# TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD REORGANIZATION MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 1, 2015 1:00 P.M.

THIS MEETING IS IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE "OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT" AS ADEQUATE NOTICE OF THIS METING HAS BEEN PROVIDED BY MAILING THE ANNUAL SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS TO THE CRANFORD CHRONICLE, THE HOME NEWS & TRIBUNE AND THE STAR LEDGER, 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: Andis Kalnins Lisa M. Adubato Robert D'Ambola Mary O'Connor Thomas H. Hannen, Jr.

#### Absent: None

The Organization Meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, County of Union, New Jersey, held on January 1, 2015 at 1:00 PM was called to order by Tara Rowley, Township Clerk.

The invocation was offered by Reverend Monsignor Timothy J. Shugrue of St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church, followed by the Flag Salute which was led by the Police and Fire Honorary Color Guard.

#### **Oath of Office – Andis Kalnins**

Assemblyman Jon M. Bramnick, administered the Oath of Office to Andis Kalnins as a member of the Township Committee for a three (3) year term ending December 31, 2017.

### **Certificate of Election**

Township Clerk Tara Rowley presented a Certificate of Election to Andis Kalnins

# Oath of Office – Lisa M. Adubato

Assemblyman Jon M. Bramnick, administered the Oath of Office to Lisa M. Adubato as a member of the Township Committee for a three (3) year term ending December 31, 2017.

#### **Certificate of Election**

Township Clerk Tara Rowley presented a Certificate of Election to Lisa M. Adubato.

# **Election of Chairman for 2015**

Township Clerk Tara Rowley called for nominations for the position of Chairman of the Township Committee for 2015. Lisa M. Adubato placed the name of Andis Kalnins as Chairperson. No other names were placed in nomination. Township Clerk Tara Rowley closed the nominations.

Andis Kalnins was elected to serve as Chairman of the Township Committee for the year 2015 by roll call vote as indicated:

<u>Recorded vote</u>: Aye: Commissioners Kalnins, Adubato, D'Ambola, O'Connor and Hannen Nay: None Abstained: None Absent: None

Senator Thomas H. Kean, Jr. administered the Oath of Office to Andis Kalnins as Chairman of the Township Committee for the year 2015.

# **Election of Vice Chairman for 2015**

Township Clerk Tara Rowley called for nominations for Vice Chairman of the Township Committee for 2015. Mary O'Connor placed the name of Lisa M. Adubato as Vice Chairman for the year 2015. No other names were placed in nomination. Township Clerk Tara Rowley closed the nominations.

Lisa M. Adubto was elected to serve as Vice Chairman of the Township Committee for the year 2015, by roll call vote as indicated:

<u>Recorded vote</u>: Aye: Mayor Kalnins, Commissioners Adubato, D'Ambola, O'Connor and Hannen Nay: None Abstained: None Absent: None

Senator Thomas H. Kean, Jr. administered the Oath of Office to Lisa M. Adubato as Vice-Chairman of the Township Committee for the year 2015.

#### **Mayoral Appointments of Township Commissioners**

Finance	Lisa M. Adubato
Public Safety	Mary O'Connor
Public Works/Eng.	Robert D'Ambola
Public Affairs	Thomas H. Hannen, Jr.

#### Mayoral Appointments to the Planning Board

Lynda Feder as a Class IV Member for a four (4) year term ending December 31, 2018

Donna Pedde as a Class IV Member for a four (4) year term ending December 31, 2018

Michael Petrucci as an Alternate No. 1 Member for a two (2) year term ending December 31, 2016

Julie Didzbalis as an Alternate No. 2 Member to fill an unexpired term ending December 31, 2015

#### Mayoral Appointments to Library Board

Judith Lannin Panagakos as a member for a five (5) year term ending December 31, 2019

Commissioner Robert D'Ambola as Commissioner/Liaison

Leo McMahon as an Associate Member for a one (1) year term ending December 31, 2015

#### Mayoral Appointment to Emergency Management Council for 2015

Thomas H. Hannen, Jr., Coordinator; Police Chief James Wozniak and Fire Chief Leonard R. Dolan III, Deputy Coordinators; Mayor Andis Kalnins; Township Administrator Terence Wall; Monika Koscova-Jencik, Sanitarian; Supt. of Schools, Dr. Gayle Carrick; Township Engineer Carl O'Brien; Public Works Superintendent, Steven Wardell; Construction Code Official, Richard Belluscio; TV35 Representative, Edward Davenport; Citizen Representative Dr. Margaret (Peg) Pipchick; Consultant Ron Marotta; Support Team member Dr. Michael Beams

## Mayoral Appointments to the Environmental Commission

Steve Jandoli as a member for a three (3) year term ending December 31, 2017

Carol Berns as a member for a three (3) year term ending December 31, 2017

Donald Jones as a member to fill an unexpired term ending December 31, 2015

Ronald Margulis as Alternate No.1 member for a two (2) year term ending December 31, 2016

Daniel Achenbach, Alyssa Frediani, David Greta, John Hrebin, William King, Frank Klapinski, Edward O'Malley, Patricia Pavlak, Ana Pinto, Lawrence Russo and Mary Sudiak as Associate Members for a one (1) year term ending December 31, 2015

Nelson Dittmar as Chairman for a one (1) year term ending December 31, 2015

Mary O'Connor as Commissioner/Liaison

#### Mayoral Appointments to Historic Preservation Advisory Board

Teresa Montani as a Class B member for a three (3) year term ending December 31, 2017

Maureen McDougall as a Class C member for a three (3) year term ending December 31, 2017

Carolyn Youngs as a Class C member for a three (3) year term ending December 31, 2017

William King as a Class C/Alternate No. 1 member for a two (2) year term ending December 31, 2016

Alice Bellante, Victor Bary, Michael Mason, Julie Murphy, Nancy Price and Stephen Price as Associate Members for a one (1) year term ending December 31, 2015

Maureen Strazdon as Chairperson for a one (1) year term ending December 31, 2015

Deputy Mayor Lisa M. Adubato as Commissioner/Liaison

#### Mayoral Appointments to the Tree Advisory Board

Marya Helmstetter for a three (3) year term ending December 31, 2017

Steven Wardell for a three (3) year term ending December 31, 2017

James Nichnadowicz as County Advisor for a one (1) year term ending December 31, 2015

Edward Helmstetter, James Murphy, Julie Murphy, and Miriam Moody as Associate Members for a one (1) year term ending December 31, 2015

Commissioner Robert D'Ambola as Commissioner/Liaison

#### Mayoral Appointment as Board of Education Liaison for 2015 Commissioner Thomas H. Hannen, Jr.

### **RESOLUTIONS-by Roll Call Vote**

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

#### **Resolution No. 2015-1:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, at a meeting held January 1, 2015 that Mark J. Cassidy, Esq. be, and hereby is, appointed as Municipal Court Judge for a three (3) year term ending December 31, 2017.

Recorded vote:

Aye: Mayor Kalnins, Deputy Mayor Adubato, Commissioners D'Ambola, O'Connor and Hannen Nay: None Abstained: None

Absent: None

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

#### Resolution No. 2015-2:

WHEREAS, there exists a need to engage experts to provide engineering services for the Township of Cranford: and

WHEREAS, the Township of Cranford advertised a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) 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 has deemed that the background, experience and qualifications of the respondents satisfy the criteria set forth in the RFQ; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, New Jersey that engineering services in calendar year 2015 be provided by the following firm:

- 1. Maser Consulting
- 2 Harbor Consultants
- 3. Hatch Mott MacDonald

Recorded vote:

Aye: Mayor Kalnins, Deputy Mayor Adubato, Commissioners D'Ambola, O'Connor and Hannen Nay: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

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

#### Resolution No. 2015-3:

WHEREAS, the Township of Cranford requires an expert to provide engineering services; 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.

**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 in-house engineering services at a fee not to exceed \$25,000; and
- 2. The Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute a contract with Maser Consulting; and
- 3. This contract is awarded pursuant to the "fair and open" process (<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 19:44A-20.5 et seq.) and;
- 4. This contract is conditional upon the Chief Financial Officer's certification as to the availability of funds.

#### Recorded vote:

Aye: Mayor Kalnins, Deputy Mayor Adubato, Commissioners D'Ambola and O'Connor Nay: Commissioner Hannen Abstained: None Absent: None

On motion of Commissioner D'Ambola, seconded by Commissioner O'Connor and passed, the following resolution was adopted by <u>roll call vote</u>:

# Resolution No. 2015-4:

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, at a meeting held January 1, 2015 that Carl O'Brien be, and hereby is, appointed as Township Engineer for a one (1) year term ending December 31, 2015. <u>Recorded vote</u>: Aye: Mayor Kalnins, Deputy Mayor Adubato, Commissioners D'Ambola and O'Connor Nay: Commissioner Hannen

Abstained: None Absent: None

# **RESOLUTIONS – By Consent Agenda**

On motion of Deputy Mayor Adubato, seconded by Commissioner O'Connor and passed, the following resolutions were adopted by <u>consent agenda</u>:

#### Resolution No. 2015-05:

**WHEREAS,** the Township of Cranford advertised for a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for the Provision of Legal and Other Professional Services through a fair and open process in accordance with <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 19:44A-20.4 et seq.; and

**WHEREAS,** the Township of Cranford has deemed that the background, experience and qualifications of the respondent herein satisfy the criteria set forth in the RFQ; and

WHEREAS, Diane U. Dabulas, Esq. is a partner in the firm Rogut McCarthy, 37 Alden Street, Cranford, New Jersey; and

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

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

- 1. **Diane U. Dabulas, Esq.,** a partner in the firm Rogut McCarthy be and hereby, 37 Alden Street, Cranford, New Jersey be and hereby, is appointed as Township Attorney for a one (1) year term ending December 31, 2015; and
- 2. **Diane U. Dabulas, Esq.,** be and hereby, is awarded a contract to provide all regular and routine activities of a municipal attorney, including and without limitation attendance at all Township Committee Meetings, preparation of ordinances and resolutions, as needed, consultations and conferences, legal research, rendering of legal advice and preparation of bid specifications and contracts at a cost not to exceed \$60,000 during his one year term as Township Attorney; and
- 3. **Diane U. Dabulas, Esq.,** be and hereby, is awarded a contract to provide professional legal services, including and without limitation, litigation, tax appeal and legal work in connection with any pending litigation; real estate matters, attendance at meetings other than meetings of the Township Committee (federal, State, county and other local government entities); legal work in connection with any rehabilitation or redevelopment plans and redevelopment agreements; codification of ordinances and major revisions of chapters of the municipal code of the Township of Cranford; and such other legal services as the Township Committee may direct at a cost of \$145.00 per hour; and
- 4. The Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute a contract with **Diane U. Dabulas, Esq.** and;

5. This contract is awarded pursuant to the "fair and open" process (<u>N.J.S.A</u>.19: 44A-20.5 et seq.).

# Resolution No. 2015-06:

STATEWIDE INSURANCE FUND

# **RESOLUTION APPOINTING RISK MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT**

**WHEREAS**, The Township of Cranford (hereinafter "Local Unit") has joined the Statewide Insurance Fund (hereinafter "Fund"), a joint insurance fund as defined in N.J.S.A. 40A: 10-36 *et seq.*; and

**WHEREAS**, the Bylaws require participating members to appoint a Risk Management Consultant, as those positions are defined in the Bylaws, if requested to do so by the Fund; and

**WHEREAS**, the Fund has requested its members to appoint individuals or entities to that position; and **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the governing body of the Township of Cranford, in the County of Union, and State of New Jersey, as follows:

- 1. The Township Committee hereby appoints Willis of New Jersey, Inc. 350 Mt. Kemble Ave., Box 1969, Morristown, NJ 07962 as its local Risk Management Consultant.
- 2. The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the Risk Management Consultant's Agreement for the year 2015.

# Resolution No. 2015-07:

**WHEREAS,** the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford has promulgated municipal rules of procedure entitled "Bylaws of the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford". **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that said Bylaws be, and hereby are adopted by the

Township Committee of the Township of Cranford effective this 1<sup>st</sup> day of January 2015.

# Resolution No. 2015-08:

WHEREAS, the Township of Cranford provides health insurance coverage to its full time employees; and

**WHEREAS**, the annual municipal financial outlay to provide such health insurance coverage is very costly to the Township, with premiums becoming increasingly more expensive; and

**WHEREAS**, a Cranford Township employee may have other health insurance coverage through his/her spouse or civil union partner or otherwise; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to law, a local municipal employer is permitted to request a waiver by its employees of Township-provided health insurance coverage; and

**WHEREAS**, a municipality is permitted to allow its employees entitled to receive health insurance coverage to receive an incentive for waiving such coverage; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Cranford is desirous of authorizing such incentive;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, Union County, State of New Jersey, that for calendar year 2015 the Township will offer an incentive, in the prorated annual amount set forth below, to all employees who execute (or have executed) a form waiving all health insurance coverage for this year according to the following schedule:

Employee Coverage - 25 percent or \$5,000, whichever is less, of the amount saved by the Township, because of the employee's waiver of health insurance coverage.

Employee and Child(ren) -25 percent or \$5,000, whichever is less, of the amount saved by the Township, because of the employees waiver of health insurance coverage.

Employee & Spouse/ Civil Union Partner - 25 percent or \$5,000, whichever is less, of the amount saved by the Township, because of the employee's waiver of health insurance coverage.

Family - 25 percent or \$5,000, whichever is less, of the amount saved by the Township, because of the employee's waiver of health insurance coverage.

Provided that the employee qualified for and was entitled to such coverage during the 2015 calendar year; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the coverage waiver incentive amount shall be prorated based upon the date on which the waiver form is executed by each individual Township employee; and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the dollar amount of the incentive to be paid to each such participating employee shall be distributed to the employee at the conclusion of calendar 2015; and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that any employee waiving health insurance coverage hereunder shall have the option to reinstate Township health insurance coverage in accordance with the requirements of the Township's Health Insurer and Plan(s) then in effect.

# Resolution No. 2015-09:

WHEREAS, alcohol and drug abuse effects many lives especially our youth; and

**WHEREAS**, the best way to combat the problem of alcohol and drug abuse is through prevention and educational programs; and

**WHEREAS,** the Cranford Municipal Alliance is dedicated to a comprehensive and coordinated effort to reduce and prevent alcohol and drug abuse in Cranford to make our town safe for all our citizens – especially our young people, and will include in its Safe Homes Project such dedicated efforts; and **WHEREAS,** the first prevention strategy involving the Safe Homes Project is "Zero Tolerance",

meaning no alcohol use by underage youth will be tolerated; underage drinkers will be held accountable for their actions.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford this 1st day of January, 2015 that the Township Committee supports "Zero Tolerance" and urges all individuals, parent groups, PTAs, civic groups, schools, religious institutions, law enforcement, businesses, and all organizations to also support "Zero Tolerance" regarding alcohol and drug use.

# Resolution No. 2015-10:

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.40a: 4-19 provides that where any contract, commitment or payments are to be made prior to the final adoption of the 2015 budget, temporary appropriations should be made for the purpose and amounts required in the manner and time therein provided; and **WHEREAS**, the date of this resolution is within the first thirty (30) days of the fiscal year; and

**WHEREAS**, the total appropriations in the 2014 budget, exclusive of any appropriations made for interest and debt redemption charges, capital improvement and public assistance, is the sum of \$30,770,576.31; and

**WHEREAS**, 26.25% of the total appropriations in the 2014 budget, exclusive of any appropriations made for interest and debt redemption charges, capital improvement and public assistance in said budget is the sum of \$ 8,077,276.28.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford that the attached appropriations be made and a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Chief Financial Officer for her records.

CRANFORD TOWNSHIP	
2015 TEMPORARY BUDGET	
Title	Temporary 2015
ADMINISTRATION (1101-0011)	
Administration: Salaries and Wages	
Admin: Full-Time Personnel	65,000.00
Admin: Other Expenses	
Admin: Professional Development	1,000.00
Admin: Outside Professional Expenses	30,000.00
Admin: Maintenance & Repair	-
Admin: Postage & Printing	-
Admin: Utilities	-
Admin: Office Supplies	-
Admin: Miscellaneous Other Expenses	2,000.00
Admin: Purchase of Equipment	-
CHANNEL 35 (1101-0017)	
Channel 35: Salaries and Wages	
Channel 35: Regular Part Time	20,000.00
Channel 35: Other Expenses	4,000.00
Channel 35: Maintenance & Repair	-
Channel 35: Misc Materials & Supplies	-
Channel 35: Miscellaneous Other Exp.	-
Channel 35: Purchase of Equipment	-
<b>TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE (1101-0010)</b>	
Twp. Committee: Salaries and Wages	
Twp. Committee: Full-Time Personnel	4,000.00
Twp. Committee: Other Expenses	
Twp. Committee: Advertising Legal	3,000.00
Twp. Committee: Professional Development	3,000.00
Twp. Committee: Outside Professional Exp.	-
Twp. Committee: Postage & Printing	-
Twp. Committee: Miscellaneous Other Exp.	1,000.00
TOWNSHIP CLERK (1101-0012)	

Clerk: Salaries and Wages	
Clerk: Full-Time Personnel	60,000.00
Clerk: Regular Part Time	6,500.00
Clerk: Other Expenses	5,000.00
Clerk: Advertising Legal	-
Clerk: Professional Development	-
Clerk: Maintenance & Repair	-
Clerk: Postage & Printing	15,000.00
Clerk: Rental Expense	-
Clerk: Office Supplies	1,500.00
Clerk: Misc Materials & Supplies	-
Clerk: Miscellaneous Other Expenses	100.00
ELECTIONS (1104)	
Elections: Other Expenses	
Elections: Postage & Printing	4,000.00
CODIFICATION (1101-0015)	2,700.00
Codification: Other Expenses	
Codification: Outside Professional Expenses	-
COPIER EXPENSE (1101-0013)	
Copier: Other Expenses	
Copier: Maintenance & Repair	2,000.00
Copier: Office Supplies	1,500.00
FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION (1106)	
Finance: Salaries and Wages	
Finance: Full-Time Personnel	80,000.00
Finance: Other Expenses	
Finance: Advertising Legal	-
Finance: Professional Development	
Finance: Outside Professional Expenses	
Finance: Maintenance & Repairs	-
Finance: Postage & Printing	-
Finance: Office Supplies	
Finance: Misc. Materials & Supplies	-
Finance: Miscellaneous Other Expenses	35,000.00
AUDIT SERVICES	
Audit: Other Expenses	
Audit: Outside Professional Expenses	
REVENUE ADMINISTRATION (1108)	
Revenue: Salaries and Wages	42,000.00
Revenue: Full-Time Personnel	
Revenue: Regular Part-Time	
Revenue: Overtime	
Revenue: Other Expenses	3,000.00
Revenue: Advertising Legal	_ , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,
Revenue: Professional Development	
Revenue: Postage & Printing	1,500.00
Revenue: Office Supplies	300.00
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Revenue: Miscellaneous Other Expenses	3,000.00
TAX ASSESSMENT (1107)	
Assessor: Salaries and Wages	
	38,000.00
Assessor: Regular Part Time	
Assessor: Other Expenses	
Assessor: Advertising Legal	
Assessor: Professional Development	800.00
Assessor: Outside Professional Expense	15,000.00
Assessor: Maintenance & Repairs	
Assessor: Postage & Printing	500.00
Assessor: Office Supplies	200.00
Assessor: Miscellaneous Other Expenses	-
Assessor: Purchase of Equipment	
LEGAL SERVICES (1110)	
Legal: Other Expenses	
Legal: Outside Professional Expense	150,000.00
ENGINEERING SERVICES (1113)	
Engineering: Salaries and Wages	
Engineering: Full-Time Personnel	
Engineering: Regular Part Time	
Engineering: Other Expenses	
Engineering: Advertising Legal	
Engineering: Professional Development	
Engineering: Outside Professional Expense	25,000.00
Engineering: Maintenance & Repair	
Engineering: Office Supplies	100.00
Engineering: Misc. Material & Supplies	
Engineering: Miscellaneous Other Expenses	
ZONING and PLANNING OFFICE	
Zoning and Planning Salaries and Wages	
Zoning and Planning Full-Time Personnel	30,000.00
Zoning and Planning: Regular Part Time	
Zoning and Diaming: Advertising Legal	
Zoning and Planning: Advertising Legal	100.00
Zoning and Planning: Professional Development	200.00
Zoning and Planning: Outside Professional Exp	800.00
Zoning and Planning: Office Supplies	
Zoning and Planning: Miscellaneous	
Planning Board : Other Expenses	1,000.00

Zoning Board: Other Expenses	6,000.00
CONSTRUCTION CODE OFFICIAL (1206)	
Const. Code: Salaries & Wages	
Const. Code: Full Time Personnel	120,000.00
Const. Code: Regular Part Time	
Const. Code: Temporary/Seasonal	
Const. Code: Other Expenses	
Const. Code: Professional Development	1,000.00
Const. Code: Outside Professional Expense	1,000.00
Const. Code: Maint & Repairs	2,000.00
Const. Code: Postage & Printing	
Const. Code: Office Supplies	500.00
Const. Code: Purchase of Equipment	
OTHER INSURANCE (LIABILITY) (1130)	
Other Insurance: Other Expense	
Other Insurance: Miscellaneous	170,000.00
WORKERS COMPENSATION INS (1128)	
Workers Comp. Ins: Other Expense	
Workers Comp. Ins: Miscellaneous	150,000.00
<b>EMPLOYEE GROUP INSURANCE (1127)</b>	
Employee Group Ins: Other Expense	
Employee Group Ins: Miscellaneous	1,500,000.00
Employee Group Ins: Waiver	-
BONDS, NOTES AND INTEREST/DEBT	1,000,000.00
POLICE	
OFFICE OF POLICE CHIEF (1202-0058)	
Police : Salaries and Wages	1 550 000 00
Police: Full-Time Personnel Police Chief: Overtime-Uniformed	1,550,000.00
Police : Salaries and Wages	
Police: Regular Part Time	
Police Chief: Overtime-Uniformed Police: Temporary/Seasonal	
Police: Terminal Pay	<b>F</b> 000 CC
Police: Other Expenses	5,000.00
Police: Professional Development	5,200.00
Police : Outside Professional Expenses	6,300.00
Police: Maintenance and Repair	5,000.00
Police: Postage & Printing Police: Office Supplies	800.00
Police: Office Supplies	
Police: Vehicle Supplies Police: Clothing Allowance	5,000.00
	17,300.00
Police: Misc Mat'l & Supplies	17,300.00

Police: Purchase of Equipment POLICE: COMMUNICATIONS (1200)	
Communications: Salaries and Wages	
Communications: Full-Time Personnel	93,000.00
Communications: Holiday Pay-Uniformed	95,000.00
Communications: Overtime - Uniformed	500.00
Communications: Other Expenses	500.00
Comm: Professional Development	1,000.00
Comm: Maint & Repair	15,000.00
Comm: Utilities	15,000.00
Comm: Office Supplies	500.00
Comm: Clothing Allowaance	500.00
Comm: Misc Materials & Supplies	2,500.00
Comm: Miscellaneous	2,300.00
Comm: Purchase of Equipment	
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT(1212)	2,650.00
Emerg Mgt: Other Expenses	2,030.00
Emerg Mgt: Professional Development	
Emerg Mgt: Rental Expense	
Emerg Mgt: Clothing Allowance	
Emerg Mgt: Misc Mat'l & Supplies	
Emerg Mgt: Purchase of Equipment	
Emerg Mgt. I utenase of Equipment	
FIRE	
OFFICE OF FIRE CHIEF (1201-0053)	
Fire: Salaries and Wages	
Fire: Full-Time Personnel	830,000.00
Fire: Regular Part Time	
Fire: Overtime Uniformed	
Fire: Terminal Pay	
Fire: Callmen	
Fire: Other Expenses	
Fire: Professional Development	5,500.00
Fire: Maint & Repairs	10,500.00
Fire: Office Supplies	100.00
Fire: Safety Supplies	13,000.00
Fire: Vehicle Supplies	1,000.00
Fire: Clothing Allowance	
Fire: Misc Mat'l & Supplies	2,000.00
Fire: Miscellaneous	5,000.00
FIRE PREVENTION (1201-0055)	
Fire Prevention: Other Expenses	
Fire Prevention: Miscellaneous	500.00
FIRE EMS (1202-0063)	
Fire EMS: Salaries and Wages	31,500.00
Fire EMS: Other Expenses	8,500.00
UNIFORM FIRE CODE	
*	8,700.00

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Hydrant Service: Other Expenses	00,000,00
Hydrant Service: Miscellaneous PUBLIC WORKS	90,000.00
DPW: Salaries and Wages DPW: Full - Time Personnel	410,000,00
DPW: Full - Time Personnel DPW: Temporary/Seasonal	410,000.00
DPW: Overtime	
DPW: Terminal Pay DPW: Snow Removal	
DPW: Other Expenses	
DPW: Advertising Legal	
DPW: Professional Development	200.00
DPW: Outside Professional Expense	6,700.00
DPW: Maintenance & Repair	20,000.00
DPW: Utilities	
	15 000 00
DPW: Builidings & Grounds Supplies	15,000.00
DPW: Chemical Supplies	10,000.00
DPW: Office Supplies	500.00
DPW: Vehicle Supplies	6,500.00
DPW: Clothing Allowance	10,000,00
DPW: Misc Mat'l & Supplies	10,000.00
DPW: Miscellaneous	
DPW: CONSERVATION CENTER (1503-0080)	
Conservation: Salaries and Wages	
Conservation: Full Time Personnel	-
Conservation: Regular Part Time	8,500.00
Conservation: Other Expenses	
Conservation: Advertising Legal	10,000,00
Conservation: Outside Professional Expense	10,000.00
Conservation: Maintenance & Repair	1,000.00
Conservation: Rental Expense	10,000,00
Conservation: Vehicle Supplies	10,000.00
Conservation: Misc Mat'l & Supplies	
Conservation: Miscellaneous	3,000.00
RECYCLING (2125-0235)	
Recycling: Other Expenses	
Recycling: Other Professional Expenses	55,000.00
BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS	
B&G Municipal Building (1114-0030)	
B&G Municipal Building: Other Expenses	
B&G Municipal Building: Outside Prof. Exp	2,500.00
B&G Municipal Building: Maint. & Repair	16,500.00
B&G Municipal Building: Utilities	
B&G Municipal Building: Bldg & Grds Supplies	300.00
B&G Municipal Building: Misc Mat'l & Supplies	3,000.00
B&G Municipal Building: Miscellaneous	
B&G Purchase of Equipment	
B&G Firehouse (1114-0029)	
B&G Firehouse: Other Expenses	

P&C Eirahousa: Maintananaa & Danaira	7 000 00
B&G Firehouse: Maintenance & Repairs B&G Firehouse: Utilities	7,000.00
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B&G Firehouse: Building & Ground Supplies	1,200.00
B&G Roundhouse-DPW (1114-0032)	
B&G Roundhouse-DPW: Other Expenses	4 000 00
B&G Roundhouse-DPW: Maint. & Repair	4,000.00
B&G Roundhouse-DPW: Utilities	
B&G Roundhouse-DPW: Supplies	
B&G Roundhouse-DPW: Safety Supplies	
B&G Roundhouse-DPW: Misc. Mat'l & Supply	
B&G Roundhouse-DPW: Miscellaneous	
B&G Hanson House (1114-0031)	
B&G Hanson House: Other Expenses	
B&G Hanson House: Maint. & Repair	
B&G Miscellaneous (1114-0033)	
B&G Misc. Other Expenses	
B&G Misc. Professional Development	
B&G Misc. Outside Prof. Exp.	
B&G Misc. Maint. & Repair	5,000.00
B&G Misc. Rental Expense	
B&G Misc. Utilities	-
B&G Misc. Mat'l & Supplies	1,000.00
B&G Misc. Miscellaneous	1,500.00
B&G Community Center (1114-0035)	
B&G Community Center: Other Expenses	
B&G Community Center: Outside Prof. Exp.	8,000.00
B&G Community Center: Maintenance & Repair	3,000.00
B&G Community Center: Utilities	
B&G Community Center: Supplies	1,000.00
B&G Community Center: Safety Supplies	
B&G Community Center: Miscellaneous	4,000.00
B&G Railroad Parking Lot (1114-0036)	
B&G Railroad Parking Lot: Other Expenses	
B&G Railroad Parking Lot: Rental Expense	12,000.00
B&G Parking Garage (1114-0037)	
B&G Parking Garage: Other Expenses	
B&G Parking Garage: Advertising Legal	-
B&G Parking Garage: Outside Prof. Exp.	8,000.00
B&G Parking Garage: Maint. & Repair	5,000.00
B&G Parking Garage: Supplies	500.00
B&G Parking Garage: Chemical Supplies	
B&G Parking Garage: Misc. Mat'l & Supplies	500.00
B&G Grass Cutting (1114-0040)	
B&G Grass Cutting: Other Expenses	
B&G Grass Cutting: Maint & Repair	500.00
B&G Grass Cutting: Blds & Grds Supplies	
B&G Grass Cutting: Vehicle Supplies	
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VEHICLE MAINTENANCE (1132)	
Vehicle Maintenance: Other Expenses	
Vehicle Maintenance: Maint & Repair	
Vehicle Maintenance: Vehicle Supplies	60,000.00
BOARD OF HEALTH (1601-0087)	
Health: Salaries and Wages	
Health: Full-Time Personnel	23,000.00
Health: Regular Part Time	5,000.00
Health: Other Expenses	
Health: Advertising Legal	100.00
Health: Professional Development	500.00
Health: Outside Professional Expense	40,000.00
Health: Maintenance & Repair	100.00
Health: Office Supplies	300.00
Health: Misc Mat'l & Supplies	
Health: Miscellaneous	
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION (1120)	
Environmental: Other Expense	
Environmental: Advertising Legal	
Environmental: Professional Development	
Environmental: Office Supplies	
Environmental: Miscellaneous	500.00
ANIMAL CONTROL(1605-0090)	
Animal Control: Other Expenses	7,000.00
Animal Control: Outside Professional Expense	-
RECREATION AND PARKS	
<b>RECREATION: ADMINISTRATION (1701-0096)</b>	
Rec.: Salaries and Wages	
Rec.: Full-Time Personnel	40,000.00
Rec. Adm: Regular Part Time	7,000.00
Rec.: Overtime - Uniformed	
Rec.: Other Expenses	2,500.00
Rec: Advertising Legal	
Rec.: Professional Development	
Rec.: Outside Professional Exp.	
Rec.: Maintenance & Repair	
Rec.: Postage & Printing	3,000.00
Rec.: Building & Ground Supplies	-
Rec.: Athletic & Rec Supplies	400.00
Rec.: Office Supplies	300.00
Rec.: Safety Supplies	
Rec.: Misc Mat'l & Supplies	
Rec.: Miscellaneous	2,000.00
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Court: Office Supplies	500.00
Court: Miscellaneous Other Expense	1,000.00
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Total	7,966,150.00

#### Resolution No. 2015-11:

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.40a: 4-19 provides that where any contract, commitment or payments are to be made prior to the final adoption of the 2015 budget, temporary appropriations should be made for the purpose and amounts required in the manner and time therein provided; and

**WHEREAS**, the date of this resolution is within the first thirty (30) days of the fiscal year; and

**WHEREAS**, the total appropriations in the 2014 budget, exclusive of any appropriations made for interest and debt redemption charges, capital improvement and public assistance, is the sum of \$1,787,064.00; and

**WHEREAS**, 26.25% of the total appropriations in the 2014 budget, exclusive of any appropriations made for interest and debt redemption charges, capital improvement and public assistance in said budget is the sum of \$469,104.30

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford that the following appropriations be made and a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Chief Financial Officer for her records:

<u>Appropriations – Swim Pool Utility Fund</u>

Salaries and Wages	\$205,500
Miscellaneous Other Expenses	245,500
Social Security	18,000
Total Operating	\$469,000

#### Resolution No. 2015-12:

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.40a: 4-19 provides that where any contract, commitment or payments are to be made prior to the final adoption of the 2015 budget, temporary appropriations should be made for the purpose and amounts required in the manner and time therein provided; and **WHEREAS**, the date of this resolution is within the first thirty (30) days of the fiscal year; and

**WHEREAS**, the total appropriations in the 2014 budget, exclusive of any appropriations made for interest and debt redemption charges, capital improvement and public assistance, is the sum of \$178,734.00; and

**WHEREAS**, 26.25% of the total appropriations in the 2014 budget, exclusive of any appropriations made for interest and debt redemption charges, capital improvement and public assistance in said budget is the sum of \$46,917.67

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford that the following appropriations be made and a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Chief Financial Officer for her records:

<u>Appropriations – Special Improvement District</u>

Salaries and Wages	\$24,000
Miscellaneous Other Expenses	22,000
Total Operating	\$46,000

#### Resolution No. 2015-13:

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford at a meeting held January 1, 2015 that Catherine Hendrickson be and hereby is appointed as Tax Collector for a four (4) year term ending December 31, 2018; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs.

#### Resolution No. 2015-14:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford at a meeting held January 1, 2015 that Catherine Hendrickson be, and hereby is, appointed as SPU Collector for a one (1) year term ending December 31, 2015.

#### Resolution No. 2015-15:

**WHEREAS,** NJSA 40A:5-17 allows for the cancellation of property tax refunds or delinquent amounts in the amount of less than \$10.00; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, in the County of Union,

State of New Jersey, may authorize the Tax Collector of the Township of Cranford to process without further action on their part, any cancellation of property tax refunds or delinquencies of less than \$10.00. **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, County of Union, State of New Jersey, that the Tax Collector of the Township of Cranford is hereby authorized to cancel said tax amounts as deemed necessary; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Tax Collector and Township Auditor.

## Resolution No. 2015-16:

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, in the County of Union, State of New Jersey, may authorize the Tax Collector of the Township of Cranford to process without further action on their part, any cancellation of sewer refunds or delinquencies of less than \$10.00. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, County of Union, State of New Jersey, that the Tax Collector of the Township of Cranford is hereby authorized to cancel said sewer amounts as deemed necessary; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Tax Collector and Township Auditor.

#### Resolution No. 2015-17:

# A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SALE OF TAX SALE CERTIFICATES AND CONVERT OUTSTANDING SEWER CHARGES TO TAX LIENS

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford is aware that properties within the Township are delinquent on their property taxes; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford is further aware that properties within the Township are delinquent on their sewer charges; and

WHEREAS, <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 54:5-1 <u>et seq.</u>, "The Tax Sale Law," permits a municipal official, pursuant to a resolution approved by the governing body, to hold a public auction for the sale of Tax Sale Certificates. WHEREAS, <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 40A:26A-1 <u>et seq.</u>, the "Municipal and County Sewerage Act," permits a municipal official, pursuant to a resolution approved by the governing body, to hold a public auction in the same manner as is provided for the sale of Tax Sale Certificates pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:5-1 et seq.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford hereby authorizes the Township Tax Collector or her designee to hold a public auction for the sale of outstanding property debt and to convert all outstanding sewer charges into liens against properties with outstanding sewer charges and sell those liens at public auction prior to the end of Calendar Year 2015.

#### Resolution No. 2015-18:

WHEREAS, the Township of Cranford has established a schedule of municipal charges for

extraordinary services performed by the Township on private property; and

WHEREAS, the Township has billed the property owner in an attempt to collect these charges. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to advertise these unpaid charges in the notice of tax sale, and as per state statute, convert the unpaid charges to municipal liens to be sold at the annual tax sale as a municipal lien against the property enforceable in accordance with NJSA 54:5 et. seq.

# Resolution No. 2015-19:

**RESOLUTION INCREASING BID THRESHOLD AND APPOINTING A QUALIFIED PURCHASING AGENT, PURSUANT TO <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 40A:11-3a AND <u>N.J.A.C.</u> 5:34-5 ET. SEQ. <b>WHEREAS**, the Local Public Contracts Law provides local contracting units with the ability to increase

their bid threshold up to \$36,000.00; and WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-3a, permits an increase in the bid threshold if a Qualified Purchasing

Agent is appointed, as well as grants the authorization to negotiate and award such contracts below the bid threshold; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.A.C. 5:34-5 et seq. establishes the criteria for qualifying as a Qualified Purchasing Agent; and

**WHEREAS**, Terence M. Wall possesses the designation of Qualified Purchasing Agent as issued by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:34-5 et. seq.; and **WHEREAS**, the Township of Cranford desires to take advantage of an increased bid threshold;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, Union County, State of New Jersey hereby increases its bid threshold to \$36,000.00; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, Union County, State of New Jersey hereby appoints Terrence M. Wall as the Qualified Purchasing Agent to exercise the duties of a purchasing agent pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-2(30) with specific relevance to the authority, responsibility, and accountability of the purchasing activity of the Township of Cranford.

# Resolution No. 2015-20:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford at a meeting held January 1, 2015 that Terence M. Wall be, and hereby is, designated as the Statewide Insurance Fund Local Unit Commissioner for a one (1) year term ending December 31, 2015.

# Resolution No. 2015-21:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford at a meeting held January 1, 2015 that Lavona Patterson be, and hereby is, designated as the Statewide Insurance Fund Safety and Loss Prevention Representative for a one (1) year term ending December 31, 2015.

# Resolution No. 2015-22:

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 17:27-3.5, all public agencies that award contracts to goods and services vendors and/or construction contractors must designate an individual to serve as its Public Agency Compliance Officer; and

**WHEREAS**, the Public Agency Compliance Officer shall act as a liaison between the Division of Contract Compliance & Equal Employment Opportunity in Public Contracts and service providers, act as the municipality's point of contact for all matters concerning the implementation and administration of the statute, and for administering contracting procedures pertaining to equal employment opportunity. **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford that Tara Rowley be, and hereby is, appointed as Public Agency Compliance Officer for the Township of Cranford for the year 2015; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Division of Contract Compliance & Equal Employment Opportunity in Public Contracts.

# Resolution No. 2015-23:

**WHEREAS,** the Township of Cranford advertised a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for auditing and budgeting services through a fair and open process in accordance with <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 19:44A-20.4 et seq.; and **WHEREAS,** <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 40A:5-4 et seq. requires a registered municipal accountant to perform an annual audit of annual books, accounts and financial transactions of the Township of Cranford; and

**WHEREAS,** the Township of Cranford has deemed that the background, experience and qualifications of the respondent herein satisfy the criteria set forth in the RFQ; and

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

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

- 1. **Robert B. Cagnassola, Partner, for the firm of Suplee, Clooney & Company, 308 East Broad Street, Westfield, New Jersey** be and hereby are appointed Auditors for the Township of Cranford to perform the annual audits for year **2015** at a fee not to exceed \$40,200 and;
- 2. The Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute a contract with **Suplee**, **Clooney & Company** and;
- 3. This contract is awarded pursuant to the "fair and open" process (<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 19:44A-20.5 et seq.).

# Resolution No. 2015-24:

**WHEREAS,** the Township of Cranford issued a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Bond Counsel services through a fair and open process in accordance with <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 19:44A-20.4 et seq., and **WHEREAS,** the Township of Cranford has deemed that the background, experience and qualifications of the respondent herein satisfy the criteria set forth in the RFQ; and

**WHEREAS,** the Township requires specialized legal services in connection with the authorization and the issuance of bonds or notes of the Township of Cranford (the "Township") in the County of Union, State of New Jersey, including the review of such procedures and the rendering of approving legal opinions acceptable to the financial community; and

# WHEREAS, Rogut McCarthy LLC has submitted a proposal dated

November 25, 2014, indicating it would provide the above services based on the fees set forth in the firm's cost proposal; and

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

- 1. **Steve Rogut, Esquire,** for the firm of **Rogut McCarthy LLC, 37 Alden Street, Cranford, New Jersey,** be and hereby, is appointed Bond Counsel for the Township of Cranford for said services in calendar year 2015; and
- 2. The Mayor and Township Clerk of the Township of Cranford be, and hereby are authorized and directed to execute a contract with **Rogut McCarthy LLC**; and
- 3. This contract is awarded pursuant to the "fair and open" process (<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 19:44A-20.5 et seq.)

# Resolution No. 2015-25:

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

**WHEREAS,** the Township of Cranford advertised a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for tax appeal legal services through a fair and open process in accordance with <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 19:44A-20.4 et seq., and **WHEREAS,** the Township of Cranford has deemed that the background, experience and qualifications of the respondents satisfy the criteria set forth in the RFQ; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, New Jersey that tax appeal legal services in calendar year 2015 be provided by the following firm:

- 1. McElroy, Deutsch, Mulvaney & Carpenter, LLP, Three Gatweay Center, Newark, New Jersey 07102
- 2. Palumbo & Renaud, Attorneys at Law, 190 North Avenue East, Cranford New Jersey 07016

# Resolution No. 2015-26:

**WHEREAS,** the Township of Cranford advertised a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for the Provision of Legal and Other Professional Services; through a fair and open process in accordance with <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 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 RFQ; and

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

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

- 1. John DeMassi, Esquire, of the firm Schiller & Pittenger, 1771 Front Street, Scotch Plains, New Jersey 07076, be and hereby is appointed as Public Defender for a one (1) year term ending December 31, 2015; and
- 2. **John DeMassi, Esquire**, be and hereby, is awarded a contract to provide all regular and routine activities of a public defender at a cost not to exceed \$4,000.00 during his term as Public Defender; and
- 3. The Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute a contract with **John DeMassi, Esquire**; 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. 2015-27:

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, New Jersey that Jared B. Weiss, Esq. of Fruchter, Weiss & Associates be and hereby is appointed as Alternate Municipal Prosecutor for a one (1) year term ending December 31, 2015.

# Resolution No. 2015-28:

**WHEREAS,** the Township of Cranford advertised for a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for the Provision of Legal and Other Professional Services through a fair and open process in accordance with <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 19:44A-20.4 et seq., and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Cranford has deemed that the background, experience and qualifications of the respondent herein satisfy the criteria set forth in the RFQ; and

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

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

- 1. Robert P. Donovan, Esq., McElroy Deutsch Mulvaney & Carpenter, LLP, Three Gateway Center, 100 Mulberry Street, Newark, New Jersey 07102 be and hereby, is appointed as Municipal Prosecutor for a one (1) year term ending December 31, 2015; and
- 2. **Robert P. Donovan, Esq.** is awarded a contract to provide all regular and routine activities of a prosecutor at a cost not to exceed \$40,000.00 during his term as Municipal Prosecutor; and
- 3. The Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute a contract with **Robert P. Donovan, Esq.**; and
- 4. This contract is awarded pursuant to the "fair and open" process (<u>N.J.S. A.</u> 19:44A-20.5 et seq.).

# Resolution No. 2015-29:

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, New Jersey that Paul T. Scalia, Esq. be and hereby is appointed as Alternate Municipal Prosecutor for a one (1) year term ending December 31, 2015.

# Resolution No. 2015-30:

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

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Cranford advertised a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for labor attorney services through a fair and open process in accordance with <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 19:44A-20.4 et seq., and **WHEREAS**, the Township of Cranford has deemed that the background, experience and qualifications

**WHEREAS,** the Township of Cranford has deemed that the background, experience and qualifications of the respondents satisfy the criteria set forth in the RFQ; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, New Jersey that labor attorney services in calendar year 2015 be provided by the following firms:

 McElroy, Deutsch, Mulvaney & Carpenter, LLP, Three Gatweay Center, Newark, New Jersey 07102

# Resolution No. 2015-31:

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

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Cranford advertised a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for tax appeal legal services through a fair and open process in accordance with <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 19:44A-20.4 et seq., and **WHEREAS**, the Township of Cranford has deemed that the background, experience and qualifications of the respondents satisfy the criteria set forth in the RFQ; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, New Jersey that general litigation legal services in calendar year 2015 be provided by the following firm:

- 1. Rogut McCarthy, 37 Alden Street, Cranford, New Jersey
- 2. McElroy, Deutsch, Mulvaney & Carpenter, LLP, Three Gateway Center, Newark, New Jersey 07102

# Resolution No. 2015-32:

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

**WHEREAS,** the Township of Cranford issued a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for planning services through a fair and open process in accordance with <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 19:44A-20.4 et seq., and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Cranford has deemed that the background, experience and qualifications of the following respondents satisfy the criteria set forth in the RFQ.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, New Jersey that planning services during 2015 be provided by the following:

1. Maser Consulting P.A., 53 Frontage Road, Suite 120, Clinton, NJ 08809; and

- 2. Ricci Planning, 10 Georgian Drive, Clark, NJ 07066; and
- 3. Harbor Consultants, 320 North Avenue East, Cranford, NJ 07016

# Resolution No. 2015-33:

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

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Cranford issued a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for appraisal services through a fair and open process in accordance with <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 19:44A-20.4 et seq., and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Cranford has deemed that the background, experience and qualifications of the following respondents satisfy the criteria set forth in the RFQ.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, New Jersey that appraisal services during 2015 be provided by the following:

1. Appraisal Associates, Inc.

# Resolution No. 2015-34:

# A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SHARED SERVICES CONTRACT WITH THE TOWNSHIP OF WESTFIELD FOR HEALTH SERVICES

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

# Resolution No. 2015-35:

**WHEREAS,** the Township of Cranford seeks to enter into annual contracts with its utility companies that provide vital infrastructure and maintain the operations of the municipal government and emergency services;

**WHEREAS**, according to *NJSA 40A: 11-5. Exceptions*; the Township is permitted to award such contracts without public advertising for bids and therefore shall be awarded by resolution of the governing body if the subject matter thereof consists of:

"The supplying of any product or the rendering of any service by a public utility, which is subject to the jurisdiction of the Board of Public Utilities or the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission or its successor, in accordance with tariffs and schedules of charges made, charged or exacted, filed with the board or commission"; **WHEREAS**, a certifying signature from each utility company shall authorize these agreements, once annually;

**WHEREAS,** the Township will not seek claimant's certification and declaration signatures each time a purchase order is generated for payments to be issued to the following:

PSEG	Tioga Solar Union County
NJ American Water	Verizon
Elizabethtown Gas	Comcast
NRG Business Solutions	

**NOW THEREFORE**, **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford that the aforementioned utility service providers will only require one signature annually as a certifying declaration for payment.

#### Resolution No. 2015-36:

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford at a meeting held January 1, 2015 that the Treasurer be, and hereby is, authorized to utilize Two Rivers Community Bank, TD Bank and Sovereign Bank as depositories; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Treasurer be, and hereby is, authorized to utilize any other banking institution as a depository which can provide a Government Unit Deposit Protection Act Certificate issued by the State of New Jersey, Department of Banking.

#### Resolution No. 2015-37:

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford that the funds of the Township of Cranford deposited in the Two River Community Bank, 104 Walnut Avenue, Cranford, and TD Bank 465 South Avenue, Cranford, New Jersey 07016 be subject to withdrawal upon checks signed by any two of the following officers:

Andis Kalnins

Lavona Patterson

**PROVIDED, HOWEVER**, that checks drawn upon the payroll account shall require only the facsimile signature of Lavona Patterson.

#### Resolution No. 2015-38:

**WHEREAS**, it is required for the Township of Cranford to adopt and have on file a detailed Cash Management Plan regarding investments of Township funds.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford that the following Cash Management Plan is hereby adopted and it is to be kept on file in the offices of the Township Treasurer and Township Clerk:

# I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

This Cash Management Plan (the "Plan") is prepared pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:5-14 in order to set forth the basis for the deposits ("Deposits") and investment ("Permitted Investments") of certain public funds of the Township of Cranford, pending the use of such funds for the intended purposes. The Plan is intended to assure that all public funds identified herein are deposited in interest bearing Deposits or otherwise invested in Permitted Investments hereinafter referred to. The intent of the Plan is to provide that the decisions made with regard to the Deposits and the Permitted Investments will be done to insure the safety, the liquidity (regarding its availability for the intended purposes), and the maximum investment return within such limits. The Plan is intended to insure that any Deposit or Permitted Investment matures within the time period that approximates the prospective need for the funds deposited or invested so that there is not a risk to the market value of such Deposits or Permitted Investments.

# II. IDENTIFICATION OF FUNDS AND ACCOUNTS TO BE COVERED BY THE PLAN

The Plan is intended to cover the deposit and/or investment of the following funds and accounts of the Township of Cranford.

1. Current Fund	6. General Capital Fund
2. Trust Assessment Fund	7. Swim Pool Operating Fund
3. Trust Fund	8. Swim Pool Capital Fund
4. SID/DMC Fund	9. COAH
5. Dog Trust Fund	10. CDBG Block Grant

# III. DESIGNATION OF OFFICIALS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD

# AUTHORIZED TO MAKE DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS UNDER THE PLAN

The Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Cranford [and the Treasurer] (the "Designated Official") is hereby authorized and directed to deposit and/or invest the funds referred to in the Plan.

## **IV. DESIGNATION OF DEPOSITORIES**

The following banks and financial institutions are hereby designated as official depositories for the Deposit of all public funds referred to in the Plan, including any Certificates of Deposit which are not otherwise invested in Permitted Investments as provided for in this Plan:

All New Jersey Banks that provide a certificate of eligibility. Depositories for 2013 are Two River Community Bank, TD Bank and Sovereign Bank.

A "Certificate of Eligibility" is the certification issued by the New Jersey Department of Banking, Division of Banking, that a public depository if eligible to act as a depository for public funds and qualifies as a participant in the New Jersey Governmental Unit Depository Protection Act (GUPA). The Township of Cranford shall designate said depositories by resolution of the governing body each year in accordance with <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 40A:5-15.1.

## **V. AUTHORIZED INVESTMENTS**

- A. Except as otherwise specifically provided for herein, the Designated Official is hereby authorized to invest the public funds covered by this Plan, to the extent not otherwise held in Deposits, in the following Permitted Investments:
  - (1) Bonds or other obligations of the United States of America or obligations guaranteed by the United States of America;
  - (2) Government money market mutual funds;
  - (3) Any obligation that a federal agency or a federal instrumentality has issued in accordance with an act of Congress, which security has a maturity date not greater than 397 days from the date of the purchase, provided that such obligation bears a fixed rate of interest not dependent on any index or other external factor;
  - (4) Bonds or other obligations of the Local Unit or bonds or other obligations of school districts of which the Local Unit is a part or within which the school district is located;
  - (5) Bonds or other obligations, having a maturity date not more than 397 days from the date of purchase, approved by the Division of Investment of the Department of the Treasury for investment by Local Units;
  - (6) Local government investment pools;
  - (7) Deposits with the State of New Jersey Cash Management Fund established pursuant to section I of P.L. 1977, c. 281 (C.52:18A-90.4); or
  - (8) Agreements for the repurchase of fully collateralized securities if:
    - (a) the underlying securities are permitted investments pursuant to paragraphs (1) and
       (3) of this subsection a;
    - (b) the custody of collateral is transferred to a third party;
    - (c) the maturity of the agreement is not more than 30 days ;
    - (d) the underlying securities are purchased through a public depository as defined in section I of P.L. 1970, c.236 (C.17:9-41); and
    - (e) a master repurchase agreement providing for the custody and security of collateral is executed.

For purposes of the above language, the terms "government money market mutual fund" and "local government investment pool" shall have the following definitions:

Government Money Market Mutual Fund. An investment company or investment trust:

- (a) which is registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission under the "Investment Company. Act of 1940," 15 U.S.C. sec. 80a-l et seq., and operated in accordance with 17 C.F.R. sec. 270.2a-7.
- (b) the portfolio of which is limited to U.S. Government securities that meet the definition of any eligible security pursuant to 17 C.F.R. sec. 270.2a-7 and repurchase agreements that are collateralized by such U.S. Government securities; and
- (c) which has:
  - (i) attained the highest ranking or the highest letter and numerical rating of a nationally recognized statistical rating organization; or
  - (ii) retained an investment advisor registered or exempt from registration with the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to the "Investment Advisors Act of 1940," 15 U.S.C. sec. 80b-1 et seq., with experience investing in U.S. Government securities for at least the most recent past 60 months and with assets under management in excess of \$500 million.

Local Government Investment Pool. An investment pool:

- (a) which is managed in accordance with 17 C.F.R. sec. 270.2a-7;
- (b) which is rated in the highest category by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization;
- (c) which is limited to .U.S. Government securities that meet the definition of an eligible security pursuant to 17 C.F.R. sec. 270.2a-7 and repurchase agreements that are collateralized by such U.S. Government securities;
- (d) which is in compliance with rules adopted pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L. 1968, C.410 (c.52:14B-l et seq.) by the Local Finance Board of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs, which rules shall provide for disclosure and reporting requirements, and other provisions deemed necessary by the board to provide for the safety, liquidity and yield of the investments;
- (e) which does not permit investments in instruments that: are subject to high price volatility with changing market conditions; cannot reasonably be expected, at the time of interest rate adjustment, to have a market value that approximates their par value; or utilize an index that does not support a stable net asset value; and
- (f) which purchases and redeems investments directly from the issuer, government money market mutual fund, or the State of New Jersey Cash Management Fund, or through the use of a national or State bank located within this State, or through a broker-dealer which, at the time of purchase or redemption, has been registered continuously for a period of at least two years pursuant to section 9 of P.L. 1967 c.9 (C.49.3-56) and has at least \$25 million in capital stock (or equivalent capitalization if not a corporation), surplus reserves for contingencies and undivided profits, or through a securities dealer who makes primary markets in U.S. Government securities and reports daily to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York its position in and borrowing on such U.S. Government securities.

# VI. SAFEKEEPING CUSTODY PAYMENT AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT OF PLAN

To the extent that any Deposit or Permitted Investment involves a document or security which is not physically held by the Township of Cranford, then such instrument or security shall be covered by a custodial agreement--with an independent third party, which shall be a bank or financial institution in the State of New Jersey. Such institution shall provide for the designation of such investments in the name of the Township of Cranford to assure that there is no unauthorized use of the funds or the Permitted Investments or Deposits. Purchase of any Permitted Investments that involve securities shall be executed by a "delivery versus payment" method to insure that such Permitted Investments are either received by the Township of Cranford or by a third party custodian prior to or upon the release of the Township's funds. To assure that all parties with whom the Township of Cranford deals either by way of Deposits or Permitted Investments are aware of the authority and the limits set forth in this Plan, all such parties shall be supplied with a copy of this Plan in writing and all such parties shall acknowledge the receipt of that Plan in writing, a copy of which shall be on file with the Designated Official(s).

## **VII. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

The Designated Official(s) referred to in Section III hereof shall submit to the governing body of the Township of Cranford a monthly written report of any Deposits or Permitted Investments made pursuant to this Plan, which shall include, at a minimum, the following information:

- A. The name of any institution holding funds of the Township of Cranford as a Deposit or a Permitted Investment.
- B. The amount of securities or Deposits purchased or sold during the immediately preceding month.
- C. The class or type of securities purchased or Deposits made.
- D. The book value of such Deposits or Permitted Investments.
- E. The earned income on such Deposits or Permitted Investments. To the extent that such amounts are actually earned at maturity, this report shall provide an accrual of such earnings during the immediately preceding month.
- F. The fees incurred to undertake such Deposits or Permitted Investments.
- G. The market value of all Deposits or Permitted Investments as of the end of the immediately preceding month.
- H. All other information which may be deemed reasonable from time to time by the governing body of the Township of Cranford.

## VIII. TERM OF PLAN

Attached to this Plan is a resolution of the governing body of the Township of Cranford approving this Plan for such period of time. The Plan may be amended from time to time. To the extent that any amendment is adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, the Designated Official is directed to supply copies of the amendments to all of the parties who otherwise have received the copy of the originally approved Plan, which amendment shall be acknowledged in writing in the same manner as the original Plan was so acknowledged.

#### Resolution No. 2015-39:

**WHEREAS**, the Township wishes to start charging service and or technical fees to pay for the cost of processing Visa, Mastercard and Discover credit transactions; and

**WHEREAS**, Title 54 allows for these types of fees to be collected by various municipal departments to pay for the processing costs for those residents wishing to use this payment option.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the following additions to the Township fee ordinance is amended as follows:

<u>CREI</u>	DIT CARD FEE	TRANSACTION DESCRIPTION	<b>DEPARTMENT</b>
\$	0.50	Parking and Animal Licensing	POLICE
\$	5.00	Accident and Firearm Reporting	POLICE
\$	5.00	Pool Memberships and Program Fees	RECREATION
\$	NJ State Law	Posting Bail	MUNICIPAL COURT
\$	NJ State Law	Violations – Fines and Costs	MUNICIPAL COURT

#### Resolution No. 2015-40:

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54-67 taxes are due and payable on the first day of February, May, August, and November of each year, and become delinquent if not paid on or before said days; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a grace period of ten (10) days is hereby established; within which any installment of taxes or assessments may be received after the due date therefore without an additional charge of interest. The interest on delinquent installment of Taxes or Assessments shall be charged at the rate of 8% per annum on the first \$1,500 and 18% per annum on any amount in excess of \$1,500 to be calculated from the date that Tax was payable until the date of actual payment. Calculations are to be made in accordance with Chapter 75 of the Laws of 1991; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a penalty of 6% will be imposed to any taxpayer with a delinquency in excess of \$10,000 who fails to pay that delinquency prior to the end of the calendar year...a delinquency consists of any Tax, Assessment or Interest amount due.

#### Resolution No. 2015-41:

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, at a meeting held January 1, 2015 that the Cranford Chronicle, the Union County Local Source, the Westfield Leader and the Star Ledger be and hereby are designated as the four newspapers to which notices and other matters are to be provided under the Open Public Meetings Act (N.J.S.A.10:4-6 to 10:21) of the State of New Jersey, otherwise known as "The Sunshine Law"; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Tap into Cranford be and hereby is designated as the electronic news source for which notices and other matters are to be provided under the Open Public Meetings Act.

#### Resolution No. 2015-42:

**BE IT RESOLVED,** that the following is the schedule of Township Committee Meetings for the Year 2015, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that formal action may be taken at Workshop or Official Meetings, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that Conference Meetings and Workshop Meetings will be held in Room 108, and Official Meetings will be held in Room 107, Council Chambers; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Workshop Meetings will be held at 7:30 PM, Conference

Meetings at 7:30 PM, and Official Meetings at 8:00 PM; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that during combined Workshop and Official Meeting dates, the Workshop Meeting will be held at 7:00 PM and the Official Meeting at 8:00 PM.

Combined Workshop and		Conference Meeting and
Official Meeting	Workshop Meeting	<b>Official Meeting</b>
	January 12	January 13
	January 26	January 27
	February 9	February 10
	February 23	February 24
	March 9	March 10
	March 23	March 24
	April 6	April 7
	April 20	April 21
	May 4	May 5
	May 18	May 19
	June 8	June 9
	June 22	June 23
	July 13	July 14
	August 10	August 11
	September 14	September 15
	September 28	September 29
October 13	October 26	October 27
	November 9	November 10
	November 23	November 24
	December 14	December 15

#### Resolution No. 2015-43:

**WHEREAS,** application has been made to the Cranford Police Department by L&J Body and Fender Works as to inclusion on the official towing operators list for the Township of Cranford for the year 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cranford Chief of Police has conducted a review and has recommended approval of said application.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford on this 1<sup>st</sup> day of January 2015, that L&J Body and Fender Works, 720 Boulevard, Kenilworth, New Jersey be and hereby is designated as the official towing operator for the Township of Cranford for the year 2015.

#### Resolution No. 2015-44:

**WHEREAS,** the Township of Cranford is in need of implementing a formal policy regarding travel and expenses reimbursement.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, on this 1st day of January 2015 that the following constitute the official travel and expenses reimbursement policy of the Township of Cranford:

- 1. All travel and expenses must be incurred in conjunction with an activity that falls in the area of the employee's job profession and responsibility;
- 2. All costs to be incurred must have the pre-approval of employee's department manager;

- 3. All incurred expenses must be encumbered and paid in the manner set forth in the Township's Payment of Claims ordinance;
- 4. Travel advances are permitted upon approval of the department manager. Within one week of employee's return, however a complete accounting and documentation of incurred expenses must be submitted to the Department of Finance along with any advance remaining. Failure to do so will result in employee being charged for all unsubstantiated expenses;
- 5. All of the above expenses, when incurred by department managers, must have the approval of the Township Administrator;
- 6. The Township will reimburse employees using their personal vehicle at the rate allowed by the Internal Revenue Service;
- 7. All mileage reimbursement must be for travel outside the Township;
- 8. As an alternative to being reimbursed at the rate allowed by the IRS, an employee may receive a lump sum amount per year for using their personal vehicle.

# Resolution No. 2015-45:

# **RESOLUTION APPROVING THE USE OF THE UNION COUNTY PRINT SHOP FOR PRINTING SERVICES THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD REQUIRES PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A: 11-5 (2)**

**WHEREAS**, the annual amount of expenditures for printing services is in excess of the bid threshold and public advertising for bids for a contract for such services is an exception to the Local Public Contracts Law if "It is to be made or entered into with the United States of America, county or municipality of any board, body, officer, agency or authority therefore and any other state or subdivision thereof." pursuant to <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 40A:11-5 (2); and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Union, Office of Intergovernmental Relations, is authorized to coordinate and facilitate the use of its print shop by municipalities in the County of Union which may be interested; and

**WHEREAS**, Township departments and offices desire to utilize the County of Union's print shop for various multi-part forms; licenses; program brochures, fliers, and event programs; handbooks; signs and cards; business cards; stationary; envelopes, etc.; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2015 budget will provide departmental appropriations for printing; and printing costs the Township incurs will be charged accordingly.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford hereby approves the use of the Union County Print Shop by various Township departments and offices for 2015.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Township Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution to the Union County Manager and the Union County Coordinator of Community Relations.

# Resolution No. 2015-46:

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, at a meeting held January 1, 2015 that Carl O'Brien, Township Engineer, be, and hereby is, designated as Land Subdivision Searcher for a one (1) year term ending December 31, 2015.

# Resolution No. 2015-47:

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, at a meeting held January 1, 2015 that Carl O'Brien, Township Engineer, be, and hereby is, designated as Municipal Improvement Searcher for a one (1) year term ending December 31, 2015.

# Resolution No. 2015-48:

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, at a meeting held January 1, 2015 that Carl O'Brien, Township Engineer, be, and hereby is, designated as the Township Potable/Navigable Water Reporting Agent for a one (1) year term ending December 31, 2015.

# Resolution No. 2015-49:

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, at a meeting held January 1, 2015 that Catherine Hendrickson, Tax Collector, be, and hereby is, designated as Municipal Lien Searcher for a one (1) year term ending December 31, 2015.

# Resolution No. 2015-50:

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, at a meeting held January 1, 2015 that Richard Belluscio, Construction Code Official, be, and hereby is, designated as Development Coordinator to the Development Review Committee for a one (1) year term ending December 31, 2015; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Downtown Business and Economic Development Director Kathleen Miller Prunty and Township Engineer Carl O'Brien be appointed as members of the Development Review Committee.

# Resolution No. 2015-51:

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford that Mary O'Connor be and hereby is designated as Commissioner/Liaison for Senior Citizen Issues.

# Resolution No. 2015-52:

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford that Andis Kalnins be and hereby is designated as Mayor/Liaison for Chamber of Commerce.

# Resolution No. 2015-53:

**BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford at a meeting held January 1, 2015that the following persons be, and hereby are, appointed to the Airplane Noise Pollution Committee for the year 2015–Wayne D. Greenstone, William Ilaria, Jeff Pistol, Michael Rockliff and Commissioner/Liaison Mary O'Connor

# Resolution No. 2015-54:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford at a meeting held January 1, 2015 that Barbara Krause be, and hereby is, appointed to the Union County Air Traffic Noise Advisory Board for a two (2) year term ending December 31, 2016.

# Resolution No. 2015-55:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford at a meeting held January 1, 2015 that William Ilaria be, and hereby is, appointed to the Union County Air Traffic Noise Advisory Board for a two (2) year term ending December 31, 2016.

# Resolution No. 2015-56:

**BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford at a meeting held January 1, 2015 that the following people be, and hereby are, appointed to the Bicycle Safety Board for the year 2015- Police Chief James Wozniak, Lieutenant Edward Davenport, Detective Steven D'Ambola (Chairman), Michael Caulfield, Charles Kerman, Linda Vultaggio, Susan C. Wilson, and Commissioner/Liaison Mary O'Connor.

# Resolution No. 2015-57:

**BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford at a meeting held January 1, 2015 that the following be, and hereby are, appointed to the Building, Grounds & Real Property Committee for the year 2015 – Mayor Andis Kalnins (Chairman); Deputy Mayor Lisa M. Adubato (Commissioner/Liaison); Township Administrator Terence M. Wall; Township Attorney Diane Dabulas, Esq., Tax Assessor Peter J. Barnett; and Township Engineer Carl O'Brien

# Resolution No. 2015-58:

**BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford at a meeting held January 1, 2015 that the following persons be, and hereby are, appointed to the Cable TV Advisory Committee for the year 2015 – Edward Davenport, Jerry Dobbins, Christine Hoffman, George McDonough, Anne Occi, Robert Pipchick, Michael Plick, Stephen Robertazzi, John Salerno, Donald C. Smith, Ann Steinbach, George Steinbach, Donna Vaupel, Bernhard Wagenblast, and Commissioner/Chairperson Mary O'Connor.

# Resolution No. 2015-59:

**BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford at a meeting held January 1, 2015 that the following persons be, and hereby are, appointed to the Centennial Village Committee for 2015 - Marc Caccavale, Jackie Carr, Julie Didzbalis, Jennifer Erdos, Patrick Forker, Eric Kiamie, Bohdan Lukaschewsky, David Monte, James Mustillo, Matthew Nazzaro, Kendall O'Brien, Chiara Siliato (Chairperson), Barbara Sorrentino, Kimberly Thornton, Suzanne Welsh, Commissioner/Liaison Mary O'Connor.

# Resolution No. 2015-60:

**BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford at a meeting held January 1, 2015 that the following persons be, and hereby are, appointed to the Clean Communities Committee for the year 2015 – Marc Brown, Myron Borden, Nelson Dittmar Jr., Patrick Giblin, Martin Schwartz, and Commissioner/Chairperson Thomas H. Hannen, Jr.

# Resolution No. 2015-61:

**BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford at a meeting held January 1, 2015 that the following persons be, and hereby are, appointed to the Complete Streets and Safe Routes to School Committee for the year 2015 – Sergio Capozzi, Lynda Feder, John Hrebin, Bohdan Lukachewsky, David Monte, Patricia Pavlak, and Kathleen Miller Prunty (Chairperson).

# Resolution No. 2015-62:

**BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford at a meeting held January 1, 2015 that John Salerno be, and hereby is, appointed to the Conservation Utility for a two (2) year term ending December 31, 2016.

# Resolution No. 2015-63:

**BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford at a meeting held January 1, 2015 that William Montani be and hereby is, appointed to the Conservation Utility for a two (2) year term ending December 31, 2016.

# Resolution No. 2015-64:

**BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford at a meeting held January 1, 2015 that Louis Lambe be, and hereby is, appointed to the Conservation Utility for a two (2) year term ending December 31, 2016.

# Resolution No. 2015-65:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford at a meeting held January 1, 2015 that Scott Mease be, and hereby is, appointed to the Conservation Utility for a two (2) year term ending December 31, 2016.

# Resolution No. 2015-66:

**BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford at a meeting held January 1, 2015 that Scott Mease be and hereby is, appointed as Chairperson of the Conservation Utility for a one (1) year term ending December 31, 2015.

# Resolution No. 2015-67:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford at a meeting held January 1, 2015 that Thomas H. Hannen Jr. be, and hereby is, appointed to the Conservation Utility as Commissioner/Liaison for a one (1) year term ending December 31, 2015.

# Resolution No. 2015-68:

**BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford at a meeting held January 1, 2015 that the following persons be, and hereby are, appointed to the Cranford Business Park Improvement Committee for the year 2015 – John Apisa, Brian Denny, Joseph Fazio, Douglas Petschow, William Smith, Peter Barnett (Tax Assessor) Terence M. Wall (Township Administrator), and Commissioner/Liaison Robert D'Ambola.

# Resolution No. 2014-69:

**BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford at a meeting held January 1, 2015 that the following persons be, and hereby are, appointed to the Cranford Community Connection for the year 2015 – Lee Blowe, Jackie Carr, Marita Dow, Patrick Forker, Martha Garcia, Kendall O'Brien, Kurt Petschow, William Smith, and Mary O'Connor as Commissioner/Liaison.

# Resolution No. 2015-70:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford at a meeting held January 1, 2015 that Irene Telerico be, and hereby is, appointed to the Cranford Housing Board, Inc. for a three (3) year term ending December 31, 2017.

# Resolution No. 2015-71:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford at a meeting held January 1, 2015 that John DeCotiis be, and hereby is, appointed to the Cranford Housing Board, Inc. for a three (3) year term ending December 31, 2017.

# Resolution No. 2015-72:

**BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford at a meeting held January 1, 2015 that the following persons be, and hereby are, appointed to the Cranford West Committee for the year 2015 – Michael Baton, James Bausch, James Ciuba, Trevor Deal, Tim Goodwin, Craig Miklencic (Chairperson), Linda Miklencic, Frank Rinaldi, Steve Scheremeta, Trevor Shaw, Joseph Troiano and Commissioner/Liaison Thomas H. Hannen, Jr.

# Resolution No. 2015-73:

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, at a meeting held January 1, 2015 that Robert D'Ambola be, and hereby is, appointed as Commissioner/Liaison to the Downtown District Management Corporation for a one (1) year term ending December 31, 2015.

#### Resolution No. 2015-74:

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, at a meeting held January 1, 2015 that Steve Needle be, and hereby is, appointed as an Owner (3) member of the Downtown District Management Corporation for a three (3) year term ending December 31, 2017.

# Resolution No. 2015-75:

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, at a meeting held January 1, 2015 that Clara Nunziato be, and hereby is, appointed as a Proprietor/Business Employee (4) member of the Downtown District Management Corporation to fill an unexpired term ending December 31, 2016.

#### Resolution No. 2015-76:

**BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford at a meeting held January 1, 2015 that Frank D'Antonio and Paul LaCorte be, and hereby are, appointed to the Flag Committee for a one (1) year term ending December 31, 2015.

#### Resolution No. 2015-77:

**BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford at a meeting held January 1, 2015 that the following persons be, and hereby are, appointed to the Flood Control Advisory Committee for the year 2015 – Commissioner/Liaison Thomas H. Hannen, Jr., Township Engineer Carl O'Brien; Engineering Consultant Gregory Sgroi, Daniel J. Aschenbach, Mark Bagniewski, Cynthia Ballis, Jo Ann Boyle, Richard Buontempo, Robert Colonna, John DeCotiis, Cindy Gallagher, Walter Gallagher, Ellen Hunt, Louis Lambe, Dr. Paul Lioy, Ronald Margulis, James Masterson, Nicholas Melchiorre, Emil Metz, Elaine Meyer, Joseph Musillo, Barry O'Donovan, Michael Pender, Judy Pender, Robert I. Puhak, Jonathan Schrier, Jeremy Tomlinson, Ben Weisman, and Dr. Saul Zucker

#### Resolution No. 2015-78:

**BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford at a meeting held January 1, 2015 that the following persons be, and hereby are, appointed to the Green Team for the year 2015:

Pamela Beelitz	Regular Member	Citizen Representative
Carol Berns	Regular Member	Environmental Commission
Kristin Caccavale	Regular Member	Citizen Representative
Ann Darby	Regular Member	Environmental Commission
Rebecca Deczynski	Regular Member	Citizen Representative
David DesRochers	Regular Member	Environmental Commission
Nelson Dittmar	Regular Member	Environmental Commission
Lynda Feder	Regular Member	Environmental Commission
Thomas H. Hannen, Jr.	Regular Member	Commissioner/Liaison
Janet Hopkins	Regular Member	Citizen Representative
John Hrebin	Regular Member	Citizen Representative
Steve Jandoli	Regular Member	Environmental Commission
Ann Marie Mahon	Regular Member	Citizen Representative
Edward O'Malley	Regular Member	Citizen Representative
Pat Pavlak	Regular Member	Citizen Representative
Ana Pinto	Regular Member	Citizen Representative
Kathleen Prunty	Regular Member	Director of Downtown Business and
	-	Economic Development
Dianne Schmitt	Regular Member	Citizen Representative
Gregg Spadaro	Regular Member	Citizen Representative
Gerri Stiner	Regular Member	Citizen Representative
Mary Catherine Sudiak	Regular Member	Citizen Representative

## Resolution No. 2015-79:

**BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford at a meeting held January 1, 2015 that Daniel J. Aschenbach is hereby appointed to the Grievance Committee for a three (3) year term ending December 31, 2017

#### Resolution No. 2015-80:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford at a meeting held January 1, 2015 that David W. Robinson and Carolyn Vollero are hereby appointed as Alternate Members of the Grievance Committee for a one (1) year term ending December 31, 2015.

# Resolution No. 2015-81:

**BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford at a meeting held January 1, 2015 that Ed Force is hereby appointed as Chairman of the Grievance Committee for a one (1) year term ending December 31, 2015.

# Resolution No. 2015-82:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, at a meeting held January 1, 2015 that James Byrne be, and hereby is, appointed to the Hyatt Hills Golf Course Commission, for a five (5) year term ending December 31, 2019.

# Resolution No. 2015-83:

**BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford at a meeting held January 1, 2015 that the following be, and hereby are, appointed to the Memorial Day Committee for the year 2015 – Barbara Bilger, Carol A. Brinkerhoff, Frank D'Antonio, Gerald Dobbins, Mark Dingelstedt, Beth Marotta, Heinz Ricken, Chris Sands, Stephen Robertazzi, Chairman, and Commissioner/Liaison Thomas H. Hannen, Jr.

# Resolution No. 2015-84:

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, at a meeting held January 1, 2015 that Commissioner Robert D'Ambola and Carl O'Brien, Township Engineer be, and hereby are, appointed as members of the Morses Creek Flood Control Commission for a one (1) year term ending December 31, 2015.

# Resolution No. 2015-85:

**BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, at a meeting held January 1, 2015 that the following persons be, and hereby are, appointed to the Municipal Alliance for the year 2015 – JoAnn Boyle, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Gayle Carrick, Marigrace Flynn, Brian Gilroy, William Ilaria (Chairperson), Christine Jablonski, Elizabeth Kellett, Jo Kornberger, Township Sanitarian Monika Koscova-Jencik, Linda S. Leifer, John Mallon, Police Chief James Wozniak, Michael Mason, Kathleen Murray, Kara Noesner, Detective Sergeant Ryan Greco, Recreation and Parks Director Stephen Robertazzi, Mary Sudiak, Kim Widner, Susan Wilson, Police Officer Matthew Nazzaro, Brad Young, and Deputy Mayor Lisa M. Adubato as Commissioner/Liaison

# Resolution No. 2015-86:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, at a meeting held January 1, 2015 that Kara Noesner be, and hereby is, appointed as the Municipal Alliance Program Coordinator for a one (1) year term expiring December 31, 2015.

# Resolution No. 2015-87:

**BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford at a meeting held January 1, 2015 that the following persons be, and hereby are, appointed to the Parking Committee for the year 2015 – Michael Venditti, Charles Baniewicz, Police Chief James Wozniak, Lieutenant Edward Davenport (Chairperson), Barry O'Donovan, Kathleen Miller Prunty, and Mary O'Connor, Commissioner/Liaison.

# Resolution No. 2015-88:

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, at a meeting held January 1, 2015 that Mayor Andis Kalnins be and hereby is appointed as a Class I Member to the Planning Board, for a one (1) year term ending December 31, 2015.

# Resolution No. 2015-89:

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, at a meeting held January 1, 2015 that Mary O'Connor be and hereby is appointed as official Township Representative to the Planning Board, Class III, for a one (1) year term ending December 31, 2015.

# Resolution No. 2015-90:

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, at a meeting held January 1, 2015 that Robert D'Ambola be, and hereby is, appointed as Commissioner/Liaison to the Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority for a one (1) year term ending December 31, 2015.

# Resolution No. 2015-91:

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, at a meeting held January 1, 2015 that Hugh Welsh be, and hereby is, appointed as Liaison to the Raritan Valley Rail Coalition for a one (1) year term ending December 31, 2015.

# Resolution No. 2015-92:

**BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford at a meeting held January 1, 2015 that the following persons be, and hereby are, appointed to the Records Management Committee for the year 2015 – Peter Barnett, Beverly Bobertz, Jennifer Burns, Heather Capone (Chairperson), Lori Donnelly, Regina Hrynkiewicz, Monika Koscova-Jencik, Melissa Marotta, Tracy Ann Peters, Sergeant Gerard Quinn, Tara Rowley, Cathy Scotti, Steven Wardell, and Marie Wenk.

# Resolution No. 2015-93:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, at a meeting held January 1, 2015 that the following persons be, and hereby are, appointed to the Recreation and Parks Advisory Board for the year 2015 – Stephen Robertazzi, Director of Parks and Recreation, Craig Miklencic (Cranford West Committee Liaison), Catherine Morgese (Board of Education Representative), Donald Barone (Senior Citizen Representative), Luis Bringuier, Susan Cave, Peter Coates, Frank Diano, Mark Dinglestedt, Marita Dow, Martha Garcia (Chairperson), Maria Harris, Kevin Illing, Deborah Leber, Carolyn Capone Pugliese, Heinz Ricken, Laura Schoppman, Wally Shackell, Catherine Sheridan, Charles Walter, Richard Wischusen and Commissioner/Liaison Thomas H. Hannen, Jr.

# Resolution No. 2015-94:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, at a meeting held January 1, 2015 that the following persons be, and hereby are, appointed to the River Maintenance Committee for the year 2015 – Daniel J. Aschenbach, Carol Berns, Robert Berns, Leo D. Blanes, Marlene Bostel, Patricia Brink, David Donohue, Caroline Duffy, Lynda Feder, Rob Gmelin, Kevin Illing, Bette Jane Kowalski, Edward Leicht, Ronald Margulis, James Matten, Kevin Papa, Maria Paradiso, Lori Puhak, Robert Puhak, Brian Rodgers, Richard J. Salls, Christine Sbaratta, Tony Sbaratta, Deborah Schnapf, Wally K. Shackell, Jr. (Chairperson), Robert Scheurer, Martha Sturm, Donald Sweeney, and Commissioner Thomas H. Hannen, Jr.

# Resolution No. 2015-95:

**BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford at a meeting held January 1, 2015 that Arnold Enrich be, and hereby are, appointed to the Senior Citizen & Disabled Tenancy Act Appeals Board for the year 2015.

# Resolution No. 2015-96:

**BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford at a meeting held January 1, 2015 that the following persons be, and hereby are, appointed to the Theodore Roosevelt Park Committee for the year 2015 – Kevin Cumiskey, Darren Gottesman, James Haughey, Steve Jandoli, Joseph Kardos, Dawn Nalepa, Peter Turnamian, Stephen Robertazzi, Joseph Van Bergen, Daniel Westervelt, Vita Zoltak, and Deputy Mayor Lisa M. Adubato as Commissioner/Liaison.

# Resolution No. 2015-97:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford at a meeting held January 1, 2015 that the following be, and hereby are, appointed to the Swim Pool Utility Advisory Board for the year 2015 – Stephen Robertazzi, Recreation and Parks Director, James Byrne, Marybeth Byrne, Kevin Campbell, Susan Cave (Gators Representative), Karl Heinze, Eileen Leahey, Joseph Starkey (Chairperson), Richard Wischusen, and Commissioner/Liaison Thomas H. Hannen, Jr.

# Resolution No. 2015-98:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford at a meeting held January 1, 2015 that the following persons be, and hereby are, appointed to the Teen Center Advisory Board for the year 2015 – Julie Byrne, Lauren Byrne, Ashley Cave, Mark Dingelstedt (Chairperson), Christina Duverglas, Ben Fries, Jack Garcia, Martha Garcia, Shamus Garcia, Cameron Hay, Abigail Hipkin, Sabrina Huwang, Mary Clare King, Brandon Miller, Heinz Ricken, Wally K. Shackell, Jr., Daniel Stryker, Todd Sweeney, Brittany Welsh, Ian Winter, Stephen Robertazzi, Recreation and Parks Director and Mary O'Connor as Commissioner/Liaison

# Resolution No. 2015-99:

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, at a meeting held January 1, 2015 that Stephen Robertazzi and Carl O'Brien be, and hereby are, appointed as delegates to Union County Community Development Revenue Sharing Block Grant Committee for a one (1) year term ending December 31, 2015; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that, Mayor Andis Kalnins be, and hereby is, appointed as Alternate No. 1 and Deputy Mayor Lisa M. Adubato be and hereby is appointed as Alternate No. 2 to said committee, each for a one (1) year term ending December 31, 2015.

# Resolution No. 2015-100:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, at a meeting held January

1, 2015 that the following be and hereby are appointed to Union County District Solid Waste Advisory Board – Commissioner Robert D'Ambola as Representative, Commissioner Mary O'Connor as Alternate Representative, Township Engineer Carl O'Brien, and Sanitarian Monika Koscova-Jencik, for a one (1) year term ending December 31, 2015.

# Resolution No. 2015-101:

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, at a meeting held January 1, 2015 that the following be designated as representatives to the Union County League of Municipalities for a one (1) year term ending December 31, 2015:

Mayor Andis Kalnins – Representative

Deputy Mayor Lisa M. Adubato - Alternate Representative

# Resolution No. 2015-102:

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, at a meeting held January 1, 2015 that Hugh Welsh be, and hereby is, appointed as delegate to the Union County Transportation Advisory Board for a one (1) year term ending December 31, 2015; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Ronald Zuber be and hereby is appointed as an alternate delegate to the Union County Transportation Advisory Board for a one (1) year term ending December 31, 2015.

# Resolution No. 2015-103:

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, at a meeting held January 1, 2015 that Jeffrey Pistol be, and hereby is, appointed to the Zoning Board of Adjustment for a four (4) year term ending December 31, 2018.

# Resolution No. 2015-104:

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, at a meeting held January 1, 2015 that Kevin Illing be, and hereby is, appointed to the Zoning Board of Adjustment for a four (4) year term ending December 31, 2018.

# Recorded vote:

Aye: Mayor Kalnins, Deputy Mayor Adubato, Commissioners D'Ambola, O'Connor and Hannen Nay: None Abstained: None Absent: None

# **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mayor Kalnins opened the public comments portion of the meeting and asked if there were any questions or comments. Hearing no comments, Mayor Kalnins closed the public comment portion of the meeting.

# **PROFESSIONAL COMMENTS**

# Township Clerk Tara Rowley

- Congratulated Andis Kalnins and Lisa M. Adubato on being reelected to the Township Committee and to the positions of Mayor and Deputy Mayor;
- Congratulated Diane Dabulas on being reappointed as Township Attorney for 2015;
- Thanked the Administration Office and the staff of the Township Clerk's Office for their support in preparation of the Reorganization Meeting and throughout the year;
- Wished everyone a Happy New Year.

# Township Administrator Terrance Wall

- Congratulated Andis Kalnins and Lisa M. Adubato on being reelected to the Township Committee and on being reappointed to the positions of Mayor and Deputy Mayor;
- Congratulated all volunteers that were appointed and reappointed to committees, boards and commissions for 2015;
- Wished everyone a Happy New Year;
- Urged citizens to come to Town Hall with any concerns or questions on policy, staff or procedures. Provided contact information for those interested in emailing or calling his office.

# Township Attorney Diane U. Dabulas, Esq.

- Thanked the Township Committee for reappointing her as Township Attorney for 2015 and stated that she looks forward to serving the town and working with the Township Committee;
- Congratulated Andis Kalnins and Lisa M. Adubato on being reelected as Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

# **COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

### Commissioner Thomas H. Hannen, Jr.

I would like to wish everyone a Happy and Healthy 2015. The Township Committee will have a lot of work to do this year.

# **Commissioner Robert D'Ambola**

This is the end of my first year on the Township Committee and it has been very interesting. When Mary O'Connor first told me she was running I offered her words of encouragement. I said, "What are you crazy?" I knew that as soon as you get elected half the town hates you because they think they have to. She soon talked me into running with her. We knew we had at least half the town behind us and we also knew we had to work twice as hard to win over the other half. I think we are getting there. What I didn't know, was that there would be **stuff.** A lot of stuff! There was broken stuff, missing stuff, neglected stuff, forgotten stuff, ignored stuff, delayed stuff, and sometimes just bad stuff. This year the Township Committee set out to fix as much stuff as we could.

This Township Committee has accomplished a great deal this year. Some of it you can see, like roads being paved, and some you will never notice because it involves procedures, workflow, personnel policies, department structure, and overall attitude.

Murphy's Law states that whatever can happen will happen. The first thing that happened was that I was elected and then appointed Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works. Of course we had the coldest winter since the Ice Age. The snow froze immediately trapping parked cars for weeks. The ice was so bad we broke plowing equipment trying to clear the streets. We had one snow after another compounding the problem. This was almost impossible but the DPW got through it. I call them the invisible emergency responders because this 20-man team does their job without lights and sirens and when no one is looking.

I think it was about springtime when the residents of Colby Lane attended a workshop meeting. They were upset and angry with the Township Committee because Union County College was planning on cutting down 700 large trees and building a huge sports complex next to their neighborhood. It took a couple meetings before the Colby Lane residents learned that we were not only their neighbors and Cranford residents, we were 100% behind them. Each and every member of this committee did everything in their power to fight this project. We managed to stop this totally inappropriate project for now but we need to be vigilant that it does not return. Communication was the key between residents and local government.

Rev. Mason called me one day and told me there was a water leak on High St. I met him at that location and he told me that this leak had been going on for 5 years. This was totally unacceptable. Bad stuff. The water was a hazard to pedestrians especially in the winter when it was constantly frozen. It took some doing because the source was a private business, but through the efforts of our new engineer the problem was finally and successfully resolved.

Other stuff:

- The Building Department is catching up on building permits processing over 3,000 this year bringing in approximately 1.3 million dollars.
- We are getting more oversight over Contractors so they don't do dumb things like pave around parked cars
- We are establishing escrow accounts to pay for inspections for private developments
- We are improving communication and coordinating projects with Utility companies so they don't dig up freshly paved roads to put in new lines
- We are working on a five-year plan to prioritize those streets that need work first to establish a schedule of repaving with 12 streets paved this year and another 8 set to be completed in the spring
- We now have **See-Click-Fix**, which is a phone app that you can report problems like pot holes directly to Town Hall this information is then routed to the proper authority for quicker response
- We were able to salvage the North Ave Pedestrian Project, which was a \$500K grant from Dept. of Transportation to upgrade North Ave and the plaza next to the train station. With a redesign we also hope to save Cranford's portion of the cost. Just because government runs a project, it shouldn't take twice as long and cost twice as much
- We took the Orchard Brook Flood Project off the shelf, which will impact over 150 homes in town. We met with the DEP in Trenton and found out we have to start from scratch because it was sitting too long and many regulations have changed. That's ok We Will start from scratch if it will improve flooding conditions. Now we have a clear direction on the steps required to move the project forward.

- We continue to press for flood control and support the upstream solution that has been recommended by the Army Corp of Engineers
- The Rahway River de-silting and de-snagging projects were completed that cleaned out the river
- We continue to oppose the Birchwood development, which is now in the appeal stage.
- I am working with the Tree Advisory Board to get a tree ordinance passed in 2015. A good guestimate is that we lost 2,000 trees in Cranford due storms Irene and Sandy. This ordinance will allow the Town to monitor removal and replacement of significant trees. (16 inches)
- We are also working to resolve the "Old Peppy" issue that has been around since 2011 when the first limb fell.
- We passed a Property Maintenance Ordinance to address the growing issue of empty or bank owned homes. We also hired a Code Enforcement Officer to assist in this effort.
- There was a coordinated effort to repair and repave the Swan Cleaners parking lot.
- We are working with the Downtown District Management Corporation. The entire downtown was power washed including the underpass. We are coordinating a paver maintenance program to reset or replace broken or uneven sidewalks. I am hoping to get the lights on in Eastman Plaza this year that have been out for way too long.

I invite the public to attend our workshop meetings to see when all this work is decided. Sometimes the meetings run up to 6 hours so you may want to pack a lunch. The mayor has promised to make them shorter this year, haven't you Mayor?

Again, I would like to thank you all for the privilege to sit up here.

I know we are all looking forward to the arrival of Marty McFly on October 21st this year. I'm sure Chief Wozniak has a flux capacitor powered DeLorean somewhere.

Albert Einstein said: Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow.

God bless Cranford and God bless the United States of America.

# **Commissioner Mary O'Connor**

Last year, I admit, I was a bit overwhelmed once I actually sat here and had the view from the podium, so to speak. Throughout the past year, I have been very fortunate to be a part of a Township Committee committed to positive progress for Cranford and I have learned a lot. I would like to thank Mayor Kalnins, Deputy Mayor Adubato and Commissioner Hannen for providing the benefit of their experience in helping me get acclimated to my role as a Commissioner and Commissioner D'Ambola for his support and humor. Our professional staff, Administrator Terence Wall, Township Clerk Tara Rowley, Attorney Diane Dabulas, Engineer Carl O'Brien and their support staffs, have always been available to work through ideas and provide answers to my many questions. As Commissioner of Public Safety, I have a profound respect for the job our Police and Fire Departments do every day for the residents of our town and I look forward to working with them again this year.

We've seen a lot of progress over the past twelve months. Roads are being paved and infrastructure is being improved. Cranford had the lowest tax increase in Union County by a considerable margin. We now have a farmers market and last fall we kicked off the Mayors Wellness Campaign. Two community building efforts we hope to see grow over the next year and I encourage everyone to get involved. But throughout the year, working with our residents has been the most rewarding aspect of being on the Township Committee and I look forward to continuing that in 2015.

Cranford is moving in the right direction and I am grateful to be a part of the progress.

# Deputy Mayor Lisa M. Adubato

Thank you Mayor. Thank you to Senator Kean and Assemblyman Bramnick, not only for their participation here today, but, along with Assemblywoman Munoz, for their continuing support of Cranford. Your efforts on our behalf in Trenton, and your friendship, have been invaluable, and I thank you all for taking the time to be with us here today.

Today I start my second term as a Cranford Township Commissioner, and my second year as Deputy Mayor. With each passing year, it becomes more and more apparent to me how difficult it is to do this job well – to serve in a way that will result in the most benefit to our town, while being mindful of the consequences that each decision may have. It is sometimes a daunting task, but it is humbling that the residents have again placed trust in me and Andis to continue to serve. I am grateful and humbled by that.

Last year we talked about certain things we wanted to accomplish during 2014. While we have not completed all of those things, we will continue to try and there is always room for improvement. I do want to just very briefly reflect on a few areas:

We talked about making strides on improving our Infrastructure and addressing our long neglected roads with a comprehensive plan. We made an engineering change mid-year and in our capital budget we appropriated \$4 million for paving and road work on our streets, you have likely seen the work being done. We are pleased with the progress on the roads and on a variety of other projects that had been stalled for a long time. It is our goal to continue making progress on various projects in the New Year.

In our finance department, I have completed my first year as finance commissioner and I now have a much better appreciation of how vitally important our Finance Department is. Great strides have been made here as well with our CFO, Lavona Paterson, and her staff working with Terence Wall. Our tax bills came out on time (first time in many years), 0.05 % tax increase which was the lowest in many years, we are much improved in compliance making our auditors much happier with us. With our CFO working with her staff, the Township administrator and all of our department heads, our budget process is greatly improved which will benefit us immensely this year. As we move into budget season, the process is already well underway which is important as we try to plan out the year.

The area of communication within the township and outward toward residents. Work has been done on our website and we have a much better response to resident issues in many areas. We will continue to try and improve communication. We would be remiss if we did not recognize Ed Davenport and his team and his countless hours over the years of building and re-building TV 35. We are going to try and continue to find ways to better utilize this amazing resource.

We successfully negotiated new contracts with all of our labor unions. I am most familiar with the police and fire negotiations and very happy with the good faith, trust and communication between the town led by our administrator and the representatives of the bargaining units. It did not go without a hitch, each side presented its position forcefully but it was never allowed to devolve into rancor. Ultimately, and I believe both sides would agree, the end result reflects a process of give and take that worked as it should.

I have learned that it takes time to build relationships because everything we all do ultimately comes down to relationships. And that leads me to another accomplishment, perhaps our most important because each of the items I already spoke about reflects this – and that is continuity along with the willingness to continually re-evaluate each situation.

For the first time in many many years, we start the year with the same commissioners that ended the prior year. Same committee, same mayor, same commissioner assignments. It is something that has not happened in Cranford for a long long time and I believe it will benefit the town. At the same time, we have made a conscious decision that things should not necessarily stay the same just because that is the way things have always been done. There is a balance that we have worked hard to achieve and we will continue to do that in 2015.

Finally, I have learned that most of my reflection on the past year is really based in Gratitude:

First, thanks to God, Mother Nature, or whoever you believe controls these things, there were no major natural disasters this year! It is really amazing how much can be accomplished on a day to day basis when we are not operating in a state of emergency.

I am profoundly grateful that our first responders came through the year safely – our police, fire and all of our EMS workers. A special thank you to Chief Wozniak for taking the police department reins in 2014 and along with his Captains Joseph Van Bergen and Guy Patterson leading it through a time of change and moving forward in a visible and concrete way. In this very challenging time for police all over the country, please know that we in Cranford are united in our support of our police department and all our public safety personnel.

Thank you to all of our department heads and employees. I have learned that as we sit up here we could have the best intentions, the best ideas, but without the input and action of our township personnel and our large network of volunteers nothing would get done.

Thanks to residents who take the time to come forward on issues that are important not just to them but to all of Cranford. The initiative and tenacity of our residents is amazing and greatly appreciated. And going forward, we must continue open dialogue so that residents can understand how very important you all are to the process of governing a town like Cranford.

And thank you for the opportunity to continue to serve the town with this group of people who sit up here. Diane Dabulas, who has been a source of knowledge and guidance in her role as Township Attorney. We have been well-served by her and I am grateful to her for continuing in this role.

Thanks also to Tara Rowley, our Township Clerk. I have said this before, it is a position that largely goes unrecognized but without Tara and Heather and their staff we would simply not be able to function as a legislative body – Tara continually goes above and beyond, does her job better than any other Clerk in the State, and I am abundantly grateful that I have had the opportunity to have her teach me many things about township government and I am grateful that I can call her a friend as well.

Thanks to Terence Wall who has brought with him years of experience and knowledge to the extremely important position of Township Administrator. He has been a welcome addition and has brought a level of stability and leadership that we needed.

My fellow commissioners, we sometimes have spirited discussions but we have worked together this year in a positive way putting the best interest of the town at the forefront of our decisions. Thanks to you all and thanks to Mayor Kalnins for again being my running mate and also for agreeing to once again tackle the difficult job of Mayor. It is appreciated.

I am also lucky to be blessed with true friends and as we continue to share both good times and tough times I thank each and every one of you for being in my life.

Finally, thank you to my daughters and to all of my family. It is difficult to express how blessed I am to have you in my life. And if I named each of you and what you mean to me, we would be here for a very long time! I won't be that self-indulgent, but please know how much I value, cherish and love each of you.

Thank you, and may we all enjoy a very Happy and Healthy 2015.

#### Mayor Andis Kalnins

Happy New Year to everyone!

I would like to thank everyone for being here today, especially Monsignor Shugrue, we have always had a great partnership with St Michael's. Also, Senator Kean, Assemblyman Bramnick and Assemblywoman Muñoz. They have all been very good friends to Cranford and support us at every turn. We have several commissioners here and many people from the public. This meeting each year is the most important as we start the New Year and the new direction of Cranford.

I am excited to have the opportunity to serve the people of Cranford for another term. I take our success in the last election as a confirmation of the direction that we have been heading, particularly over the last year. I am even more excited that the Township Committee has had the faith in me and decided to keep me on as Mayor for another year. This is something that has not been done since 1997. In the last 40 years we have had 36 changes in mayor. I find this to be a very difficult way to get things done. We have accomplished a lot over the last three years and particularly over the last 12 months. I believe that the stability that this type of continuity will bring will allow us to hit the ground running in 2015 and to continue the work that we have started.

Ronald Reagan said, "The greatest leader is not necessarily the one who does the greatest things. He is the one that gets the people to do the greatest things". We have put good people in place on the professional staff, we have built controls that will keep our government running more efficiently, and at the same time we have started to reengage the government working with the public and responding to what their needs are. We have put in place a new Township Administrator, a new Chief Financial Officer, a new Engineer and a new Chief of Police. They have all made great strides in the short times that they have been here and the seeds they have planted will see great progress for Cranford over the next several years.

We will continue this progress through additional engagement with the police and fire departments working with the citizens and business communities, with a continued focus on rebuilding our roads and infrastructure, and a continuing emphasis on keeping taxes down by balancing what we need and those services that we want.

The continuity is also important beyond the borders of Cranford. Starting on January 12<sup>th</sup> we will see the implementation of the next phase of the New Jersey Transit one seat ride to New York City, when those one seat ride trains start in the evenings. We have worked with the Rahway Valley Rail Coalition and a coalition of municipal and state leaders to get this done. The next phase is to get the one seat trains in primetime. This will be even harder as it will require time slots to be taken from other rail lines.

With this work on expanded service it has brought additional light on the dilapidated state of our train station. Commissioner D'Ambola has been working with New Jersey Transit and we will be working with them on a joint project to renovate the station and bring it up to the standards that we expect. That project should also be starting in the early spring.

We will also continue to work with the Mayors Council on the Rahway River Watershed to insure that our project stays in the spotlight and that it continues to move forward thought the Army Corps of Engineers process to finish the study so that we can get Congressional funding to build the project. But while we push that project, we will continue to do what we can locally to maintain the river and finish the storm water management projects that have been on the books for over a decade.

We are also going to be focusing on better communications with the citizens. With the decline in local media coverage, particularly of the local events, there is a definite need for better communications. We will be looking at alternative methods of communicating with our citizens. We have been working with alternative news sources and have been using some types of social media and have started updating of our website, but we have a long way to go. We will be focusing on that this year through additional improvements of the website, enhancements of our TV35 coverage, a township newsletter and a comprehensive communication plan.

We have recently seen how loose talk from public officials can have confounding effects, and we need to make sure we do the best job possible to get the facts out to the most people possible in the new media environment that is continuing to evolve.

Lastly, I would like to thank my family who has given so much for me to be here. Without their support of letting me out night after night, weekend event after weekend event, and all of the times in between, I could not be here or be effective. Thank you to my mother-in-law, Pat, who has babysat innumerous times for me to go to a meeting. Thank you to Joanne, Caitlin, Patrick and Michael for all of the missed hockey, football, soccer, wrestling, lacrosse, swimming practices and games. I think the work we do here is important to Cranford and it is worth being done, and hopefully you will appreciate it someday.

Thank you all for being here today and to everyone who volunteers their time. Thank you to the professionals, the Police and Fire Departments, and the Department of Public Works. God Bless Cranford!

On motion of Deputy Mayor Adubato, seconded by Commissioner O'Connor and passed, the Township Committee adjourned at 2:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: January 1, 2015

Tara Rowley, RMC Municipal Clerk