

The Minutes of the **Official Meeting** of the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, County of Union, State of New Jersey on **September 26, 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 which was led by Girl Scout Troop No. 40534.

#### **PAYMENT OF BILLS**

On motion of Commissioner Kalnins, seconded by Commissioner Dooley and passed, the Bill Lists dated September 26, 2017 totaling \$302,539.74 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 Hannen, Deputy Mayor Giblin, Commissioners Dooley, Kalnins and O'Connor

Nay: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

#### **MINUTE APPROVAL**

On motion of Commissioner O'Connor, seconded by Deputy Mayor Giblin and passed, the minutes of the Workshop Meeting of September 11, 2017 and the Conference and Official Meetings of September 12, 2017 were approved by indicated vote of the Township Committee:

Recorded vote:

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

Nay: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

#### **MAYORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

##### **Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day**

**WHEREAS**, across the nation, traffic crashes caused more than 40,000 fatalities in 2016, and are the leading cause of death for young people ages 15 to 34; and

**WHEREAS**, in New Jersey, 603 individuals lost their lives in traffic crashes in 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, alcohol-related crashes accounted for 28.0 percent of the State's traffic fatalities, while 26 percent of all fatal crashes involved traveling at unsafe speeds; and

**WHEREAS**, motorcyclists, bicycle riders and pedestrians face increased risks on New Jersey's roadways, as people opt for alternative modes of transportation; and

**WHEREAS**, 18 bicyclists and 166 pedestrians were killed in New Jersey in traffic-related crashes in 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, safer driving behaviors such as buckling up, every ride; obeying posted speed limits; stopping for pedestrians in crosswalks and using crosswalks when walking; avoiding aggressive driving behaviors; never driving impaired; wearing proper safety gear while riding a motorcycle or bicycle; and, focusing solely on driving by avoiding distractions, can dramatically reduce the number of traffic-related injuries and deaths;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I Thomas Hannen Jr, Mayor of the Township of Cranford, do hereby proclaim October 10, 2017, Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day®, and call upon everyone to put these lifesaving behaviors into practice to improve safety on the roadways in our community and throughout the State.

##### **Knock Out Opioid Abuse Day**

**WHEREAS**, New Jersey is in the midst of a life-threatening opioid abuse epidemic; and

**WHEREAS**, the Partnership for a Drug-Free New Jersey has designated October 6, 2017 as Knock Out Opioid Abuse Day – an initiative with a dual purpose: 1) to educate families of the addictive qualities of opioid pain medicines and their link to heroin abuse rates in New Jersey, and 2) communicate to physicians information on safer prescribing messages found in the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines for prescribing opiates, which include considering other therapies, setting realistic treatment goals with patients and discussing with patients the pros and cons of opioids; and

**WHEREAS**, the State Senate and General Assembly jointly resolved that October 6 shall be permanently designated as "Knock Out Opioid Abuse Day" in New Jersey in order to raise awareness about the dangers of,

and the link between, opioid abuse and heroin addiction and to educate health care providers, community leaders, State lawmakers and member of the public about the opioid abuse epidemic and its effects throughout the State of New Jersey and across the country; and

**WHEREAS**, The Cranford Health Department supports initiatives designed to raise awareness about opiate abuse in New Jersey and take steps to prevent addiction;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that October 6, 2017 be recognized as Knock Out Opioid Abuse Day in Cranford Township.

### **PROFESSIONAL COMMENT**

#### Township Attorney Cooper

Provided an update of the status of the Township's motion to amend the Judgement of Repose and Hartz Mountain's Motion to intervene. Announced that the Township's motion was granted in part and that Hartz Mountain's motion was denied, and explained that the court has reiterated that the Township has immunity from Mount Laurel lawsuits through the end of 2018. Further explained that a representative from Hartz Mountain contacted the Township and requested that discussion of its redevelopment request be adjourned until October 24, 2017. Emphasized that the adjournment pertains only to Hartz Mountain's redevelopment request and does not pertain to the application Hartz Mountain filed with the Planning Board. Stated that the Township is pleased with the outcome of the motion and explained that, going forward, the Township would amend its second round Mount Laurel plan and develop a plan to satisfy its third round obligation. The Township would also consider the impact of the 750 Walnut Avenue property to its Mount Laurel plan. Assured residents that their input and consideration would be accounted for in any redevelopment of the 750 Walnut Avenue property.

### **INFORMAL MEETING**

Mayor Hannen opened the informal meeting and asked if there were any questions or comments.

Delia Collins, 72 Georgia Street, Clark, discussed Resolution No. 2017-327 which authorizes an award of contract for animal control services and requested clarification.

Mayor Hannen explained that the resolution has been removed from the Official Meeting agenda and would not be approved this evening.

Township Attorney Cooper explained that the resolution was removed from the agenda for technical reasons and its removal is not related to the vendor.

Township Administrator Wall further explained that clarification is needed concerning certification of the availability of funds, and the resolution authorizing a contract would be scheduled for approval at the next Township Committee meeting.

Hearing no further comments, Mayor Hannen closed the informal meeting.

### **ORDINANCES – Introduction**

#### **Ordinance No. 2017-12:**

The Township Clerk read by title only Ordinance No. 2017-12 entitled, **“AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A CODIFICATION AND REVISION OF THE ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD, COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; PROVIDING FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF SAID CODE; REPEALING AND SAVING FROM REPEAL CERTAIN ORDINANCES NOT INCLUDED THEREIN; ESTABLISHING A PENALTY FOR ALTERING OR TAMPERING WITH THE CODE; AND MAKING CERTAIN CHANGES IN PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED ORDINANCES”**.

Said ordinance was approved on first reading on motion of Commissioner Kalnins, seconded by Deputy Mayor Giblin, and passed by the indicated vote of the Township Committee:

Recorded vote:

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

Nay: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

**Final Reading and Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 2017-12 to be held October 24, 2017.**

#### **Ordinance No. 2017-13:**

The Township Clerk read by title only Ordinance No. 2017-13 entitled, **“AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A CODIFICATION AND REVISION OF THE ORDINANCES OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD, COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AS PART III OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE; PROVIDING FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF PART III OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE; REPEALING AND SAVING FROM REPEAL CERTAIN ORDINANCES NOT INCLUDED THEREIN; ESTABLISHING A PENALTY FOR ALTERING OR TAMPERING WITH PART III OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE; AND MAKING CERTAIN CHANGES IN PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED ORDINANCES”**.

Said ordinance was approved on first reading on motion of Commissioner Dooley, seconded by Commissioner Kalnins, and passed by the indicated vote of the Township Committee:

Recorded vote:

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

Nay: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

**Final Reading and Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 2017-13 to be held October 24, 2017.**

**RESOLUTIONS – By Consent Agenda**

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

**Resolution No. 2017-327:**

**REMOVED FROM AGENDA**

**Resolution No. 2017-328:**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Cranford (herein referred to as the “Township”) is the lead agency for the Cranford Police Cooperative Pricing System, System Identifier 47-CPCPS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.1, et seq.; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township advertised for bids for police and administrative vehicles; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township received sealed bids on September 13, 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, the bid of the lowest responsible bidder for the vehicles listed below was determined to be Beyer Chrysler Jeep Dodge Ram, 200 Ridgedale Avenue, Morristown, New Jersey 07962 (hereinafter referred to as the “Successful Bidder”) by submitting a bid proposal as follows:

**TWO YEAR LEASE WITH PURCHASE OPTION**

<u>VEHICLE TYPE</u>	<u>Total Payment to Purchase after 2 Years</u>
2018 Dodge Durango SSV	\$25,586.18

**THREE YEAR LEASE WITH PURCHASE OPTION**

<u>VEHICLE TYPE</u>	<u>Total Payment to Purchase after 3 Years</u>
2018 Dodge Durango SSV	\$26,150.41

**WHEREAS**, the Successful Bidder has agreed to provide the goods/services bid upon to registered members of the Cranford Police Cooperative Pricing System; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.1, et seq., requires that a Master Contract be entered into between the lead agency and the successful bidder;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford that the bid for the provision of police and administrative vehicles as listed above to the Township of Cranford and to registered members of the Cranford Police Cooperative Pricing System be and is hereby awarded to Beyer Chrysler Jeep Dodge Ram, 200 Ridgedale Avenue, Morristown, New Jersey 07962, as more particularly set forth in the Successful Bidder’s Bid proposal dated September 13, 2017, which bid proposal is on file in the Office of the Township Clerk; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Township Clerk be and are hereby authorized and directed to enter into a Master Contract agreement with the Successful Bidder in the form approved by the Township Attorney.

**Resolution No. 2017-329:**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Cranford (herein referred to as the “Township”) is the lead agency for the Cranford Police Cooperative Pricing System, System Identifier 47-CPCPS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.1, et seq.; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township advertised for bids for police and administrative vehicles; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township received sealed bids on September 13, 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, the bid of the lowest responsible bidder for the vehicles listed below was determined to be Beyer Ford, 170 Ridgedale Avenue, Morristown, New Jersey 07962 (hereinafter referred to as the “Successful Bidder”) by submitting a bid proposal as follows:

**PURCHASE**

<u>VEHICLE TYPE</u>	<u>UNIT PRICE</u>
2018 Ford SPI	\$24,119.00
2018 Ford UPI	\$25,961.00

**TWO YEAR LEASE WITH PURCHASE OPTION**

<b><u>VEHICLE TYPE</u></b>	<b><u>Total Payment to Purchase after 2 Years</u></b>
2018 Ford SPI	\$24,759.83
2018 Ford UPI	\$26,650.69

**THREE YEAR LEASE WITH PURCHASE OPTION**

<b><u>VEHICLE TYPE</u></b>	<b><u>Total Payment to Purchase after 3 Years</u></b>
2018 Ford SPI	\$25,305.83
2018 Ford UPI	\$27,238.40

**WHEREAS**, the Successful Bidder has agreed to provide the goods/services bid upon to registered members of the Cranford Police Cooperative Pricing System; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.1, et seq., requires that a Master Contract be entered into between the lead agency and the successful bidder;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford that the bid for the provision of police and administrative vehicles as listed above to the Township of Cranford and to registered members of the Cranford Police Cooperative Pricing System be and is hereby awarded to Beyer Ford, 170 Ridgedale Avenue, Morristown, New Jersey 07962, as more particularly set forth in the Successful Bidder’s Bid proposal dated September 13, 2017, which bid proposal is on file in the Office of the Township Clerk; and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Township Clerk be and are hereby authorized and directed to enter into a Master Contract agreement with the Successful Bidder in the form approved by the Township Attorney.

**Resolution No. 2017-330:**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Cranford (herein referred to as the “Township”) is the lead agency for the Cranford Police Cooperative Pricing System, System Identifier 47-CPCPS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.1, et seq.: and

**WHEREAS**, the Township advertised for bids for police and administrative vehicles; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township received sealed bids on September 13, 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, the bid of the lowest responsible bidder for the vehicles listed below was determined to be Carmen Dodge, 196 S. Dupont Hwy, New Castle, Delaware 19720 (hereinafter referred to as the “Successful Bidder”) by submitting a bid proposal as follows:

**PURCHASE**

<b><u>VEHICLE TYPE</u></b>	<b><u>UNIT PRICE</u></b>
2018 Dodge Charger	\$21,207.00

**TWO YEAR LEASE WITH PURCHASE OPTION**

<b><u>VEHICLE TYPE</u></b>	<b><u>Total Payment to Purchase after 2 Years</u></b>
2018 Dodge Charger	\$21,770.58

**THREE YEAR LEASE WITH PURCHASE OPTION**

<b><u>VEHICLE TYPE</u></b>	<b><u>Total Payment to Purchase after 3 Years</u></b>
2018 Dodge Charger	\$22,250.66

**WHEREAS**, the Successful Bidder has agreed to provide the goods/services bid upon to registered members of the Cranford Police Cooperative Pricing System; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.1, et seq., requires that a Master Contract be entered into between the lead agency and the successful bidder;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford that the bid for the provision of police and administrative vehicles as listed above to the Township of Cranford and to registered members of the Cranford Police Cooperative Pricing System be and is hereby awarded to Carmen Dodge, 196 S. Dupont Hwy, New Castle, Delaware 19720, as more particularly set forth in the Successful Bidder’s Bid proposal dated September 13, 2017, which bid proposal is on file in the Office of the Township Clerk; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Township Clerk be and are hereby authorized and directed to enter into a Master Contract agreement with the Successful Bidder in the form approved by the Township Attorney.

**Resolution No. 2017-331:**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Cranford (herein referred to as the “Township”) is the lead agency for the Cranford Police Cooperative Pricing System, System Identifier 47-CPCPS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.1, et seq.: and

**WHEREAS**, the Township advertised for bids for police and administrative vehicles; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township received sealed bids on September 13, 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, the bid of the lowest responsible bidder for the vehicles listed below was determined to be Day Chevrolet, 1600 Golden Mile Highway, Monroeville, Pennsylvania 15146 (hereinafter referred to as the “Successful Bidder”) by submitting a bid proposal as follows:

**PURCHASE**

<b><u>VEHICLE TYPE</u></b>	<b><u>UNIT PRICE</u></b>
2018 Chevrolet Impala	\$21,665.00
2018 Chevrolet Suburban 4WD	\$41,818.00

**THREE YEAR LEASE WITH PURCHASE OPTION**

<b><u>VEHICLE TYPE</u></b>	<b><u>Total Payment to Purchase after 3 Years</u></b>
2018 Chevrolet Impala	\$23,725.00

**WHEREAS**, the Successful Bidder has agreed to provide the goods/services bid upon to registered members of the Cranford Police Cooperative Pricing System; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.1, et seq., requires that a Master Contract be entered into between the lead agency and the successful bidder;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford that the bid for the provision of police and administrative vehicles as listed above to the Township of Cranford and to registered members of the Cranford Police Cooperative Pricing System be and is hereby awarded to Day Chevrolet, 1600 Golden Mile Highway, Monroeville, Pennsylvania 15146, as more particularly set forth in the Successful Bidder’s Bid proposal dated September 13, 2017, which bid proposal is on file in the Office of the Township Clerk; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Township Clerk be and are hereby authorized and directed to enter into a Master Contract agreement with the Successful Bidder in the form approved by the Township Attorney.

**Resolution No. 2017-332:**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Cranford (herein referred to as the “Township”) is the lead agency for the Cranford Police Cooperative Pricing System, System Identifier 47-CPCPS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.1, et seq.; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township advertised for bids for police and administrative vehicles; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township received sealed bids on September 13, 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, the bid of the lowest responsible bidder for the vehicles listed below was determined to be Day Ford, 3696 William Penn Hwy, Monroeville, Pennsylvania 15146 (hereinafter referred to as the “Successful Bidder”) by submitting a bid proposal as follows:

**PURCHASE**

<b><u>VEHICLE TYPE</u></b>	<b><u>UNIT PRICE</u></b>
2018 Ford Expedition	\$36,059.00

**WHEREAS**, the Successful Bidder has agreed to provide the goods/services bid upon to registered members of the Cranford Police Cooperative Pricing System; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.1, et seq., requires that a Master Contract be entered into between the lead agency and the successful bidder;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford that the bid for the provision of police and administrative vehicles as listed above to the Township of Cranford and to registered members of the Cranford Police Cooperative Pricing System be and is hereby awarded to Day Chevrolet, 3696 William Penn Hwy, Monroeville, Pennsylvania 15146, as more particularly set forth in the Successful Bidder’s Bid proposal dated September 13, 2017, which bid proposal is on file in the Office of the Township Clerk; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Township Clerk be and are hereby authorized and directed to enter into a Master Contract agreement with the Successful Bidder in the form approved by the Township Attorney.

**Resolution No. 2017-333:**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Cranford (herein referred to as the “Township”) is the lead agency for the Cranford Police Cooperative Pricing System, System Identifier 47-CPCPS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.1, et seq.; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township advertised for bids for police and administrative vehicles; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township received sealed bids on September 13, 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, the bid of the lowest responsible bidder for the vehicles listed below was determined to be Hertrich Fleet Services, 1427 Bay Road, Milford, Delaware 19963 (hereinafter referred to as the “Successful Bidder”) by submitting a bid proposal as follows:

**PURCHASE**

<b><u>VEHICLE TYPE</u></b>	<b><u>UNIT PRICE</u></b>
2018 Dodge Durango SS	\$24,834.00

**TWO YEAR LEASE WITH PURCHASE OPTION**

<b><u>VEHICLE TYPE</u></b>	<b><u>Total Payment to Purchase after 2 Years</u></b>
2018 Chevrolet Impala	\$23,182.28

**WHEREAS**, the Successful Bidder has agreed to provide the goods/services bid upon to registered members of the Cranford Police Cooperative Pricing System; and  
**WHEREAS**, N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.1, et seq., requires that a Master Contract be entered into between the lead agency and the successful bidder;  
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford that the bid for the provision of police and administrative vehicles as listed above to the Township of Cranford and to registered members of the Cranford Police Cooperative Pricing System be and is hereby awarded to Hertrich Fleet Services, 1427 Bay Road, Milford, Delaware 19963, as more particularly set forth in the Successful Bidder’s Bid proposal dated September 13, 2017, which bid proposal is on file in the Office of the Township Clerk; and  
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Township Clerk be and are hereby authorized and directed to enter into a Master Contract agreement with the Successful Bidder in the form approved by the Township Attorney.

**Resolution No. 2017-334:**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Cranford (herein referred to as the “Township”) is the lead agency for the Cranford Police Cooperative Pricing System, System Identifier 47-CPCPS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.1, et seq.: and  
**WHEREAS**, the Township advertised for bids for police and administrative vehicles; and  
**WHEREAS**, the Township received sealed bids on September 13, 2017; and  
**WHEREAS**, the bid of the lowest responsible bidder for the vehicles listed below was determined to be Mall Chevrolet, 75 Haddonfield Rd, Cherry Hill, New Jersey 08002 (hereinafter referred to as the “Successful Bidder”) by submitting a bid proposal as follows:

**PURCHASE**

<b><u>VEHICLE TYPE</u></b>	<b><u>UNIT PRICE</u></b>
2018 Chevrolet Tahoe 2WD	\$33,800.00
2018 Chevrolet Tahoe 4WD	\$34,719.00

**TWO YEAR LEASE WITH PURCHASE OPTION**

<b><u>VEHICLE TYPE</u></b>	<b><u>Total Payment to Purchase after 2 Years</u></b>
2018 Chevrolet Tahoe 2WD	\$35,417.98
2018 Chevrolet Tahoe 4WD	\$36,367.74
2018 Chevrolet Suburban 4WD	\$42,921.30

**THREE YEAR LEASE WITH PURCHASE OPTION**

<b><u>VEHICLE TYPE</u></b>	<b><u>Total Payment to Purchase after 2 Years</u></b>
2018 Chevrolet Tahoe 2WD	\$36,364.51
2018 Chevrolet Tahoe 4WD	\$37,399.66
2018 Chevrolet Suburban 4WD	\$44,068.33

**WHEREAS**, the Successful Bidder has agreed to provide the goods/services bid upon to registered members of the Cranford Police Cooperative Pricing System; and  
**WHEREAS**, N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.1, et seq., requires that a Master Contract be entered into between the lead agency and the successful bidder;  
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford that the bid for the provision of police and administrative vehicles as listed above to the Township of Cranford and to registered members of the Cranford Police Cooperative Pricing System be and is hereby awarded to Mall Chevrolet, 75 Haddonfield Rd, Cherry Hill, New Jersey 08002, as more particularly set forth in the Successful Bidder’s Bid proposal dated September 13, 2017, which bid proposal is on file in the Office of the Township Clerk; and  
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Township Clerk be and are hereby authorized and directed to enter into a Master Contract agreement with the Successful Bidder in the form approved by the Township Attorney.

**Resolution No. 2017-335:**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Cranford (herein referred to as the “Township”) is the lead agency for the Cranford Police Cooperative Pricing System, System Identifier 47-CPCPS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.1, et seq.: and  
**WHEREAS**, the Township advertised for bids for police and administrative vehicles; and  
**WHEREAS**, the Township received sealed bids on September 13, 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, the bid of the lowest responsible bidder for the vehicles listed below was determined to be Winner Ford, 250 Haddonfield-Berlin Rd, Cherry Hill, NJ 08034 (hereinafter referred to as the “Successful Bidder”) by submitting a bid proposal as follows:

**PURCHASE**

<b><u>VEHICLE TYPE</u></b>	<b><u>UNIT PRICE</u></b>
2018 Ford F250	\$25,469.00
2018 Ford Focus	\$15,680.00

**TWO YEAR LEASE WITH PURCHASE OPTION**

<b><u>VEHICLE TYPE</u></b>	<b><u>Total Payment to Purchase after 2 Years</u></b>
2018 Ford Expedition	\$37,469.27
2018 Ford F250	\$26,145.64
2018 Ford Focus	\$16,096.96

**THREE YEAR LEASE WITH PURCHASE OPTION**

<b><u>VEHICLE TYPE</u></b>	<b><u>Total Payment to Purchase after 3 Years</u></b>
2018 Ford Expedition	\$38,295.56
2018 Ford F250	\$26,722.21
2018 Ford Focus	\$16,451.92

**WHEREAS**, the Successful Bidder has agreed to provide the goods/services bid upon to registered members of the Cranford Police Cooperative Pricing System; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.1, et seq., requires that a Master Contract be entered into between the lead agency and the successful bidder;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford that the bid for the provision of police and administrative vehicles as listed above to the Township of Cranford and to registered members of the Cranford Police Cooperative Pricing System be and is hereby awarded to Winner Ford, 250 Haddonfield-Berlin Rd, Cherry Hill, NJ 08034, more particularly set forth in the Successful Bidder’s Bid proposal dated September 13, 2017, which bid proposal is on file in the Office of the Township Clerk; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Township Clerk be and are hereby authorized and directed to enter into a Master Contract agreement with the Successful Bidder in the form approved by the Township Attorney.

**Resolution No. 2017-336:**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Cranford (herein referred to as the “Township”) is the lead agency for the Cranford Police Cooperative Pricing System, System Identifier 47-CPCPS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.1, et seq.: and

**WHEREAS**, the Township advertised for bids for police and administrative vehicles; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township received sealed bids on September 13, 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, the bid of the lowest responsible bidder for the vehicles listed below was determined to be Winner Ford, 250 Haddonfield-Berlin Rd, Cherry Hill, NJ 08034 (hereinafter referred to as the “Successful Bidder”) by submitting a bid proposal as follows:

**PURCHASE**

<b><u>VEHICLE TYPE</u></b>	<b><u>UNIT PRICE</u></b>
2018 Ford F250	\$25,469.00
2018 Ford Focus	\$15,680.00

**TWO YEAR LEASE WITH PURCHASE OPTION**

<b><u>VEHICLE TYPE</u></b>	<b><u>Total Payment to Purchase after 2 Years</u></b>
2018 Ford Expedition	\$37,469.27
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**THREE YEAR LEASE WITH PURCHASE OPTION**

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2018 Ford Expedition	\$38,295.56
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**WHEREAS**, the Successful Bidder has agreed to provide the goods/services bid upon to registered members of the Cranford Police Cooperative Pricing System; and

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**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford that the bid for the provision of police and administrative vehicles as listed above to the Township of Cranford and to registered members of the Cranford Police Cooperative Pricing System be and is hereby awarded to Winner Ford, 250 Haddonfield-Berlin Rd, Cherry Hill, NJ 08034, more particularly set forth in the Successful Bidder's Bid proposal dated September 13, 2017, which bid proposal is on file in the Office of the Township Clerk; and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Township Clerk be and are hereby authorized and directed to enter into a Master Contract agreement with the Successful Bidder in the form approved by the Township Attorney.

**Resolution No. 2017-337:**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTION OF A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE SOUTH UNION AVENUE (SECTION 4) PROJECT**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford formally approves the grant application to the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the South Union Avenue, Section 4, project; and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Township Engineer and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as MA-2018-South Union Avenue (Section 4)-00343 to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of the Township of Cranford; and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the Township of Cranford and that their signatures constitute acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

**Resolution No. 2017-338:**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTION OF A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE EASTMAN STREET PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford formally approves the grant application to the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Eastman Street Pedestrian Improvement project; and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Township Engineer and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as SST-2018-Easman Street Pedestrian Improveme-00044 to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of the Township of Cranford; and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the Township of Cranford and that their signatures constitute acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

**Resolution No. 2017-339:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford hereby authorizes the closure of Eastman Street from North Avenue to Miln Street on Saturday, October 21, 2017 (rain date November 4, 2017) from 4:30 PM to 7:30 PM for the closing act of Porchfest 2017.

**Resolution No. 2017-340:**

**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 extend the free shopper parking period.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford that the payment of parking fees be, and hereby are, suspended to allow for three (3) hour free shopper parking in all metered spaces in municipal parking lots and the parking garage in the Special Improvement District, beginning December 16, 2017 through December 25, 2017.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Township Committee authorize free parking on Friday, November 24, 2017 and Saturday, November 25, 2017 for "Shop Small Saturday", a national campaign to support local businesses.

**Resolution No. 2017-341:**

**RESOLUTION EXPRESSING OPPOSITION TO LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS REGARDING THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT AND OPEN PUBLIC RECORDS ACT**

**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee took action on Senate Bill Nos. 1045 and 1046, which amend the Open Public Meetings Act and Open Public Records Act, respectively, on June 29, 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, the Committee released the bills to the full Senate without recommendation because the bills are unnecessary, unpopular with the public, and would result in significant financial and administrative burdens on municipalities; and

**WHEREAS**, the bills fail to adequately protect taxpayers, municipalities and, especially, municipal clerks from abusive, harassing, and purposefully confrontational individuals who submit voluminous requests for no legitimate reason; and

**WHEREAS**, the legislation would expand the Open Public Meeting Act to create impractical and burdensome requirements with respect to subcommittees and working groups established by the entire governing body, which would effectively limit the ability of small groups of local officials discussing issues of public concern for the purposes of informing the governing body; and

**WHEREAS**, under the bills, the responsibilities of municipal clerks, who the Legislature has already loaded with responsibilities beyond the scope of their office, would be stretched even further than current law requires



without a single dollar of additional resources provided to, or authorized to be collected by, municipalities; and **WHEREAS**, the bills would impose a financial burden on municipalities that would not be offset by a revenue source other than the property tax, making the bills unfunded mandates prohibited by the New Jersey Constitution; and

**WHEREAS**, some municipalities are more equipped than others to meet the burdens that would be imposed by Senate Bill Nos. 1045 and 1046, however, without assistance of any kind from the States or the courts, every municipality would be on its own to meet the myriad new requirements of the law.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford that the Legislature is strongly urged to reject Senate Bill Nos. 1045 and 1046 and draft new legislation to modernize OPRA and OPMA while providing municipalities and clerks with the resources to effectuate these changes for the benefit of the public.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a certified copy of this Resolution be filed with the legislative sponsors of Senate Bill Nos. 1045 and 1046 and Assembly Bill Nos. 2697 and 2699, the Speaker of the General Assembly, the President of the Senate, and the Governor, and all parties are urged to listen to the concerns of local officials and prevent Senate Bill Nos. 1045 and 1046 from becoming law.

**Resolution No. 2017-342:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford at a meeting held September 26, 2017 that Kathleen Lenahan be and hereby is designated as Scribe for the Cranford Planning Board and Cranford Board of Adjustment effective immediately; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Township Committee be and hereby authorizes an annual stipend in the amount \$11,500.00.

**Resolution No. 2017-343:**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford on this 26<sup>th</sup> day of September 2017, that the Mayor and Township Clerk be, and hereby are, authorized to execute an agreement with the Cranford First Aid Squad for voluntary emergency medical services.

**Resolution No. 2017-344:**

**WHEREAS**, the Township Clerk advertised for bids for garbage removal services for municipal buildings and grounds; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township received one bid on September 12, 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, the Superintendent of the Department of Public Works has recommended that the bid be rejected because the amount was too high.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford that the bid for garbage removal services for municipal buildings and grounds, received on September 12, 2017, be and is hereby rejected; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Township Clerk be and is hereby authorized to notify all bidders and to return all bid bonds.

**Resolution No. 2017-345:**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Cranford requires an expert to provide engineering design services in connection with de-silting and dam gate replacement at the Rahway River; 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**, 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. **Mott MacDonald, 412 mount Kemble Avenue, Suite G22, Morristown, New Jersey 07960** be and hereby are awarded a contract to perform engineering design services in connection with the aforementioned project at a fee not to exceed \$49,400; and
2. The Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute a contract with Maser Consulting; and
3. This contract amount shall be charged to Account No. C-04-17-005-000-S20; and
4. This contract is awarded pursuant to the "fair and open" process (N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5 et seq.).

**Resolution No. 2017-346:**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Cranford requires an expert to provide engineering services in connection with the recertification of the Township's participation in the National Flood Insurance-Community Rating System; 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**, 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. **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 \$12,750; and
2. The Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute a contract with Maser Consulting; and
3. This contract amount shall be charged to Account No. 7-01-26-240-100-280; and
4. This contract is awarded pursuant to the “fair and open” process (N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5 et seq.).

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.

James Rhatican, Hartz Mountain, requested clarification as to Township Attorney Cooper’s statement concerning the court’s decision as respects the Township’s motion to amend the Judgment of Repose and Hartz Mountain’s motion to intervene. Believes the Township’s interpretation of the court’s decision differs from his interpretation and read a statement included in the judge’s order.

Mayor Hannen stated that the court transcript would be posted on the Township’s website for the public’s review.

John Pritchard, 42-44 West Holly Street, 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.

Melissa Loderstedt-Timpson, 28 Lincoln Avenue West, discussed the amount of time she and her family have resided in Cranford. Spoke in opposition to Hartz Mountain’s proposal to develop 750 Walnut Avenue. Discussed the impact redevelopment has had on traffic and parking in Cranford and feels Hartz Mountain’s proposal would further impact traffic and parking. Also discussed the impact to schools, public safety and the community as a whole. Requested that Hartz Mountain reconsider its proposal and stated that she is willing to volunteer and join a committee to help manage redevelopment in Cranford.

Marcelle Aldredge, 5 Carol Court, discussed the length of time she has resided in Cranford. Explained that she understands that towns grow and stated that she is not opposed to growth, but she believes that the construction of nine hundred and five (905) units is unreasonable. Discussed her career as a teacher and expressed concern with the impact this development would have to the schools. Stated that she moved out of Cranford for seventeen (17) years but moved back for the school system. Discussed redevelopment that has occurred in Cranford over the years and is hopeful that Hartz Mountain would reconsider its proposal.

Victor Strazhnick, 20 Oraton Drive, stated that he is a Cranford resident but was not born and raised in Cranford. Discussed Hartz Mountain’s proposal and stated that he does not agree with the numbers that were provided by Hartz Mountain during its presentation. Discussed how he feels this project and low income housing would impact Cranford and the school system.

Joyce Matysek, 1120 Raritan Road, requested clarification as to the conflicting statements between Township Attorney Cooper’s and Mr. Rhatican’s interpretation of the court’s decision. Also expressed concern with the proposed development at Walnut Avenue and the impact to traffic. Feels this project would also propose a safety issue for pedestrians.

Murat Guven, 235 Cranford Avenue, requested clarification of information provided by Hartz Mountain as respects the impact its proposed development would have to the school system, traffic and public transportation. Also requested clarification as to the methodology Hartz Mountain used in its projections, as he believes Hartz Mountain’s data was derived from outdated studies. Also discussed the proposal and its impact to parking.

Rita Mason, 16 Alan Okell Road, requested clarification as to the impact the Hartz Mountain development would have on property taxes. Discussed recent increases in property taxes and requested information as to the reasons for those increases. Also discussed the amount of time she has lived in Cranford and the school tax, and questioned why she is required to pay taxes related to the schools. Feels there have been no improvements in the Township even though taxes have increased.

Kathy Allegro, 17 Shetland Drive, referred to previous comments regarding the traffic study that was conducted in connection with the proposed development at 750 Walnut Avenue, and discussed current issues with traffic at the intersection of Raritan Road and Central Avenue. Also discussed development occurring in neighboring communities as well as Cranford and questioned the need for an overabundance of luxury apartments in the area. Also stated that she feels Hartz Mountain should explain what it plans to do for current Cranford residents.

Gerald Caperio, 17 ½ Eastman Street, discussed other developments Hartz Mountain has conducted in New Jersey and stated that he presumes that the same base line studies for traffic, sewer and storm water calculations were conducted for this proposal. Feels it is in the best interest of the citizens of Cranford to determine how these studies were performed. Also discussed the fact that the proposed development would be comprised of rental units only, but property owners would bear the cost burden of flooding and other issues that this development would create.

Jennifer Smolanoff, 303 South Union Avenue, informed the Township Committee that she just attended “Back to School Night” and that the schools were crowded with parents. Discussed the school system and stated that it is unable to accommodate a full-day kindergarten program. Also discussed Cranford’s issues with flooding and feels Cranford will not be able to handle this proposed development.

Rita Mason, 16 Alan Okell Road, discussed traffic on Walnut Avenue which she feels will worsen if Hartz Mountain’s proposed development moves forward. Also feels the Township Committee has the right to deny Hartz Mountain’s request.

Andrea Catone, 56 Burnside Avenue, discussed development by Hartz Mountain in Weehawken, Secaucus and Jersey City, and referred to a statement made by Hartz Mountain that the Weehawken school system is similar to Cranford’s school system. Stated that she would like to see documentation to support this statement, and she would also like feedback from Weehawken as to the impact Hartz Mountain’s development has had on its school system.

Barbara Price, 109 Colin Kelly Court, stated that she moved to Cranford in 1987 because it is a quaint town. She has also been a volunteer at Walnut Avenue School for the past nineteen (19) years and discussed the increase in students per class since she has been a volunteer. Expressed concern with the impact the Walnut Avenue development would have on the school system. Also discussed the impact the development would have to traffic in the area and public safety, and feels there would also be an impact to property taxes. Stated that she read an article concerning Basking Ridge in which it designated its downtown as a historic site to prevent the construction of affordable housing. Addressed Mr. Rhatican and stated that it is her understanding that Mr. Rhatican lives in Basking Ridge. Feels if Mr. Rhatican does not want affordable housing where he resides, he should not propose it in another town.

Nancy Tennant, 42 West Holly Street, Apt. 10, stated that she visited Hartz Mountain’s development in Jersey City and explained that it is a very large complex. Also feels Hartz Mountain is “baiting” the Township with respect to the proposed number of units for the Walnut Avenue site, and also feels that Hartz Mountain is not a fair company. Also discussed development in Florham Park and the overcrowding that has occurred in those schools as a result of these developments. Stated that she hopes the Township Committee will consider the concerns expressed by residents with respect to this matter.

Angela Leary, 4 Behnert Place, spoke in opposition to Hartz Mountain’s application. Feels traffic would impact the neighborhood and endanger children, seniors and pets. Believes that Cranford does not need to be urbanized and urged the Township Committee to listen to the concerns of citizens.

Chris D’Ambola, 341 Walnut Avenue, discussed an application to rezone property at 322 Walnut Avenue. Also discussed the character of Cranford and expressed concern that its character would change with overdevelopment.

Eric Rubinson, 8 Alan Okell Place, requested that the Township Committee consider additional transparency with respect to these issues. Also expressed concern with the difference in the Township Attorney’s interpretation of the court’s decision versus Mr. Rhatican’s interpretation. Believes that without transparency, an environment would be created in which speculation would dominate. Feels the residents of Cranford need to be heard. Also feels there is a history of sensible development in Cranford and believes the overdevelopment of luxury apartments would change the character of the community. Encouraged proactive measures to create transparency regarding this proposal and stated that he looks forward to the 750 Walnut Avenue property being developed into something that complements the community.

Deputy Mayor Giblin commended residents for attending tonight’s meeting. Referred to comments concerning the difference of opinions between attorneys, and stated that consideration of Hartz Mountain’s request for redevelopment was postponed to a later meeting as per Hartz Mountain’s request. Explained that Hartz Mountain’s proposal is not a “done deal” and that Hartz Mountain would have to show evidence that it has exhausted all efforts to attract commercial tenants.

Lois Marrow, 183 Locust Drive, discussed her concerns with transparency. Feels Cranford is in the “driver’s seat” and must remain there. Also expressed concern with the “tone” taken by Hartz Mountain in which it is dictating to Cranford what it feels the character of Cranford should be. Reiterated her concerns with transparency and also expressed concern with the possibility of collusion. Stated that residents have put their trust in the hands of the Township Committee and reminded the Township Committee that they serve the citizens. Feels everyone must work together.

Commissioner Dooley discussed the Township's efforts as respects transparency. Also discussed the judge's orders and the Township's intention to post them, as well as the transcript of the hearing, to the Township's website once received. Also encouraged residents to read the order and the transcript to gain an understanding of the true intent of the judge's decision.

Commissioner Kalnins discussed transparency and assured residents that information would continue to be posted as it is received. Thanked everyone in attendance tonight.

John McSherry, 27 Algonquin Drive, stated that he grew up in Hudson County and moved to Cranford. Also stated that he lives in Indian Village, which he feels is the neighborhood to be impacted most by Hartz Mountain's development.

Mayor Hannen thanked all those who spoke this evening and stated that he appreciates their comments. Discussed transparency and assured residents that all information would be posted to the Township's website as it is received.

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

#### **PROFESSIONAL COMMENTS - None**

#### **COMMISSIONER REPORTS/COMMENTS**

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

- Announced that Saint Michael's Feast would be held this weekend and feels it is a great opportunity to meet other residents;
- Discussed bulky waste service and the type that is offered in another municipality. Informed residents that the Township plans to look into that service, and she is hopeful that it would be provided again in the future;
- Discussed the importance of children wearing bike helmets and explained that head injuries are the leading cause of bicycle fatalities. Discussed road construction that is occurring in town and encouraged parents and guardians to please make sure all children wear their helmets;
- Thanked residents for attending tonight's meeting. Feels it is the greater community-at-large that defines Cranford;
- Announced that she would be holding office hours on October 17, 2017.

##### **Commissioner Andis Kalnins**

- Thanked residents for attending tonight's meeting. Mentioned that he lives in Indian Village, which he feels would be greatly impacted by Hartz Mountain's proposed development at 750 Walnut Avenue;
- Discussed the upcoming election and stated that he is hopeful the Township is moving in the right direction;
- Discussed transparency and the change in the Township's website. Assured residents that any information received by the Township regarding redevelopment would be posted to website;
- Discussed improvements to Council Chambers, specifically the smart podium, and how it is beneficial to TV35;
- Discussed the new document management system that was installed and thanked Township Clerk Rowley and Township Administrator Wall for their efforts with this project. Also thanked the Township Committee for seeing the project through;
- Discussed the recodification of the Township's Code and thanked former Township Attorney Dabulas, Township Clerk Rowley, department managers and Township Attorney Cooper for their efforts with this initiative;
- Mentioned that school is back in session and that the seasons are changing.

##### **Commissioner Ann Dooley**

- Discussed infrastructure improvements as they relate to development and assured residents that the Township Committee is being proactive and recognizes that development in Garwood will impact Cranford. Also discussed the milling and paving schedule for certain streets.
- Discussed de-silting and dam gate replacement approved for the Rahway River. Also discussed Mayor Hannen's efforts as respects Phase 2B of the Northeast Quadrant Storm Water Management Project and assured residents that the Township Committee is committed to ensuring completion of this project as soon as possible. In addition, a strategic plan for major infrastructure programs is being developed, and cost estimates would be obtained in order for the Township to include these projects in the capital budget;
- Discussed the first annual Pooch Plunge that was held and thanked all those involved with the event. Also discussed the annual rabies clinic that was recently held.

##### **Deputy Mayor Patrick Giblin**

- Discussed the annual Scarecrow Stroll which is hosted by the Downtown District Management Corporation;
- Provided an update of the status of the Police Chief search. Discussed the application process and announced that interviews would be conducted in mid-October;

- Announced that there will be a combined Workshop and Official meeting on October 10, 2017 due to the Columbus Day holiday, and that the Cranford Fire Department would be attending the Official Meeting in recognition of its 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary;
- Announced that a new Township website would be launched later in the week. Stated that it is a work in progress and encouraged residents to test it and provide feedback. Also mentioned that there would be a link on the website for suggestions/comments, and that suggestion boxes would be installed throughout the Municipal Building.

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

- Discussed the installation of a Peace Pole by a girl scout and explained that a Peace Pole is a hand crafted monument that displays a message of prayer for peace to prevail on earth;
- Thanked residents for attending tonight's meeting and stated that he appreciates their comments and remarks;
- Discussed the launch of the new Township website and encouraged residents to check for information that would be posted on a continuous basis.

On motion of Commissioner Kalnins, seconded by Commissioner O'Connor and passed, the Township Committee adjourned at 9:49 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: September 26, 2017

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Tara Rowley, RMC  
Township Clerk