

The Minutes of the **Conference Meeting** of the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, County of Union, State of New Jersey on **January 13, 2015** at 7:30 p.m. in Room 108.

THIS MEETING IS IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE "OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT" AS ADEQUATE NOTICE OF THIS MEETING HAS BEEN PROVIDED BY FAXING THE ANNUAL SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS TO THE CRANFORD CHRONICLE, UNION COUNTY LOCAL SOURCE, 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: Mayor Andis Kalnins
*Deputy Mayor Lisa M. Adubato
Commissioner Robert D'Ambola
Commissioner Mary O'Connor
Commissioner Thomas H. Hannen, Jr.

Absent: None

*Deputy Mayor Adubato arrived at 7:35 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

Jennifer Kolarsick, Food and Water Watch, thanked the Township Committee for its consideration of a resolution opposing the Pilgrim Pipeline.

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

Review Official Meeting Agenda

Resolution No 2015-114 was moved from the consent agenda to roll call vote.

All items were approved for action.

FEMA Elevation Project

Commissioner Hannen provided an update regarding an issue with freezing pipes in homes that were elevated. Informed the Township Committee that property owners were notified that the issue would be addressed and that the party responsible for the cost would be determined.

The Township Committee was agreeable to moving forward with the work as an emergency. A resolution authorizing this work would be adopted January 27, 2015.

Late Starter – Fire Chief

Mayor Kalnins discussed the potential for hiring a consultant to assist in the hiring process of a new Fire Chief.

CLOSED SESSION

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

Resolution No. 2015-105.1:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee will go into closed session to discuss a personnel matter in connection with the Fire Department, and a legal matter involving Cranford Development Associates vs. Township of Cranford, the minutes of which will be released at some time in the future at the discretion of the Township Committee:

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 O'Connor, seconded by Commissioner D'Ambola and passed, the Township Committee returned to open session at 7:55 PM.

Review of Official Meeting Agenda (continued discussion)

Resolution No. 2015-106 was moved from consent agenda to roll call vote.

Late Starter – Municipal Building renovations

Discussion held regarding Municipal Building renovations.

Township Committee consensus to proceed with the renovation of the Mayor's restroom as proposed for a cost of \$9,229.00

The Township Committee moved to Council Chambers at 8:00 PM to conduct the Official Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Tara Rowley, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Dated: January 13, 2015