

The Minutes of the **Conference Meeting** of the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, County of Union, State of New Jersey on **February 23, 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 John Mallon
Commissioner Patrick F. Giblin
*Commissioner Thomas H. Hannen, Jr.

Absent: None

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

Review Official Meeting Agenda

Resolution No. 2016-140:

Township Attorney Dabulas informed the Township Committee that Resolution No. 2016-140, which authorizes the Township to enter into an agreement with Serv Behavioral Health System, Inc. for the expenditure of affordable housing trust funds, was removed from the agenda. Explained that the Township must formally approve a spending plan before Resolution No. 2016-140 can be adopted.

Late Starter – Parking Committee Recommendation

Deputy Mayor O'Connor discussed the Parking Committee's proposal for the addition of spaces and metered parking on South Avenue. Explained that determining the number of additional spaces at this time is difficult. Also explained that an ordinance already exists to allow for metered parking in that area. Feels safety issues would be addressed by striping the area for parking spaces.

Commissioner Hannen stated that he is not opposed to marking the area for spaces but does not agree with them being metered.

Deputy Mayor O'Connor feels the Township Committee should stripe the area and add meters as recommended by the Parking Committee.

The majority of the Township Committee was agreeable to striping for parking spaces and to including meters.

Salary step program

Township Administrator Wall discussed the proposed timeframe for the authorization of step increases for non-union employees. Also suggested a two (2%) percent cost of living adjustment for those employees who have reached the top step.

Further discussion March 7, 2016.

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. 2016-98.5:

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:

Personnel

- Police Department

Contractual

- Custodial Services
- Board of Education Concession Stand
- First Aid Squad

Legal

- Parking

Recorded vote:

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

Nay: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

On motion of Deputy Mayor O'Connor, seconded by Commissioner Mallon and passed, the Township Committee returned to open session at 8:02 PM.

The Township Committee moved to Council Chambers at 8:02 PM to conduct the Official Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Tara Rowley, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Dated: February 23, 2016