

The Minutes of the **Official Meeting** of the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, County of Union, State of New Jersey on **September 14, 2021** at 8:06 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 Commissioner Hannen, seconded by Commissioner Gareis and passed, the minutes of the Workshop Meeting of June 15, 2021, the Official Meeting of June 15, 2021, and the Workshop Meeting of July 12, 2021, and the Workshop Meeting of August 9, 2021, and the Conference Meeting of August 10, 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 Deputy Mayor Andrews and passed, the Bill List dated September 14, 2021, totaling \$5,306,039.61 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 thanked the residents and organizations for their assistance during and after the flood. She thanked the neighboring communities of Westfield and Roselle Park for sending volunteers. Mayor Miller Prunty also thanked the Cranford Police Department, Cranford Fire Department and the Cranford First Aid Squad for their extraordinary service to the community.

MAYORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Miller Prunty spoke about architectural services for the Home Elevation project. She stated that the Department of Public Works along with an outside contractor had started flood debris pick-up and would continue such debris pick-up until all of it had been collected. Mayor Miller Prunty stated Elizabethtown Gas had sent multiple crews to Cranford and were working on restoring hot water to residents. Mayor Miller Prunty stated that the FEMA had now designated Union County as a Disaster Area which would allow flood victims to be eligible for FEMA funding.

OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT UPDATE

Emergency Management Coordinator Fire Lieutenant Matthew Lubin stated that the Township had reached out to the State Office of Emergency Management to offer the Cranford Community Center as a FEMA Disaster Recovery Center (DRC). He said FEMA would be setting up a Disaster Recovery Center (DRC) in Elizabeth which would be available to all Union County residents. He informed members of the public that the easiest way to apply for assistance through FEMA was via online at www.disasterassistance.gov. Fire Lieutenant Lubin then gave an update on the recent fire at the Conservation Center. He stated that Union County Hazardous Material (HAZMAT) personnel had conducted air quality monitoring.

CRANFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Police Chief Ryan Greco began by recognizing the Department of Public Works for their hard work in the

aftermath of the storm. He stated that the decision was made to prioritize debris pick-up along school routes and units had been deployed to ensure that children safely navigate around the large garbage trucks. He also stated that there were fifty (50) to one hundred (100) abandoned vehicles on the street during and after Storm Ida. Chief Greco stated that the roads were now cleared of such cars.

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 stated that there were two (2) sets of Township Committee Meeting Minutes missing from the Township website. He stated that he believed the reason for the missing Minutes was due to deceptiveness and corruption on the part of Township Officials. A brief discussion ensued between Mr. Carvalho and Township Clerk Patricia Donahue.

Erik Hastrup, Superintendent, Cranford Department of Public Works (DPW) – Mr. Hastrup stated that DPW and an outside contractor, Messercola Excavating Inc. had been picking up flood debris since Friday, September 3, 2021. He provided descriptive maps that outlined each of the four (4) sections of the Township. Mr. Hastrup requested that residents refrain from putting out paint cans or tires. He stated that if residents have concerns about their street being missed by the debris pick-up vehicles, they should call DPW.

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

ORDINANCE – Introduction

Ordinance No. 2021-15:

The Township Clerk read by title only Ordinance No. 2021-15 entitled, “AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A NEW AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE MEMBER MUNICIPALITIES OF THE RAHWAY VALLEY SEWERAGE AUTHORITY”

Said ordinance was introduced and approved on first reading on motion of Commissioner Hannen, seconded by Commissioner O’Conner, and passed by the indicated vote of the Township Committee:

Recorded vote:

Aye: Mayor Miller Prunty, Deputy Mayor Andrews and Commissioners Gareis, Hannen and O’Connor

Nay: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

Ordinance No. 2021-16:

The Township Clerk read by title only Ordinance No. 2021-16 entitled, “AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE TERMINATION OF A CERTAIN SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT DATED AS OF SEPTEMBER 1, 1994, BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF CLARK AND THE RAHWAY VALLEY SEWERAGE AUTHORITY, THE BOROUGHES OF GARWOOD, KENILWORTH AND ROSELLE PARK, THE CITY OF RAHWAY, THE TOWN OF WESTFIELD AND THE TOWNSHIPS OF CRANFORD, SPRINGFIELD AND WOODBRIDGE”

Said ordinance was introduced and approved on first reading on motion of Commissioner Hannen, seconded by Commissioner O’Conner, and passed by the indicated vote of the Township Committee:

Recorded vote:

Aye: Mayor Miller Prunty, Deputy Mayor Andrews and Commissioners Gareis, Hannen and O’Connor

Nay: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

RESOLUTIONS – By Consent Agenda

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

Resolution No. 2021-305:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, at a meeting held September 14, 2021 that Katelyn Shaw be, and hereby is, appointed as a Student Representative to the Historic Preservation Advisory Board for an unexpired term, whose term will end on June 30, 2022.

Resolution No. 2021-306:

RESOLUTION SUPERSEDING RESOLUTION NO. 2021-270 AUTHORIZING THE CANCELLATION OF BALANCES FOR THE 2020-2021 MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE GRANT

WHEREAS, the Township Committee approved Resolution 2021-270 to cancel various balances of the Municipal Alliance Grant Receivable and Grant Appropriation Reserve that existed on the records of the Township of Cranford; and,

WHEREAS, the following amendment to the original resolution has been deemed necessary; 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	\$2,217.00

TOTAL GRANT RECEIVABLES TO CANCEL \$2,598.37

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	\$2,217.00

TOTAL GRANT APPROPRIATIONS TO CANCEL \$2,598.37

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. 2021-307:

WHEREAS, Resolution 2020-397 requested that the Director of the New Jersey Division of Local Government Services approve the inclusion of a special item of revenue and matching appropriation into the Township’s 2020 Budget for the CARES Act State and Local Municipal Grant – Submission No. 5; and,

WHEREAS, a current year Grant Receivable balance exists in the records of the Township of Cranford that will not be reimbursed by Union County and needs to be canceled; and

WHEREAS, the balance is as follows:

CARES Act State and Local Municipal Grant:	
Submission No. 5:	\$105,401.92

TOTAL GRANT RECEIVABLES TO CANCEL \$105,401.92

WHEREAS, a current year Grant Appropriation Reserve balance exists in the records of the Township of Cranford that will not be expended and needs to be canceled; and

WHEREAS, the balance is as follows:

CARES Act State and Local Municipal Grant:	
Submission No. 5:	\$105,401.92

TOTAL GRANT APPROPRIATIONS TO CANCEL \$105,401.92

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 balance from the records of the Township.

Resolution No. 2021-308:

WHEREAS, New Jersey Local Public Contracts Law N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6.1 “Award of Contracts” requires that every contract awarded by the contracting agent for the provision or performance of any goods or services, the cost of which in the aggregate may exceed the bid threshold, shall be awarded only by resolution of the governing body;

WHEREAS, the Township of Cranford is authorized by law to purchase goods and services from approved vendors who have been awarded by and have existing contracts with the State of New Jersey and/or authorized Cooperative Purchasing Programs; and

WHEREAS, the following vendor has been awarded a state contract and/or authorized cooperative purchasing program agreement and the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford hereby authorizes the purchase of goods and/or services through the following vendor listed herewith, that in the aggregate may exceed the bid threshold for the calendar year 2021;

State Contract	
Vendor	State of New Jersey Contract Number
Skylands Area Fire Equipment 23 Hamburg Turnpike	17-Fleet-00810

Unit A Riverdale, NJ 07457	
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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford authorizes purchases from the aforementioned vendor that in the aggregate may exceed the bid threshold for the calendar year 2021.

Resolution No. 2021-309:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY, LAW ENFORCEMENT SUPPORT OFFICE, 1033 PROGRAM TO ENABLE THE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO REQUEST AND ACQUIRE EXCESS DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE EQUIPMENT

WHEREAS, the United States Congress authorized the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) Law Enforcement Support Office (LESO) 1033 Program to make use of excess Department of Defense personal property by making that personal property available to municipal, county and State Law Enforcement Agencies (LEA's); and

WHEREAS, the DLA rules mandate that all equipment acquired through the 1033 Program remain under the control of the requesting LEA; and

WHEREAS, participation in the 1033 Program allows municipal and County LEA's to obtain property they might not otherwise be able to afford in order to enhance community preparedness, response, and resiliency; and

WHEREAS, although property is provided through the 1033 Program at no cost to municipal and county LEA's, these entities are responsible for the costs associated with delivery, maintenance, fueling, and upkeep of the property, and for specialized training on the operation of any acquired property; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-30.2 requires that the Governing Body of the municipality or county approve, by a majority of the full membership, both enrollment in, and the acquisition of any property through the 1033 Program.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford that the Cranford Police Department is hereby authorized to enroll in the 1033 Program for no more than a one (1)-year period, with authorization to participate terminating in December 31st of the current calendar year; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Cranford Police Department is hereby authorized to acquire items of non-controlled property designated "DEMIL A", which may include office supplies, office furniture, computers, electronic equipment, generators, field packs, non-military vehicles, clothing, traffic and transit signal systems, exercise equipment, farming and moving equipment, storage devices and containers, tools, medical and first aid equipment and supplies, beds and sleeping mats, wet and cold weather equipment and supplies, respirators, binoculars and any other supplies or equipment of non-military nature identified by the LEA, if it shall become available in the period of time for which this resolution authorizes, based on the needs of the Cranford Police Department without restriction; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Cranford Police Department is hereby authorized to acquire "DEMIL B through Q" property, if it shall become available in the period of time for which this resolution authorizes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the State Plan of Operation (SPO) between the State of New Jersey and the Cranford Police Department is hereby approved and hereto attached to this resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Cranford Police Department shall develop and implement a full training plan and policy for the maintenance and use of the acquired property; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Cranford Police Department shall provide a quarterly accounting of all property obtained through the 1033 Program which shall be available to the public upon request; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately and shall be valid to authorize requests to acquire "DEMIL A" property and "DEMIL B through Q" property that may be made available through the 1033 Program during the period of time which this resolution authorizes, with Program participation and all property request authorization terminating on December 31st of the current calendar year.

Resolution No. 2021-310:

WHEREAS, Michael Andrews, a Patrolman 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 father-in-law.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township of Committee of the Township of Cranford that Michael Andrews is approved for a FMLA/NJFLA/NJPFLA leave of absence beginning October 2, 2021, using accumulated time as available as employee so elects;

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

Resolution No. 2021-311:

WHEREAS, Robert Hurewitz, Firefighter within the Cranford Fire 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) due to a serious health condition.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford that Robert Hurewitz is approved for a FMLA/NJFLA/NJPFLA leave of absence retroactive to July 31, 2021, using accumulated time as available as employee so elects;

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

Resolution No. 2021-312:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford and hereby authorizes the closure of a portion of Municipal Lot No. 7, specifically 1) the nine (9)-hour permit parking spaces located in the northwest section of the lot and 2) the lower portion of Municipal Lot No.7, on December 10th and December 17, 2021 from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. in conjunction with the following Downtown Management Corporation (DMC) special events:

December 10, 2021 – Horse and Carriage Rides

December 17, 2021 – Horse and Carriage Rides

Resolution No. 2021-313:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford and hereby authorizes the closure of the upper and lower sections of Municipal Lot No. 1 for the Downtown Cranford “Pink Out” Festival as follows:

- Sunday, October 3, 2021 – 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Rain Date – Sunday October 17, 2021 – 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Resolution No. 2021-314:

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 South Union Avenue from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. for the event on the following dates:

- October 30, 2021 – Downtown Cranford Howl-o-ween
- Rain Date – October 31, 2021 – Downtown Cranford Howl-o-ween

Resolution No. 2021-315:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford and hereby authorizes the closure of lower Municipal Lot No. 7 for the Downtown Cranford Scarecrow Stroll and Pumpkin Patch event as follows:

- Saturday, October 23, 2021 – 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Rain Date – Sunday, October 24, 2021 – 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Resolution No. 2021-316:

WHEREAS, the Cranford Area Chamber of Commerce is a local membership organization that makes numerous contributions to the Cranford community; and

WHEREAS, the Cranford Area Chamber of Commerce hosts networking events, and has requested the use of Hanson Park, for their September Networking Event; and

WHEREAS, the September Networking Event will comply with all applicable COVID-19 restrictions, which currently do not limit attendance at outdoor gatherings;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford approves the Cranford Area Chamber of Commerce’s use of Hanson Park on Thursday, September 30, 2021, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., including the consumption of alcohol, consistent with all applicable State laws, regulations, COVID-19 restrictions, and municipal ordinances.

Resolution No. 2021-317:

WHEREAS, St. Michael Church, located at 40 Alden Street in Cranford, is a local Roman Catholic Church that has served the Cranford community since 1872; and

WHEREAS, St. Michael’s Parish is hosting a series of events in 2021 and 2022 to celebrate its 150th anniversary; and

WHEREAS, the October 2021 celebratory event will be an 150th Parish Anniversary Block Party and will comply with all applicable COVID-19 restrictions, which currently do not limit attendance at outdoor gatherings; and

WHEREAS, the 150th Parish Anniversary Block Party will require the closing of Miln Street from Alden Street to the end of the Church property;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford be and hereby authorizes the closure of Miln Street from Alden Street to the end of the Church property

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for St. Michael's 150th Parish Anniversary Block Party on Sunday, October 3, 2021, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., and approves the 150th Parish Anniversary Block Party event including the consumption of alcohol, consistent with all applicable State laws, regulations, COVID-19 restrictions, and municipal ordinances.

Resolution No. 2021-318:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford on the 14th day of September, 2021 that the Tax Collector be and hereby is authorized to expunge the following 2021 real estate taxes for reasons noted:

100% Disabled Veteran-As of January 29, 2021

Block 431 Lot 24
Romero, Anuar R
318 Retford Ave
Cranford, N.J. 07016

Expunged: \$10,186.69

100% Disabled Veteran-As of June 3, 2021

Block 623 Lot 12
Nigro, Carmine & Jacquelyn
24 Omaha Drive
Cranford, N.J. 07016

Expunged: \$6,476.45

100% Disabled Veteran-As of June 8, 2021

Block 236 Lot 26
Esmerado, Joseph & Tania
7 Locust Drive
Cranford, N.J. 07016

Expunged: \$6,526.86

100% Disabled Veteran-As of July 15, 2021

Block 473 Lot 32
Wu, Chris & Liuna, Deng
19 Woodlawn Ave
Cranford, N.J. 07016

Expunged: \$6,450.82

Resolution No. 2021-319:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford on the 14th day of September, 2021 that the following checks will be refunded by the Tax Collector to the lien holder according to statutory requirements:

Redemption of Certificate# 20-00007

Block 214 Lot 6, 303 Edgar Avenue
FIG CUST FIGNJ19LLC & SEC PTY
PO Box 54226
New Orleans, LA 70154

Refund: \$ 657.18
(1-01-55-000-010-029)
Premium: \$1,200.00
(T-15-00-000-106-000)

Resolution No. 2021-320:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford on the 14th day of September, 2021 that the Tax Collector has been authorized to refund tax and sewer overpayments for the reason noted:

Resident Tax Overpayment

Block 149 Lot 2 622 Brookside Place
Ventura, Thomas & Germain, Leslie
622 Brookside Place
Cranford, NJ 07016

Refund \$ 2,847.98
(1-01-55-000-010-025)

Resident Tax Overpayment

Block 151 Lot 30 734 Willow Street
Kulka, Juraj & Renata
734 Willow Street
Cranford, NJ 07016

Refund \$ 3,520.00
(1-01-55-000-010-025)

Resident Sewer Overpayment

Sewer Account #5372-0

Refund \$ 210.70

Learish, Donald
7 Georgia Street
Cranford, NJ 07016

(1-01-55-000-010-026)

100% Disabled Veteran-Resident Tax Overpayment

Block 431 Lot 24
Romero, Anuar R
318 Retford Ave
Cranford, N.J. 07016

Refund \$7,408.06
(1-01-55-000-010-025)

100% Disabled Veteran-Resident Tax Overpayment

Block 623 Lot 12
Nigro, Carmine & Jacquelyn
24 Omaha Drive
Cranford, N.J. 07016

Refund \$951.73
(1-01-55-000-010-025)

100% Disabled Veteran-Resident Tax Overpayment

Block 236 Lot 26
Esmerado, Joseph & Tania
7 Locust Drive
Cranford, N.J. 07016

Refund \$3,672.05
(1-01-55-000-010-025)

100% Disabled Veteran-As of July 15, 2021

Block 473 Lot 32
Wu, Chris & Liuna, Deng
19 Woodlawn Ave
Cranford, N.J. 07016

Refund \$2,983.49
(1-01-55-000-010-025)

Resolution No. 2021-321:

RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE FORM AND OTHER DETAILS OF NOT EXCEEDING \$3,500,000 GENERAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS, SERIES 2021, OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY, AND PROVIDING FOR THEIR SALE TO THE NEW JERSEY INFRASTRUCTURE BANK AND THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY PURSUANT TO THE SFY 2022 NEW JERSEY WATER BANK FINANCING PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Township of Cranford (the "Local Unit"), in the County of Union, New Jersey, has determined that there exists a need within the Local Unit to acquire, construct, renovate, install or refinance the Project which consists of Phase 2B of the storm drainage and flood management improvement projects (the "Project"), as further defined in each of that certain Loan Agreement (the "I-Bank Loan Agreement") to be entered into by and between the Local Unit and the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank (the "I-Bank") and that certain Loan Agreement (the "Fund Loan Agreement", and together with the I-Bank Loan Agreement, the "Loan Agreements") to be entered into by and between the Local Unit and the State of New Jersey, acting by and through the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (the "State"), all pursuant to the SFY 2022 New Jersey Water Bank Financing Program (the "Program"); and

WHEREAS, the Local Unit has determined to finance or refinance the acquisition, construction, renovation or installation of the Project with the proceeds of a loan to be made by each of the I-Bank (the "I-Bank Loan") and the State (the "Fund Loan", and together with the I-Bank Loan, the "Loans") pursuant to the I-Bank Loan Agreement and the Fund Loan Agreement, respectively; and

WHEREAS, to evidence the Loans, each of the I-Bank and the State require the Local Unit to authorize, execute, attest and deliver the Local Unit's I-Bank Loan General Improvement Bonds, Series 2021, to the I-Bank (the "I-Bank Loan Bond") and the Local Unit's Fund Loan General Improvement Bonds, Series 2021, to the State (the "Fund Loan Bond", and together with the I-Bank Loan Bond, the "Local Unit Bonds") in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$3,500,000, pursuant to the terms of the Local Bond Law of the State of New Jersey, constituting Chapter 2 of Title 40A of the New Jersey Statutes Annotated (the "Local Bond Law"), other applicable law and the Loan Agreements; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:2-27(a)(2) of the Local Bond Law allows for the sale of the I-Bank Loan Bond and the Fund Loan Bond to the I-Bank and the State, respectively, without any public offering, and N.J.S.A. 58:11B-9(a) allows for the sale of the I-Bank Loan Bond to the I-Bank without any public offering, all under the terms and conditions set forth herein;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by a 2/3 vote of the full membership of the Township Committee of the Local Unit (the "Township Committee") as follows:

Section 1. In accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:2-27(a)(2) of the Local Bond Law and N.J.S.A. 58:11B-9(a), the Local Unit hereby sells and awards its I-Bank Loan Bond to the I-Bank and its Fund Loan Bond to the State, in a total aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$3,500,000, all in accordance with the provisions hereof. The Local Unit Bonds have been referred to and described in Bond Ordinance No. 2016-18 of the Local Unit entitled, "BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE UNDERTAKING OF PHASE 2B OF THE STORM DRAINAGE AND FLOOD MANAGEMENT IMPROVEMENT

PROJECTS IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$3,500,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS", which was finally adopted by the Township Committee at a meeting thereof duly called and held on July 12, 2016, at which time a quorum was present and acted throughout, all pursuant to the terms of the Local Bond Law and other applicable law.

Section 2. The Chief Financial Officer of the Local Unit (the "Chief Financial Officer") is hereby authorized to determine, in accordance with the Local Bond Law and pursuant to the terms and conditions established by the I-Bank and the State under the Loan Agreements and the terms and conditions hereof, the following items with respect to the I-Bank Loan Bond and the Fund Loan Bond:

- (a) The aggregate principal amount of the I-Bank Loan Bond and the Fund Loan Bond to be issued;
- (b) The maturity and annual principal installments of the Local Unit Bonds, which maturity shall not exceed thirty years;
- (c) The date of the Local Unit Bonds;
- (d) The interest rates of the Local Unit Bonds;
- (e) The purchase price for the Local Unit Bonds; and
- (f) The terms and conditions under which the Local Unit Bonds shall be subject to redemption prior to their stated maturities.

Section 3. Any determination made by the Chief Financial Officer pursuant to the terms hereof shall be conclusively evidenced by the execution and attestation of the Local Unit Bonds by the parties authorized under Section 4(c) hereof.

Section 4. The Township Committee hereby determines that certain terms of the Local Unit Bonds shall be as follows:

- (a) The Fund Loan Bond shall be issued in a single denomination and shall be numbered R-1F. The I-Bank Loan Bond shall be issued in a single denomination and shall be numbered R-1I;
- (b) The Local Unit Bonds shall be issued in fully registered form and shall be payable to the registered owners thereof as to both principal and interest in lawful money of the United States of America; and
- (c) The Local Unit Bonds shall be executed by the manual or facsimile signatures of the Mayor and the Chief Financial Officer under official seal or facsimile thereof affixed, printed, engraved or reproduced thereon and attested by the manual signature of the Township Clerk.

Section 5. The I-Bank Loan Bond and the Fund Loan Bond shall be substantially in the forms set forth in the I-Bank Loan Agreement and the Fund Loan Agreement, respectively.

Section 6. The law firm of Rogut McCarthy LLC (the "Local Unit's Bond Counsel") is hereby authorized to arrange for the printing of the Local Unit Bonds, which law firm may authorize McCarter & English, LLP, bond counsel to the I-Bank and the State for the Program, to arrange for same. The Township Auditor is hereby authorized to prepare the financial information necessary in connection with the issuance of the Local Unit Bonds. The Mayor, the Chief Financial Officer and the Township Clerk are hereby authorized to execute any certificates necessary or desirable in connection with the financial and other information.

Section 7. The Mayor and the Chief Financial Officer are severally authorized to execute any certificates or documents necessary or desirable in connection with the sale of the Local Unit Bonds and are further authorized to deliver same to the I-Bank and the State upon delivery of the Local Unit Bonds and the receipt of payment therefor in accordance with the Loan Agreements.

Section 8. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Section 9. Upon the adoption hereof, the Township Clerk shall forward certified copies of this resolution to the Local Unit's Bond Counsel and to Richard T. Nolan, Esq., McCarter & English, LLP, bond counsel to the I-Bank.

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

AYES: Mayor Miller Prunty, Deputy Mayor Andrews, Commissioner Gareis, Commissioner Hannen, Commissioner O'Connor

NAYS: None

are authorized and directed to execute documents in connection with said award of contract.

Resolution No. 2021-322:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF THE LOAN AGREEMENTS TO BE EXECUTED BY THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD AND EACH OF THE NEW JERSEY INFRASTRUCTURE BANK AND THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ACTING BY AND THROUGH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF AN ESCROW AGREEMENT, ALL PURSUANT TO THE SFY 2022 NEW JERSEY WATER BANK FINANCING PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Township of Cranford (the "Local Unit"), in the County of Union, New Jersey, has determined that there exists a need within the Local Unit to acquire, construct, renovate, install or refinance the Project which consists of Phase 2B of the storm drainage and flood management improvement projects (the "Project"), as further defined in each of that certain Loan Agreement (the "I-Bank Loan Agreement") to be entered into by and between the Local Unit and the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank (the "I-Bank") and that certain Loan Agreement (the "Fund Loan Agreement", and together with the I-Bank Loan

Agreement, the "Loan Agreements") to be entered into by and between the Local Unit and the State of New Jersey, acting by and through the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (the "State"), all pursuant to the SFY 2022 New Jersey Water Bank Financing Program (the "Program"); and

WHEREAS, the Local Unit has determined to finance or refinance the acquisition, construction, renovation or installation of the Project with the proceeds of a loan to be made by each of the I-Bank (the "I-Bank Loan") and the State (the "Fund Loan", and together with the I-Bank Loan, the "Loans") pursuant to the I-Bank Loan Agreement and the Fund Loan Agreement, respectively; and

WHEREAS, to evidence the Loans, each of the I-Bank and the State require the Local Unit to authorize, execute, attest and deliver the Local Unit's I-Bank Loan General Improvement Bonds, Series 2021, to the I-Bank (the "I-Bank Loan Bond") and the Local Unit's Fund Loan General Improvement Bonds, Series 2021, to the State (the "Fund Loan Bond", and together with the I-Bank Loan Bond, the "Local Unit Bonds") in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$3,500,000, pursuant to the terms of the Local Bond Law of the State of New Jersey, constituting Chapter 2 of Title 40A of the New Jersey Statutes Annotated, other applicable law and the Loan Agreements; and

WHEREAS, the I-Bank and the State have expressed their desire to close in escrow the making of one or more of the Loans, the issuance of one or more of the Local Unit Bonds and the execution and delivery of one or more of the Loan Agreements, all pursuant to the terms of an Escrow Agreement (the "Escrow Agreement") to be entered into by and among the I-Bank, the State, the Local Unit and the escrow agent to be named therein;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by a two-third (2/3) vote of the full membership of the Township Committee of the Local Unit as follows:

Section 1. The I-Bank Loan Agreement, the Fund Loan Agreement and the Escrow Agreement (collectively, the "Financing Documents") are hereby authorized to be executed and delivered on behalf of the Local Unit by the Mayor in substantially the forms as to be distributed by the I-Bank and the State, with such changes as the Mayor, in his or her sole discretion, after consultation with counsel and any advisors to the Local Unit (collectively, the "Local Unit Consultants") and after further consultation with the I-Bank, the State and their representatives, agents, counsel and advisors (collectively, the "Program Consultants", and together with the Local Unit Consultants, the "Consultants"), shall determine, such determination to be conclusively evidenced by the execution of each such Financing Document by the Mayor. The Township Clerk is hereby authorized to attest to the execution of the Financing Documents by the Mayor and to affix the corporate seal of the Local Unit to such Financing Documents.

Section 2. The Mayor or the Chief Financial Officer (the "Authorized Officers") and the Township Clerk are hereby further severally authorized to (i) execute and deliver, and the Township Clerk is hereby further authorized to attest to such execution and affix the corporate seal of the Local Unit to, any document, instrument or closing certificate deemed necessary, desirable or convenient by the Authorized Officers or the Township Clerk, as applicable, in their respective sole discretion, after consultation with the Consultants, to be executed in connection with the execution and delivery of the Financing Documents and the consummation of the transactions contemplated thereby, which determination shall be conclusively evidenced by the execution of each such certificate or other document by the party authorized hereunder to execute such certificate or other document, and (ii) perform such other actions as the Authorized Officers deem necessary, desirable or convenient in relation to the execution and delivery thereof.

Section 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Section 4. Upon the adoption hereof, the Township Clerk shall forward certified copies of this resolution to Rogut McCarthy LLC, bond counsel to the Local Unit, and Richard T. Nolan, Esq., McCarter & English, LLP, bond counsel to the I-Bank.

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

AYES: Mayor Miller Prunty, Deputy Mayor Andrews, Commissioner Gareis, Commissioner Hannen, Commissioner O'Connor

NAYS: None

Resolution No. 2021-323:

WHEREAS, the Township of Cranford wishes to purchase certain goods and services from an authorized vendor under the New Jersey State Contract; 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, Motorola Solutions (dba WatchGuard Video), 415 E. Exchange, Allen, Texas 75002 has been awarded New Jersey State Contract No. 17-FLEET-00793 for Law Enforcement Body-Worn and In-Car Video Equipment; and

WHEREAS, Motorola Solutions, Inc. (dba WatchGuard Video), will provide said goods and services to the Township of Cranford at a cost of \$ 250,919.00; 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 and such purchase will be charged to C-04-21-010-000-205 and G-01-41-700-153-280; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford be and hereby approves an award of contract to Motorola Solutions (dba WatchGuard Video), for the

purchase of integrated Body-Worn and In-Car Video equipment at a cost not to exceed \$ 250,919.00 under New Jersey State Contract No. 17-FLEET-00793; and

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. 2021-324:

WHEREAS, the Township of Cranford required an exhaust fan for the Township of Cranford' s Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Cranford requested quotes for the exhaust fan through a non-fair and open process in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Agent has determined and certified in writing that the value of the contract will exceed \$17,500; and

WHEREAS, Vericon Construction, 1063 Route 22 East, Mountainside, New Jersey, 07092, has submitted a proposal dated June 30, 2021 indicating they will provide the exhaust fan for \$37, 989.00; and

WHEREAS, Vericon Construction. has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that Vericon Construction 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 Vericon Construction from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract, and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer have certified to the availability of funds which is on file in the office of the Township Clerk and that such purchase will be charged to C-04-21-010-000-207; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, authorizes the Purchasing Agent to enter into a contract with Vericon Construction as described herein; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Business Disclosure Entity Certification and the Determination of Value to be placed on file with this resolution.

Resolution No. 2021-325:

WHEREAS, on August 5, 2021 one (1) bid was received for the Winterizing and Start-up of the Township Pools; and

WHEREAS, the total cost of the contract for the 2021-22 season is \$76,051.20, which includes the Fall 2021 winterization in the amount of \$11,889.00 and the Spring 2022 start-up amount of \$64,162.20 and the cost of the contract for the 2022-2023 season is \$77,952.55, which includes the Fall 2022 winterization in the amount of \$12,186.25 and the Spring 2023 start-up amount of \$65,766.30; and

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 14th day of September 2021, that **Aquatic Services, Inc., 550 Hartle Street, Suite F, Sayreville, New Jersey, 08872**, be, and hereby is, awarded the contract for the **Winterizing and Start-up of the Township Pools**; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Finance has certified to the availability of funds which is on file in the office of the Township Clerk; and said contract amount shall be charged to Account No. 1-26-00-200-105-214.

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. 2021-326:

WHEREAS, there exists a need to engage experts to provide Architectural Services for the Flood Mitigation Assistance Program (CFDA #97.029) FMA-PJ-02-NJ-2017-005; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Cranford advertised for a Requests for Proposals for Architectural 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 has deemed that the background, experience and qualifications of the respondent satisfy the criteria set forth in the Request for Proposal; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Finance has certified to the availability of funds for the engagement of Architectural Services experts which is on file in the office of the Township Clerk, and said contract amount shall be charged to Account No. C-04-20-007-000-201.

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

1. **LAN Associates, Engineering, Planning, Architecture, Surveying, Inc. of 445 Godwin Avenue, Suite 9, Midland Park, New Jersey, 07432** be and hereby is awarded a contract to provide Architectural Services at a cost not to exceed \$ 128,500.00.
2. The Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute a contract with **LAN Associates, Engineering, Planning Architecture, Surveying, Inc.**; and
3. This contract is awarded pursuant to the "fair and open" process (N.J.S.A.19:44A-20.5 et seq.).

Resolution No. 2021-327:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN EMERGENCY CONTRACT

WITH MESSERCOLA EXCAVATING INC. FOR CLEAN UP AFTER TROPICAL STORM IDA

WHEREAS, On September 1, 2021, Tropical Storm Ida began impacting New Jersey, bringing severe weather conditions including strong winds and heavy and sustained rainfall; and

WHEREAS, this tropical storm constitutes an imminent hazard that threatens and endangers the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the Township of Cranford; and

WHEREAS, Governor Philip D. Murphy declared a State of Emergency for the State of New Jersey with Executive Order No. 259 on September 1, 2021 in response to Tropical Storm Ida; and

WHEREAS, the Township Administrator has certified that emergency conditions exist and has recommended that the Township authorize/ratify the execution of an emergency contract to pay for the clean-up and removal of the bulk waste; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to New Jersey Administrative Code 5:23-2.32 & N.J.S.A. 52:27D-132, Township Administrator has declared the existence of a significant and immediate threat to the health, safety and welfare of people in the immediate vicinity as well as to the surrounding environment, necessitating immediate attention; 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, Messercola Excavating Inc. with an address located at 549 East 3rd Street Plainfield, New Jersey, 07060, has agreed to perform all services necessary for the removal of the bulk waste; and

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 Construction Official.

Resolution No. 2021-328:

WHEREAS, the Cranford Police Department secured vehicle pricing through New Jersey State Contract No. T-2776S, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:34-7-1, et seq; and

WHEREAS, **Gentilini Motors, 2703 Fire Road, Egg Harbor Township, New Jersey, 08234** is the lowest responsible bidder for this contract at a low bid price of \$41,385.89 for the purchase of one (1) 2022 Chevrolet Tahoe 4WD Pursuit Police Vehicle; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified to the availability of funds which is on file in the office of the Township Clerk; and such purchase shall be charged to T-15-00-000-127-000 (State of Emergency 259 IDA)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, on this 14th day of September 2021, that Gentilini Motors, 2703 Fire Road, Egg Harbor Township, New Jersey, 08234, as more particularly set forth in the Successful Bidder's proposal dated June 18, 2020, which is on file with the State of New Jersey; be and hereby is awarded a contract for the purchase of one (1) 2022 Chevrolet Tahoe 4WD Police Pursuit Vehicle.

Resolution No. 2021-329:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, at a meeting held September 14, 2021, that Joseph McMahon be, and hereby is, appointed as a member of the Flood Control Advisory Committee, effective September 15, 2021.

Resolution No. 2021-330:

RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL FOR AUTHORIZING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 40A:4-48 IN THE CURRENT FUND

WHEREAS, an emergency has arisen with respect to the disastrous impact of Storm Ida to the Township of Cranford on September 1, 2021 and, no adequate provision was made in the 2021 budget for the aforesaid purpose, and N.J.S.A. 40A:4-46 provides for the creation on an emergency appropriation for the purpose mentioned above, and

WHEREAS, the total amount of the emergency appropriations created, including the appropriation to be created by this resolution is \$500,000.00 and three (3) percent of the total operating appropriations in the budget for 2020 is \$1,005,608.59, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Township of Cranford, County of Union, State of New Jersey, not less than two thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring, that in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:4-48:

1. An emergency appropriation is hereby made for Emergency Appropriation for Storm Ida: Other Expenses in the amount of \$500,000.00
2. That said emergency appropriation shall be provided for in full in the 2022 budget, and is requested to be excluded from CAPS, pursuant to NJSA 40A:4-53.3c(1)
3. That two (2) certified copies of this resolution be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

Resolution No. 2021-331:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN EMERGENCY CONTRACT

WITH PUMPING SERVICES INC. FOR PUMPS DESTROYED BY STORM IDA

WHEREAS, On September 1, 2021, Storm Ida began impacting New Jersey, bringing severe weather conditions including strong winds and heavy and sustained rainfall; and

WHEREAS, this storm constitutes an imminent hazard that threatens and endangers the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the Township of Cranford; and

WHEREAS, Governor Philip D. Murphy declared a State of Emergency for the State of New Jersey with Executive Order No. 259 on September 1, 2021 in response to Storm Ida; and

WHEREAS, the Township Administrator has certified that a trash pump was destroyed and must be replaced immediately or it would affect the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the Township of Cranford, and has recommended that the Township authorize/ratify the execution of an emergency contract to pay for the purchase and installation of a new trash pump; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to New Jersey Administrative Code 5:23-2.32 & N.J.S.A. 52:27D-132, the Township Administrator has declared the existence of a significant and immediate threat to the health, safety and welfare of people in the immediate vicinity as well as to the surrounding environment, necessitating immediate attention; 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, Pumping Services, Inc. with an address located at 201 Lincoln Blvd, Middlesex, New Jersey, 08846, has agreed to provide and perform all services necessary for the installation of the pump at a cost not to exceed \$19,581.00; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified to the availability of funds which is on file in the office of the Township Clerk; and such purchase shall be charged to T-15-00-000-111-000;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, does hereby recognize the declaration of local emergency as authorized by the Township Construction Official.

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.

Jim Carvalho, 9 Orange Avenue – Mr. Carvalho discussed the Zoning Overlay District Ordinance that was introduced on August 11, 2020 and the discrepancies he found within it. He stated that he was dissatisfied with Government Officials and appointed professionals within the Township, and specifically spoke about his view of Township Attorney Ryan Cooper.

Ann Dooley, 113 Severin Court – Ms. Dooley thanked the Governing Body, appointed professionals and Township employees for their efforts and hard work. She suggested ways to address the flood problem in Cranford such as the adoption of ordinances which pertained to impervious surface and through the 2022 Capital Budget (projects.) Ms. Dooley suggested committing to a second Pump House. She suggested involving the County and the State in these efforts.

Gina Black, 34 Columbia Avenue – Ms. Black stated that the Township had been dealing with flooding and redevelopment issues for many years. She stated that more should be done to mitigate these problems. Ms. Black spoke about the development of multiple high-density projects in flood areas. She suggested that the Township pause on such developments.

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

PROFESSIONAL COMMENTS

Township Administrator Jamie Cryan

- Thanked Fire Lieutenant Matthew Lubin, Captain Guy Patterson and Police Chief Ryan Greco as well as the rest of the Police Department, Fire Department and Office of Emergency Management (OEM) team for everything they did during and after the flood.
- Thanked the Fire Department for getting the 9/11 Park ready for the September 11th Memorial Service.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS/COMMENTS

Commissioner Mary O'Connor

- Stated that the River Carnival has been postponed until Spring.
- Stated that the 150th Anniversary Committee will be holding Cranford Day on September 25th.
- Spoke about the importance of the Committees and Organizations in town.
- Spoke about the efforts put forth by the Police Department, Fire Department, First Aid, OEM, Department of Public Works and all other Township employees during and after the flood.

- Spoke about the road ahead and the importance of keeping conversations regarding flood control in the forefront of everyone's minds.
- Spoke about Elizabethtown Gas and their efforts and determination to have Cranford residents restored by the weekend.
- Thanked all the organizations who assisted with supplying flood victims with food, cleanup supplies and school supplies.
- Spoke about youth volunteerism and all that they did to help the Cranford community.

Commissioner Thomas H. Hannen, Jr.

- Spoke about Resolution No. 2021-325, pertaining to the award of contract to Aquatic Services, Inc. for the winterizing and start-up of the Township pools.
- Thanked the Police Department, Fire Department, First Aid, OEM and Department of Public Works for their hard work.
- Spoke about what the Township can do to try to mitigate flooding.
- Stated that the Department of Public Works will continue to come around and collect flood debris.
- Requested that residents sweep their streets.

Commissioner Jason Gareis

- Spoke about the technology of raised homes.
- Thanked the Police Department, Fire Department and First Aid Squad.
- Thanked the Water Rescue Team for their efforts. Stated that the Team completed approximately two hundred (200) water rescues.
- Thanked the Department of Public Works and Messercola Excavating Inc. for their hard work.
- Spoke about the Cranford Jaycees and other volunteer organizations who supported Cranford residents during and after the flood.
- Spoke about Firefighter Rob Moran who was recently recognized by the FMBA with a life-saving Valor Award.

Deputy Mayor Brian Andrews

- Expressed his sympathy for the residents that were affected by the flooding and spoke about what can be done to combat these issues in the future.
- Thanked the Police Department, Fire Department and OEM for their professionalism and service to the Township.
- Thanked the Department of Public Works, the Finance Department, Building Department, Department of Engineering, and Recreation and Parks.
- Spoke about the Cranford community and the assistance that they lent to one another.
- Thanked the Cranford Jaycees and Cranford Family Care.
- Spoke about the breakfast he attended with the Downtown Management Corporation (DMC) property and business owners.
- Spoke about upcoming activities and events, including the Scarecrow Stroll.
- Welcomed World Class Realty Group to Cranford.

Mayor Kathleen Miller Prunty

- Spoke about Township Clerk Patricia Donahue and her dedication to the Township of Cranford.
- Thanked the residents for choosing to make Cranford their home and contributing to the community.

On motion of Commissioner Hannen, seconded by Commissioner O' Connor and passed, the Township Committee adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Donahue, RMC
Township Clerk

Date: September 14, 2021