

The Minutes of the **Conference Meeting** of the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, County of Union, State of New Jersey on **January 12, 2016** 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 Mary O'Connor
Commissioner Patrick F. Giblin
Commissioner Thomas H. Hannen, Jr.

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.

Review Official Meeting Agenda

Ordinance No. 2016-02:

Commissioner Hannen discussed the salary ordinance and suggested the Township Committee postpone introduction of the ordinance until other revisions are needed and amend at one time.

The Township Committee was agreeable to Commissioner Hannen's suggestion. Introduction tentatively scheduled for February 9, 2016.

Resolution No. 2016-106:

Commissioner Giblin requested clarification of the resolution concerning the Union County Deer Management Program. Stated that it was his understanding that the Township's request involved Nomahegan Park only.

Resolution to be amended to indicate Nomahegan Park only.

Resolution No. 2016-101:

Commissioner Hannen requested clarification as to the resolution related to renovations to the Municipal Building. Requested clarification as to whether a change order was recently authorized.

Township Administrator Wall explained that the resolution scheduled for adoption during the Official Meeting authorizes final payment for the project and includes the change order referenced by Commission Hannen.

Discussion held.

The Township Committee was agreeable to moving forward with adoption of the resolution.

All items were approved for action.

Selection of candidate to fill vacancy on the Township Committee

Discussion held regarding the appointment of John Mallon as a member of the Township Committee.

The Township Committee was agreeable to the appointment of John Mallon to the Township Committee. Resolution to be adopted January 26, 2016.

The Township Committee was also agreeable to allowing John Mallon to participate in closed session discussion scheduled for this evening.

CLOSED SESSION

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

Resolution No. 2016-98.1:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee will go into closed session to discuss the following, the minutes of which will be released at some time in the future at the discretion of the Township Committee:

Contractual:

Planning Services

Recorded vote:

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

Nay: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

On motion of Deputy Mayor O'Connor, seconded by Commissioner Hannen and passed, the Township Committee returned to open session at 8:00 PM.

Late Starter – pick up of Christmas trees

Commissioner Hannen discussed the Department of Public Works' suggestion to pick up Christmas trees left at the curb.

The Township Committee was agreeable. Department of Public Works to pick up trees left at the curb.

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 12, 2016