2022 PROJECT**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Cranford requires an expert to provide construction administration (engineering) services in connection with the Inflow and Infiltration 2022 Project; 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 September 1, 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 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 **\$52,500.00**; and
2. The Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute a contract with Colliers Engineering & 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-04-22-012-000-S22.

**Resolution No. 2022-323:**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 FOR THE NJDOT (NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION) FY 2019 BROOKSIDE PLACE DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT**

**WHEREAS**, by Resolution No. 2020-248, the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford authorized and approved an award of contract to CCM Contracting Inc., 336 U.S, Route 22 Green Brook, New Jersey, 08812 for a total project price of \$638,176.65; and

**WHEREAS**, certain necessary items of extra work were required to be undertaken throughout the course of the project due to unforeseen field conditions; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Engineer has reviewed and approved the installation guide rail and construction item quantities and items of extra work as set forth in Change Order No. 1, a copy of which is attached to the original hereof; and

**WHEREAS**, Change Order No. 1 reflects an increase in the materials and work utilized in the amount not to exceed \$99,637.73 (15.6% increase); and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that sufficient funds are available within the current and/or previously adopted budget for said purpose by way of Bond Ordinance No. 2019-05 that said contract amount shall be charged to Account No. C-04-19-005-000-202.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, Union County, New Jersey that the above referenced Change Order No. 1 for the NJDOT FY2019

Brookside Place Drainage Improvements Project is awarded to CCM Contracting Inc. with an amended contract amount of \$737,814.38.

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

I, Patricia Donahue, Township Clerk of the Township of Cranford, in the County of Union, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify that the forgoing is true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, County of Union, State of New Jersey at a regular meeting of said Committee held on September 13, 2022.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Township of Cranford in the County of Union and State of New Jersey this 13<sup>th</sup> day of September 2022.

**Resolution No. 2022-324:**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER NO. 10 THROUGH CHANGE ORDER NO. 14 FOR VARIOUS ITEMS OF EXTRA WORK FOR THE ELM STREET AREA DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT**

**WHEREAS**, by Resolution No. 2021-217, adopted May 25, 2021, the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford authorized and approved an award of contract to American Asphalt & Milling Services, LLC, 96 Midland Avenue, Kearny, New Jersey, 07032 with a total bid amount of \$843,171.96 for the Elm Street Area Drainage Improvements Project.; and

**WHEREAS**, by Resolution No. 2021-380, adopted October 26, 2021, the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford authorized both 1) a negotiation and settlement and 2) awarded a contract for the Elm Street Area Drainage Improvements Project to P & A Construction, Inc., P.O. Box 28, Colonia, New Jersey 07067 for the completion of the project for the total amount of \$843,171.96,

**WHEREAS**, by Resolution No. 2022-214, adopted April 26, 2022, the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford authorized and approved an award of contract in the amount of \$236,138.06 for Change Orders No. 1 through No. 9 for an adjusted contract amount of \$1,079,310.02;

**WHEREAS**, the project is currently under construction and the need exists to rectify some additional item quantities and additional services with the original contract quantities for the project; and

**WHEREAS**, certain necessary items of extra work were required to be undertaken throughout the course of the project due to unforeseen field conditions; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Engineer has reviewed and approved the construction item quantities and items of extra work as set forth in Change Orders No. 10 through No. 14 as per memo dated September 1, 2022 from the Township Engineer to the Administrator, a copy of which is on file in the Clerk's office; and

**WHEREAS**, Change Orders No. 10 through No. 14 reflect an increase in the materials and work utilized in the amount of \$300,156.50 with a total change order amount of \$536,294.56 (a 63.6% increase); and

**WHEREAS**, available funding for these Change Orders will be utilized from Account No. C-04-20-006-000-202, by way of Bond Ordinance No. 2020-06; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that sufficient funds are available within the current and/or previously adopted budget for said purpose.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, Union County, New Jersey that the above referenced Change Orders No. 10 to No. 14 for the Elm Street Area Drainage Improvements Project is awarded to P & A Construction, Inc., P.O. Box 28, Colonia, New Jersey 07067 in the amount of \$300,156.50 for an adjusted contract amount of \$1,379,466.52.

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

I, Patricia Donahue, Township Clerk of the Township of Cranford, in the County of Union, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify that the forgoing is true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, County of Union, State of New Jersey at a regular meeting of said Committee held on September 13, 2022.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Township of Cranford in the County of Union and State of New Jersey this 13<sup>th</sup> day of September 2022.

**Resolution No. 2022-325:**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A11-5(1) (dd), the Township may, by resolution and without advertising for bids, purchase goods or services for the maintenance and installation of HVAC (Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning)/Dehumidification equipment; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Cranford is in need of acquiring HVAC/Dehumidification equipment from Joe Fasano Heating & Cooling, LLC for the Municipal Building; and

**WHEREAS**, the Purchasing Agent has determined and certified in writing that the value of the contract will not exceed \$25,000; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et. seq., Joe Fasano Heating & Cooling, LLC has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that Joe Fasano Heating & Cooling, LLC. 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 Joe Fasano Heating & Cooling, LLC. from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township Committee of the Township of

Cranford, authorizes the Purchasing Agent to enter into a non-fair and open contract with Joe Fasano Heating & Cooling, LLC., 1273 New Market Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey, 07080, as described herein; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Business Disclosure Entity Certification to be placed on file with this resolution.

**Resolution No. 2022-326:**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Cranford wishes to add an option for the disposal of bulk waste for residents of the Township of Cranford; and

**WHEREAS**, the neighboring Town of Westfield provides for bulk waste drop off at the Westfield Conservation Center; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Cranford intends on entering into a Memorandum of Understanding (the “MOU”) for the Township of Cranford residents to drop off bulk waste at the Westfield Conservation Center, at a permit price of \$60.00 per carload.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford as follows:

1. The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the Memorandum of Understanding with the Town of Westfield for the collection of bulk waste at the Westfield Conservation Center.

**Resolution No. 2022-327**

**AUTHORIZING AN EMERGENCY CONTRACT WITH COLONNELLI BROS., INC. FOR REPAIRS TO A SANITARY SEWER MAIN ON CRANFORD TERRACE**

**WHEREAS**, the Superintendent of Public Works and the Township Consulting Engineer, of Colliers Engineering & Design, certified that an emergency condition existed and recommended that the Township authorize/ratify the execution of an emergency contract to pay for the immediate repairs that have to be made to the sewer main; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the New Jersey Administrative Code 5:23-2.32 and N.J.S.A. 52:27D-132, the Superintendent of Public Works and the Township Consulting Engineer have declared the existence of a significant and immediate need to complete the repairs so that the sanitary sewer system is fully operational;

**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**, Colonnelli Bros., Inc, with an address located at 409 South River Street Hackensack, New Jersey, 07601, has agreed to provide all necessary repairs to the sanitary sewer main on Cranford Terrace at a cost not to exceed \$30,000.00.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, does hereby recognize the declaration of this local emergency as authorized by the Superintendent of Public Works and the Township Consulting Engineer.

**Resolution No. 2022-328:**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP CLERK TO ADVERTISE FOR ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION SERVICES**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, that the Township Clerk be, and hereby is, authorized to advertise for proposals for Engineering and Construction services associated with the South and Chestnut Stormwater Project

**Resolution No. 2022-329:**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford at a meeting held September 13, 2022 that the Township Clerk be, and hereby is, authorized to advertise for sale at public auction certain unclaimed bicycles which have come into the possession of the Cranford Police Department through abandonment or failure of owner to claim same.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Public Auction will be held on Saturday October 8, 2022 at 8:30 a.m.

| Make       | Model     | Serial #      |
|------------|-----------|---------------|
| Giant      | GFR       | A38002414     |
| Schwinn    | Frontier  | SNHUA06A13026 |
| Ross       | Gran Tour | N/A           |
| Cannondale | Origin8   | F161201930    |
| Mongoose   | Slade     | SNFSD08LD9263 |
| Mongoose   | Enix      | SNFSD09FS4903 |

|            |               |               |
|------------|---------------|---------------|
| Blink      | N/A           | WTU242P0141E  |
| Mongoose   | Brawler       | SNFSD17A54790 |
| Roadmaster | Granite Peak  | SNFSD19D60415 |
| Roadmaster | Granite Peak  | SNFSD14EE0811 |
| N/A        | Torker        | ISBS12D02003  |
| Huffy      | Rock Creek    | SNHBT20J54828 |
| Next       | Powerclimber  | 38080359      |
| N/A        | Kink          | ACG20D001397  |
| Mongoose   | Legion        | SNX0S20008417 |
| RallyE     | N/A           | OOT633717     |
| Schwinn    | GT Terrain    | SYG00185      |
| Schwinn    | Kempo         | SNXDS19G30135 |
| Nishiki    | Manitoba      | ACY180200400  |
| Haro       | Divit         | K9DL000341    |
| FS         | Elite         | 22741835      |
| Huffy      | 311           | 8211HUFFY8837 |
| N/A        | Beach Cruiser | MI20500867    |
| N/A        | Mountain Bike | G1009108800   |
| N/A        | Beach Cruiser | SNHTC19A08604 |

**Resolution No. 2022-330:**

**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 2023 Police/ Administrative vehicles for the Cranford Police Department and Cranford Police Cooperative Pricing System I.D. No. 47-CPCPS.

**Resolution No. 2022-331:**

**WHEREAS**, at a meeting held May 24, 2016, the Township Committee adopted Ordinance No. 2016-06, which established ranges with minimum and maximum salaries and progressive salary steps for certain job titles within the Township of Cranford; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Ordinance No. 2016-06, the Township Committee reserves the right and discretion to make salary adjustments at any time as it deems it to be in the public interest and in the interests of good management, including for those job titles not on a progressive step schedule; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee is appreciative of the hard work of all of its Township employees and is desirous of retaining dependable and experienced employees; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township Committee hereby approves the progression in steps and/or salary increases for the following employees in the following job titles:

| Name               | Title                            | Range # | Salary       | Effective     |
|--------------------|----------------------------------|---------|--------------|---------------|
| Lavona Patterson   | Chief Financial Officer          | 4       | \$156,689.78 | June 1, 2022  |
| Stephen Robertazzi | Recreation & Parks Director      | 6       | \$130,946.74 | June 1, 2022  |
| Lori Powell        | Court Administrator              | 11      | \$80,574.59  | June 1, 2022  |
| Ashley Kurbanoglu  | Deputy Municipal Clerk           | 11      | \$57,950.00  | July 6, 2022  |
| Suzanne Welsh      | Constituent Services Coordinator | n/a     | \$58,710.00  | July 19, 2022 |

**Resolution No. 2022-332:**

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee, in the past, has approved the temporary suspension of parking meter enforcement for shoppers during the holiday season, and this Township Committee wishes to the extend the free shopper parking period; and

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford hereby authorizes free parking on Friday, November 25, 2022 and Saturday, November 26, 2022 for “Shop Small Saturday”, a national campaign to support local businesses; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford hereby authorizes free parking at three-(3) hour metered spaces in the municipal parking lots, and four-(4) hour metered spaces in the municipal parking garage, and one and half (1.5) hour metered spaces for on-street parking from December 9, 2022 to December 24, 2022.

**Resolution No. 2022-333:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford be 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 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. for events on the following dates:

- Saturday, October 22, 2022 – Howl-o-ween
- Saturday, October 29, 2022 – Howl-o-ween (rain date)

**Resolution No. 2022-334:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford be and hereby authorizes the use of the Municipal Gazebo at the corner of Springfield Avenue and North Union Avenue on Saturday, September 24, 2022 for the Clean Communities Committee’s 2022 Fall Cleanup beginning at 9 a.m.

**Resolution No. 2022-335:**

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION – N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-87 (PERTAINING TO THE “NATIONAL OPIOIDS SETTLEMENT”)**

**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 \$6,874.73 which is now available from the Settlement Agreements, more commonly referenced as the “National Opioids Settlement,” between the three largest pharmaceutical distributors, Johnson & Johnson, McKesson, Cardinal Health and AmerisourceBergen, and the multiple States and Local Political Subdivisions affected by the opioid crisis, pursuant to the provision of the statute; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the like sum of \$6,874.73 is hereby appropriated under the caption “National Opioids Settlement”; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the above is a result of funds from the “National Opioids Settlement” agreement in the amount of \$6,874.73.

**Resolution No. 2022-336:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, at a meeting held September 13, 2022, hereby authorizes the submission (retroactive to August 15, 2022) of an application to the Union County Open Space, Recreation & Historic Preservation Trust Fund for a grant in connection with the Greening Union County 2022 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. 2022-337:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford hereby authorizes the closure of the upper section of Municipal Lot 1 (One) for the Wellness Week event as follows:

- Saturday, September 17, 2022 – 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

**Resolution No. 2022-338:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford hereby authorizes the closure of Eastman Street from North Avenue West to South Union Avenue from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. for an event on the following date:

Downtown Cranford Summer Sounds - Thursday, September 15, 2022

**Resolution No. 2022-339:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2022 that the following check(s) will be refunded by the Tax Collector to the lien holder according to statutory requirements:

**Redemption of Certificate No. 20-00015**

Block 320 Lot 9: **16 Elizabeth Ave.**  
ATCF II NJ, LLC, TAXSERV as CUST  
PO Box 69239  
Baltimore, MD 21264

**Refund:** \$ 40,386.82  
(2-01-55-000-010-029)

**Premium:** \$ 51,000.00  
(T-15-00-000-106-000)

**Resolution No. 2022-340:**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2022 that the Tax Collector has been authorized to refund tax overpayments for the reason noted:

**Duplicate Payment**

Block 303 Lot 25  
Resch, Marc & Sunny  
21 Bloomingdale Avenue  
Cranford, N.J. 07016

**Refund \$2,219.09**  
(2-01-55-000-010-025)

**Bank Paid Wrong Account**

Block 162 Lot 14, 19 Woods Hole Rd  
Corelogic Centralized Refunds  
PO Box 9202  
Coppell, TX 75019-9760

**Refund \$4,114.38**  
(2-01-55-000-010-025)

**Exempt Vet Payment**

Block 278 Lot 11  
Gerrity, Ryan & Carly  
427 Union Ave. N.  
Cranford, N.J. 07016

**Refund \$3,347.72**  
(2-01-55-000-010-025)

**Assessed Value Adjustment**

Block 541 Lot 2 Qual C06, 750 Walnut Ave  
Cranford 750 Walnut Development LLC  
500 Plaza Drive, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Secaucus, NJ 07094

**Refund \$2,343.28**  
(2-01-55-000-010-025)

**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 as an independent candidate for the Township Committee in the upcoming election. He spoke about his concerns with certain aspects of a Fair Share Housing Agreement as well as the Township’s redevelopment projects. Mr. Thilly also extended his well wishes to the Township Committee and members of the public.

Jim Carvalho, 9 Orange Avenue – Mr. Carvalho spoke about “Pay to Play” and the funding sent by a specific vendor to a former Township Commissioner and Planning Board member. He then elaborated further about Commissioners and Township Board members and their receipt or refusal to accept contributions. Mr. Carvalho discussed the awarding of “no bid” contracts in Cranford. Mr. Carvalho stated that he had discussed the Township’s process of awarding contracts with an officer of the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP). Mr. Carvalho and said that he is the only person



speaking about this topic and urged reform.

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

## **PROFESSIONAL COMMENTS**

### **Township Clerk Patricia Donahue**

- Expressed her condolences to both the family of Commissioner O'Connor and Commissioner O'Connor on the passing of their mother.

### **Township Administrator Jamie Cryan**

- Wished Commissioner O' Connor a happy birthday;
- Spoke about Resolution No. 2022-326 pertaining to a Memorandum of Understanding with the Town of Westfield for bulk waste drop-off.

### **Township Attorney Ryan Cooper**

- Announced that a PILOT (Payment in Lieu of Taxes) presentation for the 750 Walnut Avenue Redevelopment Project and the South and Chestnut Redevelopment Project would be given at the September 27<sup>th</sup> Official Meeting.

## **COMMISSIONER REPORTS/COMMENTS**

### **Commissioner Gina Black**

- Extended her condolences to Commissioner O' Connor and her family on the passing of Commissioner O'Connor's mother;
- Thanked Township Affordable Housing Counsel, Surenian, Edwards & Nolan LLC for their work pertaining to the Fair Share Housing Act and COAH (Council on Affordable Housing);
- Spoke about the power that the Courts have given to developers in the form of Builder's Remedy lawsuits;
- Provided an update on flood mitigation efforts; Announced that Commissioner O' Connor, Mayor Miller Prunty and she had met with Senator Cory Booker and Senator Bob Menendez regarding Army Corps of Engineers' studies;
- Announced that the 2022 Fall brochure for the Recreation Department could be found on the Township Website and stated that hard copies were available upon request at the Community Center;
- Spoke about upgrades that were happening at Township parks;
- Congratulated Saint Michael Church on their 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary;
- Wished Commissioner O' Connor a happy birthday.

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

- Spoke about her experience meeting with the staff from Senator Cory Booker and Senator Bob Menendez's offices;
- Stated that the Township continues to receive support from Senator Jon Bramnick, Assemblywoman Nancy Munoz, and Assemblywoman Michele Matsikoudis on regional flood control;
- Discussed her 2018 trip to Washington D.C. and spoke about resources and funding options that are available to the Township for flood mitigation;
- Assured members of the public that the Township is working with a bipartisan legislative team to keep things moving forward for drainage and flood control;
- Stated that regional flood control is the only thing that will help combat the impact of a "100-year storm";
- Announced that the Township is united behind the recent efforts pertaining to the COAH (Council on Affordable Housing) lawsuit;
- Asked that members of the public be careful when driving around town;
- Wished a happy anniversary to Saint Michael Parish

### **Commissioner Brian Andrews**

- Spoke about various paving projects that were being conducted throughout the Township and announced a number of streets that would be paved by Elizabethtown Gas in the upcoming week;

- Discussed the Halloween events that were planned for the month of October and spoke about the positive impact the events have on the Downtown businesses;
- Played a video of Actor Ernie Hudson declaring Cranford the “Halloween capital of the world”
- Directed members of the public to [www.cranfordnj.org/Halloween](http://www.cranfordnj.org/Halloween) for the Halloween event information; thanked Ernie Hudson, Genevieve Leonard, Andrew Feldman and Ashley Osieja for their work on this initiative.

**Deputy Mayor Jason Gareis**

- Announced that the Stormwater Infrastructure Planning Working had adopted “SWIS” as their new acronym; stated that they had recently delivered a memorandum to the Township Committee;
- Stated that the Cannabis Legislation Working Group would be meeting the following day;
- Highlighted the outstanding job of the Cranford Police Department; specifically thanked Officer Ryan Drew and Joshua Sousa for their work with a firearm seize during a recent motor vehicle stop.
- Extended his condolences to Commissioner O’ Connor;
- Wished Commissioner O’Connor a happy birthday.

**Mayor Kathleen Miller Prunty**

- Thanked the staff from the offices of Senator Booker and Senator Menendez;
- Spoke about a Rahway River Mayors Council meeting scheduled for later that week;
- Thanked the law firm of Surenian, Edwards & Nolan LLC; stated that she was proud to be a part of a Township Committee that unanimously supported joining the lawsuit regarding the Fair Share Housing Act; Stated that Cranford was only one (1) of thirteen (13) towns who were moving forward with the lawsuit to reinstate the Council on Affordable Housing (COAH);
- Announced that the Clean Communities Committee would be hosting their cleanup day on September 24<sup>th</sup>;
- Congratulated Downtown business owner Gary Fletcher on his retirement;
- Spoke about the 9/11 memorial ceremony and thanked the Cranford World Trade Center Memorial Committee and the Cranford Clergy Council for hosting the event; thanked Cindy Hannen and Jerry Dobbins for their work on the 9/11 memorial service.

On motion of Commissioner O’Connor, seconded by Commissioner Gareis and passed, the Township Committee adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Patricia Donahue, RMC  
Township Clerk

Date: September 13, 2022